

2014 Spring

Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)

Data

MAP testing is used to show a student's academic progress during a school year. The table below shows the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency (PASS) levels.

Grade	Reading	Math
2	63%	63%
3	70%	60%
4	89%	83%
5	80%	70%

What is the School Improvement Council?

Mandated by law, the School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory group to Bethune Elementary.

The SIC plays a crucial role in school improvement by bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders who work collectively to establish, monitor and evaluate specific long-range goals for student achievement.

Other duties include producing the annual report to parents that outlines the progress of these goals and other school highlights and accomplishments.

Bethune Elementary's 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.

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.

SIC Representatives

- * Nicole Ritchie, Chairperson
- * Don Witham, Vice Chairperson
- * Tanya Eubanks, Secretary
- * Latoya Hough
- * Tabatha Knopp
- * Stacy Collins
- * Sylvia Davis
- * David Branham
- * Dr. Barbara Briggs



BETHUNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Discovering the Gifts of Every Child"

School Improvement Council School Report 2013-2014



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What Are Our Current School Goals?

- High Student Achievement – Bethune Elementary will use data to drive instruction and promote academic growth and achievement. We will provide students with a variety of resources and tools to improve student achievement.
- Parent and Community Involvement – Bethune Elementary will provide increased opportunities for parent and community involvement in our school. A communications plan will be developed to outline these communication procedures and opportunities.
- Faculty Professional Development – 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.



Our School's Achievements

- * 2013 SDE Silver Award Recipient
- * 2013 Silver Student Achievement Recipient
- * 2013 Title I School of Performance
- * 2013 "A" on Federal Report Card
- * 2013 Excellent Growth Rating on State Report Card
- * 2014 SDE Gold Award Recipient for Student Achievement
- * Wal-Mart Stuff-a-Bus Recipient (3rd) among district schools
- * Target Field Trip Grant Recipient



How are We Achieving Our Goals?

Our School Renewal Plan Goals are monitored throughout the year by our SIC, administration, and faculty. This allows us to assess our progress toward these goals and to determine the strategies needed to meet these goals.



Our School's Other Achievements

- * Fresh Fruit Grant Recipient
- * 4H Healthy Choices Program
- * 4H Butterfly Garden Grant Recipient
- * Teacher of the Year: Julie Pigg
- * Reading Teacher of the Year: Jennifer Oglesby



Community Involvement

Our community has been involved by:

- * Donations
- * Bethune Lions Club
- * Lynchwood Lodge 197
- * Kershaw County WoodWorkers Club
- * Community members for Book Fair Books
- * Bethune Garden Club
- * Bethune Woman's Club
- * Bonnie Seed Company
- * Sacks of Love from local churches
- * Parents and Community Members who donated classroom supplies



How are We Helping Others?

We are helping others by:

- * Million Penny Challenge (Kershaw County Red Cross)
- * Relay for Life
- * Jump Rope for Heart



School Spotlight

- * I-pads in the classrooms
- * 100 Book Challenge
- * School Based SEAGUL
- * Accelerated Reader
- * Artist in Resident
- * Author's Tea
- * Principal's Showcase
- * PBIS
- * Robotics Team
- * Donuts for Dads
- * Muffins for Moms
- * Grits for Grandparents
- * Veterans Program
- * Arbor Day Celebrations
- * Successmaker/ Math IXL
- * PTO Valentine's Dance
- * PTO Santa's Shop
- * Recycling Program
- * Fire Safety Program