

Bennettsville Primary School

Vision

Bennettsville Primary School and the School District of Marlboro County will partner with families, businesses, and communities to develop the next generation of responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and global leaders.

Mission

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

About Us...

It is a privilege and a pleasure to inform you of all the great things that are happening at Bennettsville Primary School. It is our aim that each child who enters our doors is offered the most comprehensive educational experience in to order to allow students to develop into great achievers who reach their highest potential. We strived to make this goal a reality by providing all students the optimal environment for learning which includes high time on task, active student engagement, and highly qualified faculty and staff.

Three different instruments are used to collect data and measure student achievement at Bennettsville Primary School. They are: Dial-3 (given to Pre-K students), Dominie (Reading and Writing Assessment for students in Pre-K through 2nd grade), and The MAP (Measures of Academic Performance given to K-2nd grade students). Based on the spring 2013 MAP scores 69% of Kindergarten Students, 68% First Grade Students and 70% of Second Grade Students met their target RIT for ELA. In addition 80% of Kindergarten, 74% of First Grade Students, and 73% of Second Grade Students met their Target RIT score in Math. It is our goal for the 2013-2014 school years that 75% of all of our students meet their Target RIT score in ELA and for 80% of all of our students to meet their Target RIT score in Math.

It is our plan to continue to improve instruction through staff development. On the second and fourth Tuesdays students are dismissed early allowing time for staff development. With an increase in staff development and training for teachers and staff, new teaching strategies help improve reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, and financial literacy.

We have enriched our learning environment by adding 18 SMART Boards in classrooms. By upgrading technology in our classrooms we have provided students and teachers with 21st Century Technology and greatly enhanced both teaching and learning. In addition, a plethora of books and materials have been added to classrooms through grants and instructional funding.

We all know that it takes an entire community to properly educate our children. Our students must experience support from their parents, the school professionals, and active business partners in order to achieve success. We have continued to stress the importance of parent involvement and have provided more opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's education. Bennettsville Primary School has an active PTO. We also provided training for parents in both ELA and Math skills, distributed parenting materials and students activity magazines, and organized activities such as Math Night and Snuggle Up and Read. The highly qualified faculty and staff continue to work together to improve our success. They not only work tirelessly day by day providing their students with quality instruction, but many involve themselves in staff development, graduate courses, and assisting in after-school programs to benefit our children. Our business partners frequent the school with visits and supplies. They not only provide much needed materials for our students and teachers, but they take the time to build relationships and encourage students to succeed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our faculty, staff, board members, parents, business partners, and our community members for working together to provide the best education possible for the students at Bennettsville Primary School. Bennettsville Primary School is "Where Dreams Begin."

Clifton Harrington, Principal

Steps towards Academic Excellence at BPS

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- MAP/Dominie Testing 3 times per year
- Title I Parent Workshops
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday Early Dismissal for Staff professional Development
- Installed 18 SMART Boards in classrooms
- Volunteer Workshops
- Literacy Matters Summer Reading Challenge
- Domtar Reading Challenge
- Parenting Workshops, Tips and Strategies for parents
- Providing opportunities for parents to get involved
- Providing opportunities for Business Partners to get involved
- Math Night
- 100% highly qualified staff
- Three faculty members completed advanced degrees
- One faculty members working on advanced degrees
- 32 Second graders met or surpassed RIT target for the year on MAP
- State Report Commendation Excellent / Excellent
- MAP Goals 75% in ELA and 80% in Math
- Snuggle Up and Read
- Read for the Record
- Imani Reading Foundation Challenge (K – 2)
- Other educational grants and partnerships
- Implemented PTO

EVENTS



Community & Family Partnership –Imani Reading Foundation
Parents picking up Bookcases



Parents at Awards Day



Volunteer Workshop



Community Partnership



Harlem Rockets' visit



Snuggle Up And Read



Parenting Workshop

School Improvement Council Members

Carolyn Karn –Chairperson
Clifton Harrington– Principal
Gail Redding – Asst. Principal
Emily Armfield
Jeremy Bethea
Becky Bostick
Kim Bundy
Nichelle Nichols
Shareika Townsend
Sheryl Poe
Ira Shuler

Bennettsville Primary School PTO Officers

Beth Chavis – *President*
Sheryl Poe – *Vice President*
Tysheika Purvis- *Secretary*
Denise McLaurin - *Treasurer*
Clifton Harrington– *Principal*
Gail Redding – *Asst. Principal*



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2014 Report to the Parents

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