

## Monthly Happy Helpers



Positive Pig



Helpful Hippo



Listening Lion



Effort Elephant



Respectful Reindeer



Persevering Penguin



Kind Koala



Teamwork Turtle



Responsible Rabbit



Friendly Flamingo

## School Improvement Council Members

### Elected Members

Twayne Bell (Parent)

Shannon Hallman(Parent)

Stacey Terlizzi (Teacher)

Jennifer Richardson (Teacher)

### Appointed Members

Megan Rikard (Community)

Ashley Willis (Parent/PTO President)

### Ex-Officio Members

Angie Mishoe (Interim Principal)

Michelle Maroney (Assistant Principal)

Maggee Ellis (Assistant Administrator)

Jeff Potts (Lex3 Accountability  
Director/Parent)

### School Information and Demographics

Title One School Wide Program

CERDEP Funded Full Day K4 Program

Montessori Program K4-2nd grade

Student Enrollment 550



## Batesburg-Leesville Primary School

### 2022-2023 Report to the People

**Interim Principal**  
Angie Mishoe

**Assistant Principal**  
Michelle Maroney

**Assistant Administrator**  
Maggee Ellis

Dear BLPS Families,

“Nurturing lifelong learners and leaders for the future” is the vision we strive to achieve each day at BL Primary School. It is important to us that we provide a safe and nurturing environment for every student.

Our staff worked diligently to offer two family literacy events this school year. During our Fall Literacy Night families were able to rotate through stations that included a read aloud, arts and crafts, parent education session, and trunk or treat. Our spring family literacy night centered around Read Across America week. Students read a variety of books and mapped out the birthplace of each author as they worked to read across America. Our spring literacy night concluded with our Character Book Parade.

We are proud to continue to offer two academic choices at BLPS that exemplify our personalized learning environment. Our Montessori classrooms are available to K4-2nd grade students and utilize a Montessori environment to promote learning and independence. Our K4 classrooms use the “Big Day” curriculum, which focuses on all areas of the SC Early Learning Standards. Our K5-2nd grade classrooms also exemplify a personalized learning pathway through the use of a reading and writing workshop model with an emphasis on building student foundational literacy skills. This school year, BLPS was one of only 2 South Carolina Schools chosen to be highlighted in The Canopy Project, a collaborative, online project that shares information about how districts and schools are providing

innovative learning environments to personalize learning and advance equity for students.

Our school mission this year is to ensure every student at BLPS is equipped with the foundational literacy skills to be proficient readers. At least 30 minutes daily is dedicated to explicit phonics instruction for all BLPS students. In addition, our 2nd grade students as well as our 1st/2nd Montessori Students participated in a daily Panther Power Period (P3) beginning 2nd semester to individualize phonics instruction utilizing a flexible grouping model. We are especially proud that students in all of our classrooms are learning to monitor their own progress and keep up with academic and behavioral goals they help create.

Each morning at BLPS our day begins with our student hosted news show. Our anchors lead the school with our BLPS Cub Pledge, celebrate birthdays and success, and update everyone on upcoming events.

Our “Happy Helpers” have been the foundation of our PBIS behavior model for the 2022-23 school year. This year students are earning Paw Bucks to attend quarterly PBIS celebrations that include a Fall Carnival, Winter Movie, Spring Dance Party, and an end of the year Splash Into Summer Party.

We would like to thank the BLPS PTO, School Improvement Council, and Lexington District Three Board of Trustees for supporting us and helping us nurture our students to be lifelong learners and leaders!

With warm regards,  
Angie Mishoe  
Interim Principal

## School Highlights

- **Montessori classrooms for K4/k5 and 1st/2nd grades**
- **Personalized Learning/Project Based Learning**
- **One of two SC schools to be selected and featured in The Canopy Project**
- **Panther Power Period (P3)**
- **Student Data Notebooks**
- **Student Led Morning News Show**
- **BLPS PBIS Happy Helpers**
- **BLPS Panther Cub Pledge and Song**
- **Family Literacy Nights**
- **Special Olympics & Relay for Life**
- **1:1 Chromebooks for K4 – 2nd grade**
- **Makerspace Media Center/Coding**
- **Full time registered nurse**
- **On site mental health counselor & social worker**
- **Full time School Resource Officer**
- **Grade Level Music Programs**
- **Summer Reading Camp**
- **Classroom Libraries**

