

## Service Learning and Community Involvement

Here at BEMS, community involvement is a very important part of achieving academic growth within our school. Listed below are some ways BEMS partnered with members of the community:

- BEMS held its' first annual Spring Festival in April. It was a success!
- Held several Ministerial Breakfast Meetings for local Minsters.
- Provide fresh fruit and vegetables to students in grades PreK-5 through a grant obtained by Marlboro County School District.
- Partner with Harvest Hope to provide nutritional food for students to take home during the weekends.

## School Achievements

- Mrs. Brandy Garrett has been recognized as the Teacher of the Year for the 2016-2017.
- For the past 3 years, BEMS has had a 100% passing rate for Algebra 1.
- BEMS boys' basketball team won their basketball championship.
- BEMS football team was recognized as the conference champions.

## Testing

Students have taken the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) twice this year to measure their academic ability and improvement. The Spring and final administration of MAP will take place in mid-May. They have taken the SC-READY ELA and Math Assessment. Students still take the SCPASS in the area of Science and Social Studies in May. Benchmark assessments are given three times during the year to monitor students' academic progress.

## After-School Programs

BEMS offers an after school program for students in grades 3 through 8. The after school program offers our students academic enrichment in ELA and STEM through the CDF 21st Century.

## Parental Involvement

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

- Grandparents' Day
- Awards Day
- PTO/SIC Meetings
- Parent Nights
- Parent/Teacher Conference
- Promotion Ceremonies
- Literacy and Math Night
- Field Day
- Parenting Workshops
- Mother-Son/Father-Daughter Dances

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**"Report to the People"  
2016-2017**



### **School Improvement Council**

The School Improvement Council for Blenheim Elementary Middle School has been very active this year. The membership elections were conducted according to state requirements. The process included parents volunteering to serve as members, and elections were held for officers.

#### **Members:**

*Angela Ward, Parent*

*Qushika Lucas, Parent*

*Martha Ann Williams, Parent*

*Dannie Driggers, School Board Member*

*Brenda Ladson, Media Specialist*

*Jennifer Liles, Reading Coach*

*Damion McLaurin, Guidance Counselor*

*Tawanda Harrington, Teacher*

*Brandy Garrett, Teacher*

*Sara Wilkins, Teacher*

*Mark Thompson, Teacher*

*Joyce Smith, Parent Coordinator*

*James McCall, Interim Principal*

*Parkers Used Cars, Community Partner*

*McArthur Farms, Community Partner*

*JJ's Auto Sales, Community Partner*

*Nationwide Insurance, Community Partner*

*Magnolia On Mail, Community Partner*

### **Report to the Parents**

This has been a great and successful school year. To help set the tone, we held a “Meet and Greet” along with an Open House. Parents and students received class assignments, bus information, and supply lists. We continue to diligently to develop a strong school home relationship.

Blenheim Elementary Middle School new discipline referral process within the first three weeks of school. The process significantly reduced our discipline referrals. Weekly grade-level meetings are held to share academic and behavior expectations. We also communicate with parents following each nine weeks to discuss students’ progress. Weekly cluster meetings and Reading Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) are held to provide on-going professional development for teachers.

We have implemented several clubs this school year to provide our students opportunities to improve their leadership and social skills. Student Clubs include: Future Business Leaders of America, Band, Chorus, Academic Challenge, Girl’s Club, Drama, Project Lead the Way, and Media Literacy.

We are continuously working to ensure that every child has the opportunity for a quality education. Each classroom has a variety of instructional resources to enhance curricula. All classes have document cameras and SMARTBoards. We have a data room and additional data is displayed in the hall and classrooms. Blenheim Elementary Middle School has the following programs: Imagine Learning and Big Brainz to enhance literacy and math skills. Blenheim Elementary Middle School currently has one science lab and two computer labs.

Blenheim Elementary Middle School and Marlboro County School District recently went through the a successful AdvancED visit.

Thank you for all your support and participation in this partnership. Please continue to help us help your children. Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)!