

## Our School Achievements:

- A fifth grade student participated in the Regional Spelling Bee at Francis Marion University
- Thirty-four students earned a limousine ride for their participation in the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser
- Three fourth grade students received a Certificate of Merit for their participation in the SC Academy of Science MESAS Statewide Contest
- Students performed in Veteran's Day and Black History programs and during the Family Literacy Night
- Students raised over \$496 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Teachers have received classroom donations through Donor's Choose
- Read to Succeed required certification classes are being taken by teachers
- Several teachers are in the process of acquiring advanced degrees through Francis Marion University and Coastal Carolina University
- 5th Grade received a grant from Patriots Point for blended learning activities as well as science and social studies texts
- Partnership with Duke Energy and RIF provided each 2nd grade classroom and the Media Center with a set of 35 multicultural hardback books and 8 books for each student to take home
- Three classroom sets of laptops were purchased
- New laptops purchased for all classroom teachers
- Supplies donated to students through Woodmen of the World and Horace Mann
- Five staff members selected to lead district-wide professional development sessions
- The school participated in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program which provides fresh fruits and vegetables to students each week
- Achieved system-wide accreditation through AdvancED
- A second grade teacher was accepted to participate in the Roper Mountain Science PLUS Institute

For more information, you may view Britton's Neck Elementary School's S.C. School Report Card for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).

## School Improvement Council:

**Chairman:** Nina Sparks

**Vice-Chair:** Rev. Ron Taylor

**Secretary:** Christopher Skipper

**Parent Representatives (elected):** Christy Cochran, Mitchell Gause, Roberta Hemingway, Nina Sparks, Chasia Taylor, Camellia Vereen

**Teacher Representatives (elected):** Jan Causey, Waymon Edmonds, Christopher Skipper, Stephanie Stinehart, Robin Wellington, Erica Williams

**Community Representatives (appointed):** Robert Eaddy, Julia Graves, Lula Johnson, Jerry Pace, Rev. Ron Taylor, Rena Willard

**Ex-Officio:** Elizabeth Ammons,

**Administration:** Monica Kimbrough

## What is a School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. SIC plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

The SIC :

- Assists in writing and annual evaluation of the 5 year School Improvement Plan
- Assists with the writing of the Annual Report to Parents
- Provides advice on the use of school incentive award expenditures that come from awards such as the Palmetto Gold or Silver Award
- Serves as a liaison between the school, the community, and the local school board
- Provides input to be utilized in school decision making

## Purpose of the Report

*"This Report is issued by Britton's Neck Elementary School's Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."*

# Britton's Neck Elementary School

## Annual School Improvement Council

## "Report to the Parents" 2016-2017



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## Purpose Statement

Britton's Neck Elementary provides a nurturing environment that educates, prepares and inspires students to be productive citizens in a changing global society.

## Our Beliefs:

- All students can become productive members of society.
- Education is a partnership among students, families, schools and community.
- Our children are at the center of all decision making.
- Education should prepare students to succeed academically and socially so they can compete for quality jobs and become productive members of society.
- Each person has intrinsic value and worth and is a unique individual with different needs and abilities.

## Improvement Results:

Britton's Neck Elementary School shows continuous progress toward increasing student achievement. In the spring of 2016, students in grades 3-5 were tested using SCREADY in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. This was a new state test being used in these subject areas. Students in grades 4-5 were tested using SCPASS in Science and Social Studies. The table below shows the percent of BNES students who exceeded or met on these state assessments in 2015 and 2016.

	2016	2015
ELA	28.1%	n/a
Math	34.8%	n/a
Science	63.8%	58.9%
Social Studies	75.9%	73.1%

## Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

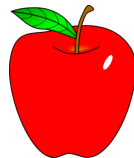
MAP Testing is used to show a student's academic progress in Reading and Math. The table below shows the percentage of BNES students meeting or exceeding MAP growth targets from Fall 2016 to Spring 2017.

Grade Level	Reading	Math
1st Grade	89%	98%
2nd Grade	30%	68%
3rd Grade	62%	70%
4th Grade	48%	48%
5th Grade	46%	51%

## Our School Goals:

1. Maintain a safe, supportive, nurturing environment that is conducive to working and learning.
2. Strengthen and maintain positive, collaborative relationships with parents and community members.
3. Increase the percentage of students scoring at the met or proficiency levels in ELA, math, science and social studies.
4. Recruit, develop, support and retain effective and diverse teachers, administrators, and support staff.
5. Implement a multi-tiered system of interventions and support to increase students' reading levels.
6. Implement a School Literacy Team to guide and support continued use of evidence-based research practice to increase student reading levels.
7. Increase the number of meaningful opportunities for parents to gain knowledge and skills in literacy necessary to support their children's learning.
8. Provide ongoing differentiated support to instructional staff at all levels to support evidence-based research strategies to improve reading achievement.
9. Increase the number of meaningful opportunities to raise awareness of the importance of literacy in partnership with business and community organizations.
10. Increase the percentage of students reading at or above grade level.

This year the School Improvement Council focused its work on the goal to strengthen and maintain positive, collaborative relationships with parents and community members. The council members have worked to develop a school survey similar to the state survey to be administered to parents and students at all grade levels. The state survey is administered only to students and parents at fifth grade. The goal of the council is to administer the survey and analyze the results prior to the end of the school year. The results will then be utilized to determine action strategies on which the SIC members can focus.



*"Dream, Believe, Work, Achieve"*

*"Educate, Prepare, Inspire"*

## How We Are Achieving Our Goals:

- Character Education program presented by the School Guidance Counselor
- Awards programs to recognize good behavior, attendance and academic achievement
- Behavior incentives
- BNES Essential 11 Implementation
- Red Ribbon and School Bus Safety Model
- Title 1/Curriculum Night
- Family Story Night
- Family Fitness Night
- Grits for Grandparents
- School newsletters, school website and school Facebook page
- Collaboration with Headstart
- School Nurse Program
- Screenings for speech, vision and hearing
- Full-time Curriculum Facilitator
- Read to Succeed School-site Reading Coach
- Certified reading interventionists
- Weekly Collaborative Planning Time for teachers
- Professional Learning Communities for teachers
- Ongoing data analysis
- Benchmark testing
- Data Teams to create and analyze common assessments
- MAP Testing
- Fountas and Pinnell Testing
- Computer Lab
- Promethean/SMART Boards
- Chamber of Commerce book distribution
- Father-Daughter Dance
- Mother-Son Luau
- Fall Festival
- Anti-bullying program for 5th graders
- Ongoing professional development provided by a math consultant
- Participation in the Backpack Buddies program
- Field trips for students at all grade levels
- Fifth grade visited the Academy of Careers and Technology to promote awareness of specialized career opportunities in technology and vocational areas
- Read Across America Week