

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

Farrah Leaphart

Jessica Reyes

Aubrey Steele

Jennifer Richardson

Tamra McCormack

Amy Soileau

Appointed Members

Tonya Watson

Lynda Smallen

Jeff Potts

Ex-Officio Members

Dawn Harden

Samantha Kennedy

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: 632

Poverty Index: 77



Batesburg-Leesville Primary School

2018-2019

Report to the People

Principal

Dawn Harden

Assistant Principal

Charlene High

Instructional Coordinator

Samantha Kennedy

Dear families,

This has been an amazing year at Batesburg-Leesville Primary School! I can't imagine spending my first year as a principal anywhere else. I have enjoyed getting to know the faculty and staff, as well as all of the wonderful students and families!

I am so proud of our school community as we continue to provide innovative instruction through the use of 1:1 devices. All students in 1st and 2nd grades now have a personal Chromebook, with which they research and create authentic projects. K4 and K5 students all have access to iPads filled with learning applications.

Communication between school and home has been enhanced through the use of technology platforms like SeeSaw, Facebook, and our new website. We strive to ensure that students have the skills to be successful in today's world.

Personalized learning has been front and center of staff professional learning this year. We have incorporated the use of student data notebooks where students can set goals and track progress in behavior and academics. Teachers have worked hard in accommodating student needs through flexible learning environments and providing targeted instruction. They have also attended conferences, workshops, and professional development sessions to enhance their

knowledge and skills.

This year we added to our leveled book library, as well as built a "Book Nook" where students are able to pick "just right" books for their reading workshop book baskets.

Keeping with current research in literacy, BLPS implemented a workshop model for reading, writing, and phonics, where students are taught grade level standards, as well as being provided instruction at their own levels through small group instruction and individual conferences. We also provided supplemental targeted instruction through our RTI model.

My favorite new addition to BLPS is our "Panther Promises", which guide students in learning leadership skills that will help them model the Profile of the SC Graduate in the years to come.

We could not have accomplished any of this without the support of our wonderful families and community. Thanks to you and our outstanding faculty and staff, PTO, district leaders, and school board members, we will continue to offer students an education that will prepare them to be well rounded adults, ready to take on the future!

With Gratitude,
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, iPad carts K4 and K5

Makerspace Media Center/Coding

Full time registered nurse

On site mental health counselor & social worker

Literacy Book Nook

Watch Dog Program for Dads

Grade Level Music Programs

After School Program for 1st and 2nd

R2S Summer Reading Camp