## 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 collaborated with members of the community:

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

#### **School Achievements**

- Ms. Antionette Bostic recognized as the Teacher of the Year for the 2017-2018.
- 2014-2016 BEMS- 100% passing rate in Algebra 1.
- 2016 BEMS 100% passage rate in English I
- BEMS football, boys' and girls' basketball County Champions.
- Kimberly Williams the only Junior Scholar in the District
- Amari Rivers 3<sup>rd</sup> in FBLA Regional Competition

#### **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-March. Students will take SC-READY ELA and Math Assessment and SCPASS in the area of Science or Social Studies in May. Benchmark assessments are given three times during the year as a progressmonitoring tool to measure students' academic progress toward meeting state standards.

#### **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 and visit the school:

- Grandparents' Day
- Donuts with Dudes
- Muffins and a Book with Mom
- 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
- Ministerial Breakfast



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"Report to the People"

2017-2018

#### **School Improvement Council**

The School Improvement Council for BEMS has played a vital role in the implementation of programs and academic endeavors. We commended this council for their commitment to BEMS.

#### **Members:**

- Teresa Turner, Parent
- Stephanie Easterling, Parent
- Melvin Easterling, Parent
- Sheena Williams, Parent
- Dannie Driggers, School Board Member
- Brenda Ladson, Media Specialist
- Jennifer Liles, Reading Coach
- Tawanda Harrington, Teacher
- Brandy Garrett, Teacher
- Sara Wilkins, Teacher
- Mark Thompson, Teacher
- Joyce Smith, Parent Coordinator
- James McCall, Principal
- Parkers Used Cars, Community Partner
- McArthur Farms, Community Partner
- JJ's Auto Sales, Community Partner
- Nationwide Insurance, Community Partner
- Magnolia On Main, 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.

Teachers meet bi-monthly in grade-level meetings to plan for the implementation of academic standards and behavior expectations. Teachers communicate with parents following each nine weeks to discuss students' progress. Weekly core content Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) provide on-going professional development for teachers.

We have implemented Club Day on early release Tuesday to provide our students opportunities to improve their leadership and social skills. Student Clubs are Board Games, Scrapbooking, Creative Writing, Line Dancing, Ensemble Band, Girl Empowerment, Chorus, JROTC, Gardening and Beautification, Comic book, Athletics 1and 2, Soccer, Culinary and Crafts, Art, Book Club, Health, Non-Electronic Games, STEM, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Money Matters, Jr. Beta Club, Brain Teasers, Dance, Cinema, and Project Lead the Way.

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 SMART Boards. Blenheim Elementary Middle School has the following

programs: Imagine Learning and Big Brainz to enhance literacy and math skills. Teachers utilize Mastery Connect in order to provide formative assessment and competency-based learning. The web-based platform helps teachers drive student outcomes and personalize learning. Blenheim Elementary Middle School currently has four computer labs.

Thank you for all your support and participation in this partnership. Please continue to help us help your children promote our motto of the Eagle Way: Be in the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment doing the right thing.