



Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) Leadership Team

Pauline DuBois, Master Teacher

Trena Brown, Mentor Teacher

*Mandy Graves-Hilliard, Mentor Teacher

Gabrielle Hodges, Mentor Teacher

*Rebekah Leslie, Mentor Teacher



We're Making Dreams Begin!

Congratulations!

Teacher of the Year
Sabrina McNeil

Assistant of the Year
Margaret McDonald

Support Staff of the Year
Mickey Rogers

2015

Report to the Parents



Bennettville Primary School

"Where Dreams Begin"

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Principal

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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
- Caitlyn Clark, Teacher.....Vice-Chairperson
- Emily Armfield, Community Member.....Secretary
- Derrick Brand, Parent.....Member
- R. Christopher Brown, Parent.....Member
- Tiffany Ford, Parent.....Member
- Sheryl Poe, Community Member.....Member
- Betty Roberts, Teacher.....Member
- Will Rogers, Community Member.....Member
- Jeremy Bethea, PTO President.....Ex-Officio
- Shanika Harrington-David, Assistant Principal.....Ex-Officio
- Nichelle Nichols, Parenting Coordinator.....Ex-Officio
- Gail S. Redding, Principal.....Ex-Officio
- *National Board Certified Teacher

The annual South Carolina School Report Card ratings for Bennettsville Primary for the 2014-15 school year were:

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



School Events



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.



2015 Report to the Parents

Our school motto: “Where Dreams Begin” continues to capture the spirit of all we do here at Bennettsville Primary School. Our faculty and staff exhibit this spirit through their dedication and commitment in inspiring our students to grow as successful learners. Our diverse population of 595 students in grades Pre-K through Second is led by a highly qualified staff of teachers, specialists and assistants who have all pledged to “be intentional” in everything they do while “Motivating Students to Succeed with Dignity”.

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 twice a year. A new state test, mClass:Circle, is given to students in Pre-k and kindergarten; Dominie is given to first and second graders, and the 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 2013-14 school year 75% of our students made *typical to high growth* in reading and 81% in math. For the 2014-15 school year, we have set goals of 78% *typical to high growth* in reading and 83% in math.

Many effective academic programs are in place to meet the on-going needs of our students. We have added a computer lab with a full time Teacher Assistant to facilitate the Scholastic iRead program designed to ensure mastery of all K-2 foundational reading skills. Our reading groups have been leveled to provide students with more intense instruction on their performance level. Twenty-seven student laptops and nine SMARTBoards are being added to classrooms. Our cafeteria furniture has been upgraded and our Custodial Team has been awarded the District Cleanliness Award five times this year.

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 has an active Parent Teacher Organization, which promotes parental involvement. Math/Science nights, Snuggle Up and Read, Science Fair, and Parenting Workshops are some of this year’s initiatives. Progress Reports go home each week and phone conferences take place as needed. The administration sends home a monthly newsletter, notices to parents, Bus Bulletins and the Alert-Now System is used for special notifications.

We have accomplished much this year and 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!

School Goals

Students Making Typical to High Growth on MAP

Subject	2013-2014	2015 Goal
ELA	75%	78%
Math	81%	83%

Steps Towards Reaching Goals

- Leveled Reading Groups
- Scholastic iRead
- MAP Goal Data Student Conferences
- Response to Intervention Groups
- Teacher Advancement Program
- SMARTBoards
- HATCH Early Education Technology

