

**Report to the People  
2014-2015**



Bennettsville Intermediate School  
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**Vision Statement:**  
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 Statement:**  
To educate and enable all students to achieve their highest potential.

**School Motto:**  
**“Committed Today for a Better Tomorrow”**

**Community Involvement**

- Power Announcement Message System
- School Interactive Website
- Open House
- Fall and Spring Literacy nights
- Math and Science night
- Trick-or-Trunk
- PTO
- Monthly Parenting Workshops
- District-wide Parenting Day
- Black History Program
- Breakfast for Grandparents
- Governor’s Office read aloud and book donations to third grade students
- Domtar book talk and book donations
- Partnership with Family and Cosmetic Dentistry
- Lions Club donation of school supplies
- Toys for Tots Assistance
- First Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Feast Referral & Secret Santa
- March of Dimes for Babies
- Bully-Free Presentation by Police Dept.

**Career & Character Education**

- Classroom Guidance lessons
- Vehicle Career Day
- Fire Safety Week
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Student Clubs
- Red Ribbon Week
- Character Luncheon

**Student Activities & Incentives**

- PBIS Incentives
- Student Clubs
- Nine Weeks’ Awards Programs
- Accelerated Reader Celebrations
- Sweetheart Dance
- Junior Beta Club
- 6th grade band
- Artistic Gifted and Talented
- *Show Us Your Talent Day*
- Dr. Seuss School-wide Trivia
- South Carolina Day Activities



**SIC Members**

- Vicky Peterkin, President
- Stephanie Bacote-Easterling, Vice-President
- Ruby Bridges
- Barbara Jones
- Charles Branch
- Timothy McNeil
- Sherry Moore
- Sheryl Poe
- Susan Suggs
- Anthony Bright
- Celissa Donnelly
- Ameerah Eaddy

## About Us.....

Bennettsville Intermediate School opened its doors for the 2014-2015 school year with a new administrative team, dedicated faculty and staff members, a host of supportive parents and community members, and over 500 eager students. Our focus this school year has been on improving classroom instruction and increasing student achievement. With the implementation of The System for Teacher and Student Advancement (TAP), a strong emphasis has been on providing professional development to teachers on best practices in instruction and using student data and instructional strategies to increase achievement.

Another initiative that we are proud of is our school-wide focus on literacy. In February, the school kicked off our Accelerated Reader program with the hope of engaging all students in independent reading. English Language Arts (ELA) and social studies classes begin each day with self-selected reading. On Wednesday afternoons, the entire student body, including staff members *Drop Everything and Read* for fifteen minutes. Parents and community members have also been encouraged to promote literacy during our Fall and Spring Literacy nights. Further, in an effort to accelerate the progress of students in reading, our school has implemented Scholastic's Read 180 and System 44 programs. Finally, students have the opportunity to participate in our afterschool tutorial programs which provide assistance in reading.

At Bennettsville Intermediate School, we instill a sense of family, community, and cooperation among our staff, student body, and parents. We believe that the atmosphere has a tremendous impact on the culture of our school and student achievement. Therefore, we encourage positive behavior from our students, collaboration among teachers, and partnerships with our parents. We acknowledge the importance of everyone playing a role in achieving our goals.

Bennettsville Intermediate School is *Committed Today for a Better Tomorrow*. Our students are continuously striving to reach their highest potential. It is through the dedication of our teachers, support staff, students, parents, and community, that we continuously progress. Daily, we celebrate the accomplishments we have made and the future successes to come.

## Our Beliefs

- **Everyone deserves the best possible education.**
- **Everyone deserves to be in a safe environment.**
- **Learning is a lifelong process.**
- **Everyone deserves to be treated with respect.**
- **Authentic assessment and application should measure student achievement.**
- **Learning is dependent upon a foundation built from life experiences, which enables the child to function in and contribute to society.**
- **Sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity and character are essential for all students to be active, successful, productive citizens in society.**

## Our Accomplishments

- Two students competed in Regional Science Fair at Francis Marion University
- 5th grade student placed second in District Spelling Bee
- 16 students inducted into the Junior Beta Club
- 17 students identified for GT Music and Art
- Two students were perfect scorers on PASS
- 4th grade student won District Christmas Card Contest
- Two students were recognized for the 4-H Fire Safety Art and Writing Contest
- Students raised over \$2400 for the American Heart Association



## Assessments

- Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
- District Benchmark Assessments
- STAR Reading Assessment
- Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI)

## Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

Aligned to the state standards, PASS assesses students in writing, English Language Arts (ELA), math, science, and social studies. The table below shows the percentage of students who scored "Met" or "Exemplary" for the 2013-2014 school year.

	Writing	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
3rd grade	54.9	54.5	47.6	26.0	44.4
4th grade	37.8	38.2	30.1	29.4	51.5
5th grade	69.4	61.8	44.7	47.5	58.1
6th grade	58.6	47.5	46.6	30.5	54.2

## Supplemental Instruction

- Scholastic FASTT Math
- Scholastic Fraction Nation
- Scholastic Read 180 & System 44
- Accelerated Reader
- Afterschool Programs
- Computer Software Instruction