

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

Twayne Bell (Parent)

Shannon Hallman (Parent)

Stacey Terlizzie (Teacher)

Michelle Erskine (Teacher)

Appointed Members

Megan Rikard (Community)

Jennifer Richardson (Chair)

Ex-Officio Members

Angie Mishoe (Interim Principal)

Michelle Maroney (Assistant Principal)

Jeff Potts (Lex3 Accountability
Director/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 special education

K5-2nd grade general

Student Population: 570

Poverty Index: 68.7



Batesburg-Leesville Primary School

2021-2022

Report to the People

Interim Principal

Angie Mishoe

Assistant Principal

Michelle Maroney

Assistant Administrator

Marcus Lambert

Dear BLPS families,

This year has been unlike any before it! We have been so happy to have been able to offer face to face instruction to our students five days a week since August.

“Nurturing lifelong learners and leaders for the future” is the vision we strive to achieve each day at BLPS. It is important to us that we provide a safe environment, as well as personalize learning for all. We have followed DHEC and CDC guidelines, as well as requirements from the state of SC, in making sure our students and staff have been safe at school throughout the pandemic. We house a full time nurse, who has worked tirelessly making sure all are healthy and safe.

Due to the pandemic, many of our usual events and programs have been postponed until the pandemic ends, and we are safe to open our doors to parents and visitors. We look forward to the time when we can resume these!

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 Traditional 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. K4 classrooms use the “Big Day” curriculum, which focuses on all areas of child development.

Our teachers have expanded our personalized learning program, by meeting virtually last summer, and weekly this year to create standards based learning progressions. We are so appreciative for our new Cub Ambassadors and other BLPS Panther Cub initiatives. Our students begin each day with our BLPS Cub Pledge and song.

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 “Panther Promises” have been the foundation of our PBIS behavior model. This year, students began earning Paw Bucks to spend at our traveling “School Store Cart”. Students have enjoyed being able to pick a prize when they have shown great leadership.

Our staff, families, and community have been amazing as we have weathered the COVID-19 crisis together.

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,
Angie Mishoe
Interim 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**
- **Envision Math/Math in Practice**
- **BLPS Panther Cub Initiatives**
- **BLPS Panther Cub Pledge and Song**
- **Multi-Age Classrooms**
- **Virtual Family Literacy Nights**
- **Special Olympics & Relay for Life**
- **1:1 Chromebooks for K5, 1st and 2nd**
- **iPad carts K4**
- **Makerspace Media Center/Coding**
- **Full time registered nurse**
- **On site mental health counselor & social worker**
- **Full time School Resource Officer**
- **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**
- **Leadership Paw Bucks for Students**
- **Personalized Learning Work with KnowledgeWorks**
- **Panther Promises**