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Panther Promises

Panther Promise 1

Make Smart Choices



I will control my attitude, words, and actions and will choose to do the right thing.

Panther Promise 2

Think, Plan, & Don't Give Up



I will think about what I need to do and make a plan for getting it done.

Panther Promise 3

Respect & Prioritize



I will listen to my teachers and spend my time on the most important things first.

Panther Promise 4

Be Nice to Be Happy



I will be a good friend and do nice things for others.

Panther Promise 5

Be Sensitive & Patient



I will listen to others' ideas and feelings and wait for my turn to talk.

Panther Promise 6

Cooperate with Kindness



I will work and play nicely with my friends.

School Improvement Council Members

Elected Members

Kristen Derrick (Parent)

Shelby Attaway (Parent)

Joshua Davison (Parent) Chair

Aubrey Steele (Teacher)

Amy Soileau (Teacher)

Appointed Members

Donna Ciriello (Community) Secretary

Tonya Watson (Community)

Ex-Officio Members

Dawn Harden (Principal)

Samantha Kennedy (Instructional Coordinator)

Jeff Potts (Lex3 Accountability Director/Parent)

Lynda Smallen (After School Director)

Michelle Maroney (Literacy Coach/Parent)

School Information and Demographics

TransformSC School

Title One School Wide Program

CERDEP Funded Full Day K4 Program

Montessori Program K4-2nd grade

3 years through 2nd grade special education

K5-2nd grade general

Student Population: 612

Poverty Index: 68.7



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Principal

Dawn Harden

Assistant Principal

Charlene High

Instructional Coordinator

Samantha Kennedy

Dear BLPS families,

Although our year ended much differently than expected, challenges could not overshadow the great things that define Batesburg-Leesville Primary School's students, families, and staff!

"Nurturing lifelong learners and leaders for the future" is the vision we strive to achieve each day at BLPS. It is important to our staff that students feel safe and are given a wide range of opportunities to flourish in their learning environment.

We started off our year as a stop on the TransformSC Bus Tour. Members of our state and local governments, along with business and education leaders from around South Carolina observed personalized learning BLPS style! I was so proud to show all of the great things happening at our school!

We are proud to continue to offer two wonderful academic programs at BLPS that exemplify a personalized learning environment. Montessori is available to K4-2nd grade students, using the instructional strategies and lessons of Maria Montessori.

Our non-Montessori K5-2nd grade classrooms provide literacy instruction in workshops, following Lucy Calkins' model of strategic learning, using Teachers College Reading & Writing Projects' Units of Study in reading, writing, and phonics. Our full day K4 classrooms use the "Big Day" curriculum, which focuses on all areas of child development. We also offer our "Boost" ½ day program for 2 and 3 year olds through our partnership with First Steps.

We are continuing to expand these

programs and deepen teacher knowledge with the help of a full time literacy coach, who provides staff development and coaching to our staff at BLPS.

This year we served students with interventions through our MTSS program. Students' needs were met in small groups using Leveled Literacy Interventions (LLI) and Literacy Footprints Guided Reading. Our students have enjoyed the leveled readers that are just right for them!

Our "Panther Promises" have been the foundation of our PBIS behavior model. We teach and model leadership skills daily using our promises. Cub Celebrations have continued, and we have added the Pawley's Parade monthly, where students are recognized for exemplifying the Panther Promises through positive behaviors and leadership skills.

I have enjoyed being a part of the celebrations! We have had wonderful parent participation at the award ceremonies, and students have worked hard to obtain the very prestigious Pawley's Panther Pride Award!

I am amazed at how our staff, families, and community have come together during the COVID-19 crisis. Our staff at BLPS has done an excellent job providing meals, assignments, virtual Google meetings, read alouds, and activities for students. We have certainly missed our students and families!

Thank you to our BLPS faculty and staff, PTO, School Improvement Council, district leaders, and the Lex 3 school board for supporting us and helping us nurture our students to be lifelong learners and leaders!

With warm regards,
Dawn Harden
Principal

School Highlights



- **Montessori classrooms for K4/k5 and 1st/2nd grades**
- **Personalized Learning/Project Based Learning**
- **Lucy Calkins Units of Study in Reading, Writing, and Phonics**
- **Everyday Math/Math in Practice**
- **STEAM Days & Family Literacy Nights**
- **Box Parade & Book Parade**
- **Special Olympics & Relay for Life**
- **1:1 Chromebooks 1st and 2nd, iPads K5**
- **iPad carts K4**
- **Makerspace Media Center/Coding**
- **Full time registered nurse**
- **On site mental health counselor & social worker**
- **Literacy Book Nook**
- **Watch DOGS Program for Dads**
- **Grade Level Music Programs**
- **After School Program for 1st and 2nd Grades**
- **R2S Summer Reading Camp**
- **MTSS Interventions K5-2nd**
- **Literacy Footprints for Guided Reading K5-2nd**
- **Classroom Leveled Libraries**
- **Family Fridays**
- **Pawley's Parade for Pawley's Student of the Month**
- **Coffee Conversations for Parents**
- **Literacy Workshops for Parents of Tier 2 and 3 students (K4 and K5)**
- **PBIS Cub Ceremonies**
- **Panther Promises**

