

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS

Our School Renewal Plan Goals are monitored throughout the year by our School Improvement Council (SIC), administration, and faculty. The SIC serves as an advisory group to Bethune Elementary and plays a crucial role in school improvement by bringing parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to determine strategies in monitoring and evaluating the progress of specific long-range goals for student achievement.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

United Way
 Relay for Life
 Sacks of Love
 Jump Rope for Heart
 Kare Canned Food Drive
 LiveWell Kershaw

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Bethune Elementary School is to expand our views of the future by challenging ourselves educationally and personally, always keeping our goals set high.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Asian	0%	Two or More Races	5%
African American	39%	White	55%
Hispanic/Latino	0%	Other	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%	Free/Reduced Lunch	73%

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER SURVEY RESULTS

2015	Parents	Students	Teachers
N= Number Surveyed	13	17	5
Satisfied with the learning environment	50.0%	82.4%	100%
Satisfied with the social and physical environment	46.2%	94.1%	100%
Satisfied with home and school relations	76.9%	87.5%	60.0%

SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

BET Morning Show
 Flag Crew
 Terrific Kids
 Family Fitness Fair
 Dictionary Day
 Fall Festival
 Red Ribbon Week
 Breakfast in the Classrooms
 Basket-weaving Artist in Residence
 Read Across America/ Dr. Seuss' Week
 Student of the Month Recognition for Character Traits

Safety Patrol
 Junior Beta Club
 Wild Kitten Chorus
 Reading Buddies
 Quiz Bowl Team
 Santa Shop
 Fall/Spring Book Fair

Bethune Elementary School



Home of the Wild Kittens!

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“Always Caring, Always Positive, Always Learning”

SCHOOL GOALS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Bethune Elementary grades K-5 will show increase in **ELA and Math achievement** due to continuous efforts to improve teaching and learning as indicated by at least 90% of the students scoring at or above norm grade level mean RIT on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) by 2018.

Progress:

- Implementation of benchmark assessments
- Using standards to build assessments
- Analyzing assessments for rigor and depth of knowledge
- Using data to create differentiated lessons
- Using 1 to 1 technology to enhance instruction
- Teacher Action Plans

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Bethune Elementary will provide increased opportunities for **parent and community involvement** in our school with 95% parent satisfaction as indicated with the South Carolina School Report Card Survey Results.

Progress:

- Muffins for Moms
- Donuts for Dads
- Grits for Grandparents
- Pastries for Pastors
- Family Fitness Fair
- Spring Musical Program with Book Fair Shopping Night
- Reading Buddies
- School-wide electronic newsletter for parents and community

TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR QUALITY

Bethune Elementary faculty and staff will participate in increased **professional development** opportunities. Increased professional development will allow us to grow professionally and provide better instruction to our students.

Progress:

2015 School Report Card- 9.8 professional development days/teacher

- Joint Professional Development with Mt. Pisgah Elementary
- Implementation of weekly Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
- Implementation of weekly Instructional Moment sharing of best practices.
- Ed Tech Challenge
- Reading Study Groups
- Read to Succeed
- Lucy Calkins Conference

ACTION PLAN

We plan to continue to improve student achievement, to increase parental and community involvement, and to enhance professional development opportunities.

Our SIC will continue to increase awareness of good health and the overall fitness of our students and our community.

TEST RESULTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing is used to show a student's academic progress during a school year.

The table below shows the percentage of students scoring at or above norm grade level mean RIT on MAP in spring 2016.

Grade	Reading	Math
K	85%	92%
1	80%	38%
2	35%	22 %
3	36%	36%
4	91%	73%
5	67%	47%

ACT Aspire is a state standardized assessment administered at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The table below shows the percentage of students meeting proficiency.

Grade	English	Math	Science	Reading	Writing
3	77%	54%	15%	38%	0%
4	63%	25%	38%	31%	0%
5	63%	11%	26%	21%	5%

Palmetto assessment of state standards (PASS) is a state standardized assessment administered at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The table below show the percentage of students meeting standard in grades 4 and 5.

Grade	Science	Social Studies
4	66.67%	86.67%
5	55.56%	55.55%

RECOGNITIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



STUDENTS

Olivia Young won first place in the overall First Palmetto Bank Christmas Card Contest.

Heritage Tea School Winners

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
3rd Grade	Sebastian Gainey	Cherish Commander	Zion Higgins
4th Grade	Bryceson Catoe	Olivia Young	Trevor Lucas
5th Grade	Sean Steele	Matthew McCaa	Brannon Smith

TEACHERS AND STAFF

Kelly Horton was recognized as Bethune Teacher of the Year.

Judy McFarland was recognized as Bethune Reading Teacher of the Year.

Estelle Benson was recognized for earning the South Carolina Transformational Leadership endorsement on her administrative certification.

Dedra Baskin has received re-certification for National Board Certification.

Jennifer Oglesby was awarded funding for her Donors Choose project, "We Want to Read for Joyment."

SCHOOL

USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program Grant

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation

United Way 2015 School Division Award Winner