

Faculty Information

3 Administrators
1 Instructional Coach
1 Literacy Specialist
1 International Studies Teacher
53 Teachers/60% with advanced degrees
100% of teachers working on GT Endorsement
7 Teachers with National Board certification
11 Support Staff
.75 STEAM lab coordinator
1 Full-Time Interventionist
836 Students
93.9% Teacher Attendance Rate
94.2% Student Attendance Rate
Principal's years at school: 5

Community Involvement

Extremely active Parent Teacher Association

School Improvement Council (has had a strong literacy focus for the past two years)

Student Council (2016-2021)

8,000+ Volunteer Hours (2019-20)

Riverside High School Teacher Cadets and Service Learning Students (2019-20)

Bobcat Brain Busters tutoring program

Kids Helping Kids holiday gift program

Backpack Buddies weekend food program

"3D Enrichment" program

Honors and Recognition

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
Recipient:
1989-1990

Palmetto Gold Award Recipient:
2001-2006
2008-2016

Overall Achievement Rating of Excellent:
2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019

Buena Vista SIC Members

EJ Anderson
Julie Kramer
Ramya Ramkumar
Donald Spann
Julia Lewis
Melissa Bache
Bradley Doyle
Delaine Heidt
Jessica Moore

Carrie Hodge
DeShounda McQueen
Fidencio Soto
Erin Busch
Vanessa Vernon
Dave Burgess
Lisa Gilliard
Kristen McFadden
Jessica Wolfinger

Requests and Grants

Multiple Grants Awarded (PTA Mini Grants, Donor's Choose, Community Grants, etc.) for the following:

Alternative seating options, books, magazine subscriptions, class sets of white boards, soft skill board games, Coding, Robotics and Osmos, Printmaking Materials, STEM/STEAM activities and supplies, Listening center materials

Report to the Community

2021-2022



"Someplace Special"

"We're building a better world,
one student at a time."

Dave Burgess, Principal
Kristen McFadden, Asst. Principal
Lisa Gilliard, Asst. Principal
Lauren Baker, Instructional Coach

Erin Busch,
SIC Chairperson

Melissa Bache,
PTA President

Total Quality Education

The **vision** of Buena Vista Elementary School is to offer a challenging, progressive, character-building, common core curriculum that enables students to become self-directed learners. We envision students who have a well-developed self-esteem and are open-minded. Our students will become creative problem solvers and independent thinkers who are prepared for the challenges of the 21st Century.

The **mission** of Buena Vista Elementary School is to educate students while supporting them socially and emotionally as they develop into responsible 21st Century.

Our Character Traits:

Character, Citizenship, Cooperation, Respect, and Responsibility

Visit the State Department of Education website to view the South Carolina School Report Card for Buena Vista in its entirety:

<https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDE4JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MjMwMTA5Mw>

To view the Curriculum Standards: <https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/>

2019 Results: SC Ready/SC PASS

The **SC-Ready** is our state assessment in Reading, Writing, and Math for grades 3-5
The **SC-Pass** is our state assessment in Science (gr 4)

Academic Excellence:

English/Language Arts: Met/Exemplary: 76.4%

Mathematics: Met/Exemplary: 77%

Science: Met/Exemplary: 71.7%

Technology

1:1 Chromebook (K-5th grade) and Personalized Learning Initiative in cooperation with Discovery Learning

Every teacher has an iPad and laptop
iPad cart for checkout (30)

1 Chrome Book Cart for checkout (30)

All classrooms have interactive Promethean Boards

2 Virtual/Distance Learning Labs

1 STEAM lab

Multiple 3-D printers shared by teachers for student and classroom creations using Tinker Cad.

Our school underwent GCS's technology Refresh in the fall of 2022

Academic Goals

Our academic goals remain the same each year. The staff strives to enable all students to master the South Carolina State Standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The results of our most recent state assessments rank our school as one of the district's and state's top elementary schools in English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies and Mathematics.

Our goals for the SC Ready state assessments in grades 3-5 call for the percentage of students Meeting/Exceeding expectations on **math** will increase from 74% to 77% and for the percentage of students Meeting/Exceeding expectations on **English language arts** to increase from 74% to 77%.

In an effort to enhance our ELA instruction and student achievement and to motivate us as readers, our SIC has lead an initiative to focus efforts from all stakeholders on building a stronger community of literacy. Pieces of this initiative included a book drive to provide books for our Backpack Buddies program, a family and community online book club sponsored by one of our teachers, a social media campaign linked to #for the love of reading, a March Madness book competition at all grade levels, early learning materials provided for incoming K5 students by our SIC, participation in the Battle of the Books sponsored by our Media Specialist and our Literacy Specialist. As part of this initiative, the administration of the school has proactively supplemented our classroom libraries and our literacy instructional resources. Professional Development in balanced literacy has also been a school-wide focus this year.