

## Community Involvement

Community involvement is important to all schools and B.I.S. is no exception. Listed below are the ways B.I.S. partnered with members of the community.

- Rotary Club of Bennettsville donated dictionaries to each third grade student
- Domtar came out and showed fourth graders how to make paper
- Carolina Bank provided items needed to insure safety in car rider area
- Fire Safety Week
- Jeans for Troops—Local VFW
- Thomas Memorial Baptist Church, Marlboro Electric Cooperative, and Women Involved in Rural Electrification (WIRE) donated backpacks and school supplies to several students
- Career Vehicle Day
- Domtar Reading Challenge



## Technology

Technology is a part of many aspects of life. In order to prepare our students for a productive future, technology has been included through programs provided during the school day.

These programs include:

- Accelerated Reading
- Fraction Nation
- Study Island
- Fast Math
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Streaming Videos
- Discus
- District and school website exposure
- USA Test Prep

## Testing

Students have taken the Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) twice this year to measure their academic ability and improvement. They have also taken the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS). Benchmark tests were given three times during the year to measure student progress.

## After School Tutorials

After school tutorials were offered through the district Title 1 program. The programs that were offered at B.I.S. were as follows: P.E.A.K. (Promoting Excellence for All Kids) and the afterschool Academy. These programs were offered to students that needed extra practice in academic areas. Teachers allotted time before and after school to work with students that needed extra help.

*It is the responsibility of every adult... to make sure that children hear what we have learned from the lessons of life and to hear over and over that we love them and that they are not alone*  
-- Marian Wright Edelman

## Parental Involvement

Parental Involvement was a major focus for B.I.S. this year. We offered many opportunities for parents to visit, some of those include:

- PTO Meetings
- Parents' School Night
- Winter Chorus Performance
- Grandparent's Day and Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Trick-or-Trunk
- Field Day
- Grade Level Award Days
- Spring Chorus Concert
- Read Across America Activities
- Parental Sessions to teach use of computer-based programs for students to use at home



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**Report To The People**



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## School Improvement Council

The School Improvement Council for Bennettsville Intermediate School has been active this year. Membership elections were held early in the school year and were conducted according to state requirements. The election process included the identification of parents interested in serving on the council, preparing and distributing ballots, and conducting the election. Individuals receiving the most votes were elected to fill vacated spots on the council. Council held their first meeting in October and met monthly during the 2013-2014 school year.

### **Elected Members:**

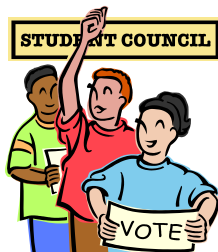
Beth Williams, Teacher  
Janette Williams, Teacher  
Vicky Peterkin, Parent - President of SIC  
Sheryl E. Poe, Parent - Vice President  
Ruby Bridges, Parent - Secretary  
Barbara Jones, Parent

### **Appointed Members:**

Mike Hamilton, Community Member  
Ms. Ameerah Eaddy, Teacher  
Celissa Donnelly, Parent Coordinator

### **Ex-Officio Members:**

Carl Ransom, Principal  
Timothy McNeil, Parent



*The objective of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.*

-- Robert Maynard Hutchins

## Report to the People

The 2013-14 school year began with over five hundred students, sixty-four staff members and a new administrative team. Our school motto this year is "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work". Our annual open house was held with over 500 participating. Class assignments, locations, bus information and supply lists were shared. Students and parents could meet staff and receive answers to pertinent questions. This event set the tone for an exciting and rewarding year.

Bennettsville Intermediate School continued with Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS). The program will culminate in students attending specific activities rewarding positive effort and achievement. The school counselors, in collaboration with the administration, continued to use a counselor's referral form. Students were referred to counselors for inappropriate behavior before an office referral could be written during the first three weeks of school. Severe infractions (fighting, extreme disrespect) were not included. The guidance department also held Character Education luncheons rewarding students selected by their teacher for exhibiting the trait of the month.

All of our classrooms have document cameras and interactive boards. We have twelve classrooms that have SMART Boards, and we plan to purchase more each year until all classrooms have one as well.

Our sixth grade students conducted student council elections in the fall. The Student Council offers advice on student activities and how to improve our school.

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) meets monthly to review our academic programs and school policies. Members include parents, teachers, and business leaders that offer advice on how to engage more parents and improve home/school relations.

## Report to the People cont.

Our PTO meets quarterly and provides parents an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to review academic achievement. The PTO also supports fundraisers throughout the year. Our students are recognized throughout the year with specific programs highlighting academic achievement.

Three of our staff members have received grants totaling over twenty-five hundred dollars. The items purchased included classroom sets of literature. One of our teachers was selected to attend Roper Mountain Science Camp in the summer of 2014. Participants experience hands-on science experiments in the field and return to the classroom with innovative ways to increase science achievement. The training is also shared with other classroom teachers. The Marlboro County Spelling Bee Champion for this year was a fifth grade student in our school as well as the second runner up. We are proud of our students and staff as we work as a team to make the dream come true for all of our students.

The future of Bennettsville Intermediate School continues to improve. We are committed to making sure that every child has the opportunity for a quality education. We stand behind our commitment and ask you to join us. Children who live in a well rounded environment grow emotionally, physically, socially and psychologically. Our performance for the 2012-2013 school year continues to get stronger. We have worked extremely hard this year to continue to make improvements. Thank you for your participation in this partnership. Please continue to help us help your children. We are better together.

*Good schools, like good societies and good families, celebrate and cherish diversity.* -- Deborah Meier