

Bethune Elementary School

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"Discovering the Gifts of Every Child"

2012-2013 School Summary Report

The Mission of Bethune Elementary is to expand our views of the future by challenging ourselves educationally and personally, always keeping our goals set high. We are continually seeking out ways to improve our school environment and increase student achievement. We are proud of our current accomplishments and are excited about what the future holds for our school. At Bethune Elementary we look to "Discover the Gifts of Every Child" by creating a loving environment and an individualized education for every student.

Bethune Elementary Beliefs

We Believe ...

1. All children have the right to the best education possible in a safe, supportive, and orderly environment as a result of a caring connection among home, school, and community.
2. Children should be provided an interactive curriculum that motivates and challenges by using a variety of instructional strategies.
3. Children should be actively engaged in critical thinking, problem-solving, and using technology.
4. Each child's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect.

Major Accomplishments of 2012-2013

1. Bethune Elementary received an "A" on Federal Accountability Report.
2. Bethune Elementary is a Title I Reward School of Performance.
3. Bethune Elementary received a SC Report Card Absolute Rating of Average and Growth Rating of Good.
4. Bethune Elementary is a 2012 Palmetto Silver Award winning school for general performance.
5. Our Professional Development focused on Common Core teaching strategies, PBIS, and Webb's Depth of Knowledge.
6. The Rock-n-Read Reading Program is used to motivate students to read in Kindergarten and First Grade.
7. Bethune completed our Five Year School Renewal Plan (ACT 135). This plan runs from 2013-2018 and provides our school with specific academic, professional and school climate goals.
8. Several programs such as our Spring Fling, Christmas Program, Veterans Day Program, and Valentines Dance were supported by our PTO and community. These programs allowed for a large number of our community members to participate.
9. The implementation of small reading groups allowed for focused reading time for struggling readers at each grade level.
10. The use of Learning A to Z, A+, SuccessMaker, and Accelerated Reader allows for individualized instruction and assessment.
11. Bethune Elementary technology purchases included extra laptops and desktops to update our computer lab.
12. Several grants were awarded to Bethune Elementary and these include; Fresh Fruit Grant, Target Field Trip Grant, and the Farm Bureau Grant.
13. Bethune Elementary partnered with North Central High School to have a Mentoring/Tutoring program. Teacher Cadets were also used to assist in the classroom.

2013 Spring Measures of Academic Success

MAP Data

Projected PASS Proficiency

Grade	Reading	Math
3 rd	81%	63%
4 th	71%	86%
5 th	93%	94%

Major Goals for 2013-2014

1. The implementation of a school wide writing plan to create common writing vocabulary and assessment.
2. The integration of I-Pad technology into each classroom.
3. The expansion of focus groups to include more students and other areas such as writing, math and science.
4. The continued use of an after school program to provide academic assistance and tutoring.
5. Professional Development will continue to focus on Common Core as well as writing instruction.
6. The implementation of year one of our Five Year School Renewal Plan (Act 135).
7. The implementation of 100 Book Challenge in grades K-2.
8. Bethune Elementary will continue to partner with North Central High School and look to expand the Mentor/Tutor program.
9. The continued use of MAP and PASS data to drive classroom instruction and school wide strategies.
10. The development of a mentoring program that allows community members to tutor and mentor selected students once a week.
11. The expansion of our BET Morning Show to be shown three days a week.

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