

Service Learning and Community Involvement

At BIS, community involvement is vital to ensuring student academic success. Listed below are some ways BIS collaborated with members of the community:

- Veterans Day
- Black History Month Program
- March of Dimes (Raised over \$1,200)
- Breast Cancer Awareness
- Guest Speakers
- Toys for Tots
- Participated in Red Ribbon Week
- Participated in Read Across America Week
- Kids Heart Challenge (Raised over \$2,000)
- Donor's Tree
- 20 Beta Club Inductees
- Mini Pearls

School Achievements

- Mrs. Chisa Gaymon named 2022-2023 Support staff of Year
- Ms. Ashley Watson named 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year
- Ms. Latoya Wright named 2022-2023 Rookie of the Year
- National STEM Day
- District Character Ed winners
- Literacy Night
- Duke Science Night (Grant)
- Beta Club School of Merit
- 17 Beta Club Inductees
- Smithsonian Grant
- SEL Days

Testing

Students participate in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and district benchmark tests. Students take the SC Ready ELA and Math and SCPASS in the area of Science or Social Studies state assessments.

Spring 2022 SC Ready and SCPASS Data

Subject	Percent Met or Exceeding
ELA	17.9%
Math	13.5%
Science	13.6%
Social Studies	N/A

After-School Programs

BIS offers an after-school program for students in grades 4 through 5. The after-school program offers our students' academic enrichment in ELA, math, and science (4th grade).

Parental Involvement

We strive to make our parents a part of our BIS family by offering many opportunities for our parents to come out and visit the school:

- Grandparents' Day
- Awards Day
- SIC Meetings
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parenting Workshops



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Report to the People

2022-2023

“A Bright, Innovative Staff, serving Bright, Innovative Students”

School Improvement Council

The School Improvement Council for BIS has played an important role in the implementation of programs and academic endeavors. We commend this council for their commitment to BIS.

Members:

- Katashala Curry, Chairperson
- Rosalyn Coleman, Parent
- Tyrone Abraham, Community
- Anthony Bright, Community
- Laura Britt, Reading Coach
- Ashley Watson, Teacher
- Celissa Donnelly, Parent Coordinator
- Lawrence Dease, Principal

BIS Sponsors

- Bethea Funeral Home
- SPC
- Kona Ice
- Rotary Club
- Twisted Treats
- Carlie C's
- Mohawk Industries
- Historical Sawmill Missionary Baptist Church
- Sawmill Lodge #375
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., Florence Alumni Chapter
- A Family Affair Catering

Report to the Parents

Our primary goal continues to be to help every student acquire the 21st Century skills outlined in the Profile of a SC Graduate. The acquirement of these skills are extremely important before students' transition to college or careers.

Another goal is to raise the academic achievement of all our students **through project-based learning, integration of the arts, and utilizing literacy strategies across content areas. We continue to personalize learning through the implementation of new instructional strategies to impact each student's individual learning styles and needs.** BIS teachers use a data driven approach to ensure that students' academic needs are being met. Teachers participate in professional development sessions throughout the school year. Sessions are developed and determined based upon data collected from various assessments, teacher surveys, observations, and the school-wide and district goals. We continue to embrace research-based instructional practices, character education, parent communication, data analysis, and the integration of technology and arts across all content areas. All of our students have been provided with a Chromebook. We will continue to fully integrate technology into our curriculum and instructional plans.

BIS is working towards becoming a STEM certified school. We focus on providing our students with STEM experiences in our STEM Lab and by having monthly STEM challenges. The Governor's School for Science and Mathematics' STEM bus visited and provided hands on learning experiences for 4th and 5th grade students. We also hosted Duke Science night and provided STEM activities for students and their families.

Bennettsville Intermediate School follows a model of high expectations and continuous improvement with a focus on student engagement and achievement. We

make every effort to provide an educational environment in which all students have the opportunity to succeed. We are a PBIS school and try to make sure that all of our students receive what they need academically, socially, and emotionally. At BIS we truly believe that we have “A Bright, Innovative Staff, serving Bright, Innovative Students.” We will continue to expose our students to people of different cultures and social groups, which includes our staff, that they may embrace diversity and be able to make connections from their lives to the lives of others.

Thank you for all your support and participation in this partnership.

