



**Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) Leadership Team**

Mandy Hilliard, Master Teacher  
Trena Brown, Master Teacher  
Denise McLaurin, Mentor Teacher  
Rebekah Leslie, Mentor Teacher  
Sabrina McNeil, Mentor Teacher  
Kathy Johnson, Mentor Teacher



**Congratulations!**  
2015-16

Teacher of the Year  
Sabrina McNeil

Assistant of the Year  
Margaret McDonald

Support Staff of the Year  
Mickey Rogers

**We're Making Dreams Begin!**

# 2016

## Report to the Parents



**Bennettsville Primary School**

**Dream Big! Anything's Possible!**

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**Principal**

**Mr. Parnell Miles**

**Assistant Principal**

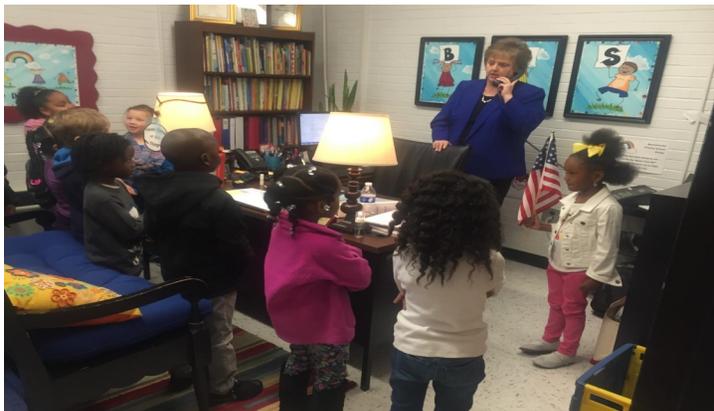
South Carolina statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's local School Improvement Councils (SICs) to publish and distribute a Report to Parents each year. This report highlights the progress Bennettsville Primary School is making in meeting goals and objectives of its five-year School Improvement Plan and the SIC's annual goal.

### School Improvement Council Members

Carolyn Karn, NBCT ..... Chairperson  
 Betty Roberts, Teacher ..... Vice-Chairperson  
 Emily Armfield, Community Member ..... Secretary  
 Will Rogers, Community Member ..... Member  
 Derrick Brand, Parent ..... Member  
 R. Christopher Brown, Parent ..... Member  
 Tiffany Ford, Parent ..... Member  
 Gail S. Redding, Principal ..... Ex-Officio  
 Joyce Smith, Parenting Coordinator ..... Ex-Officio

The annual South Carolina School Report Card ratings for 2012-14 are Below. Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Good



# School Events



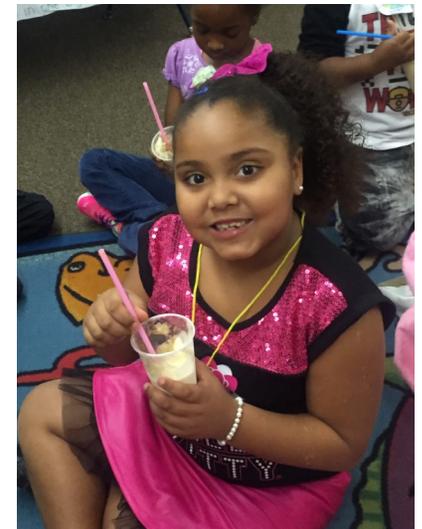
BPS Pledge  
This day has been given to me.  
I will be the "Best I Can Be!"  
Climbing the Rainbow up so high,  
I can do it, if I try!

## Mission Statement:

The Mission of Marlboro County School District is to educate and enable all students to achieve their highest potential.

## Vision Statement:

The Marlboro County School District will partner with families, businesses, and communities to develop the next generation of responsible citizens, life-long learners, and global leaders.



## 2016 Report to the Parents

Our school motto: “Dream Big...Anything’s Possible!” continues to capture the spirit of all we do here at Bennettsville Primary School. We exhibit this spirit through our dedication and commitment to inspire our students to grow as successful learners. Our diverse population of 600+ students in grades Pre-K through Second is led by a highly qualified faculty and staff who believe it is imperative to lead our students to excellence.

Our main goal is to provide our students with the most comprehensive educational experience that allows each child to reach his or her maximum potential. We continue to use data from our students to effectively plan our instruction and implement programs. Student progress is measured by state and national assessment tools three times a year. PALS is given to Pre-k students and DRA2+ is given to kindergarten. NWEA’s MAP (Measures of Academic Progress), a national test, is given to kindergarten through second grade students. Fall MAP results identify a child’s target growth (RIT) for the year. During the 2014-15 school year 69% of our students made *low average to high growth* in reading and 76% in math. For the 2015-16 school year, we have set goals of 75% *low average to high growth* in reading and 80% in math.

Many effective academic programs are in place to meet the on-going needs of our students. We continue to implement the Scholastic iRead program designed to ensure mastery of all K-2 foundational reading skills. Our reading and math small groups have been leveled to provide students with more intense instruction on their performance level. In addition, reducing class-size has had a tremendous impact on small group and one on one instruction.

Professional Development has taken place throughout the year for both faculty and staff in a variety of ways. The District adopted the South Carolina Teacher Advancement Program (SCTAP) that requires weekly professional development and individual teacher evaluations to enhance teacher quality. We continue to use the Early Release Tuesdays to provide our faculty and staff with opportunities to improve their professional knowledge. In addition, faculty members participate in graduate classes, degree seeking programs, professional conferences, workshops and webinars to enhance their craft.

BPS promotes parental involvement. Math/Science nights, Concerts, Science Fair, and Parenting Workshops are some of this year’s initiatives. Report Cards, Progress Reports, and Interims keep parents informed. Parent and telephone conferences take place as needed. The administration sends home a monthly newsletters and notices to parents. In addition our Alert Now System notifies parents of important information.

We will remain committed to the continued growth and development of our teachers and students. Many thanks to our parents and community for your continued support. Together we can do great things! We must “Dream Big...Anything’s Possible! We owe this to our children.

## School Goals

Students Making Low Average to High Growth on MAP

Subject	2014-15	2015-2016 Goal
ELA	69%	75%
Math	76%	80%

## Steps Towards Reaching Goals

- Leveled Reading and Math Groups
- Scholastic iRead Computer Based Program
- MAP Goal Data Student Conferences
- Primary Skills Checklist/Instructional Data
- Teacher Advancement Program
- HATCH/SMART Table for Early Education and Intervention
- 21st Century Grant-Afterschool Program, Project Excel

