

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:

- Community Service Club participated in collecting newspapers for the local Veterinarian office and the Humane Society
- Food donations to students and parents provided by Harvest Hope Food Bank
- Kiwanis Club provided supplies for students to start a vegetable garden
- Domtar reading challenge

School Achievements

- Mrs. Mahilda Douglas has been recognized as BEMS & Marlboro County School District 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year.
- Fredric McCray South Carolina Junior Scholar
- Brantley Miller-Duke TIP Participant
- Tyqueashis Bridges placed 2nd in the Marlboro County District Spelling Bee Contest
- Hannah Hudson was the 2014 State Winner for Feature Business Leaders of America
- On April 18, 2014, 16 students from BEMS were inducted into the National Beta Club
- BEMS girls' basketball team won their basketball championship

Testing

Students have taken the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) twice this year to measure their academic ability and improvement. They have taken the writing portion of the South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS). The remaining portion of the SCPASS (ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies) will be administered in May. Benchmark tests were given three times during the year to monitor student progress.

After-School Programs

After school programs were offered to our students to enhance their academic achievement. The programs that are offered at BEMS include P.E.A.K. (Promoting Excellence for All Kids) and the Afterschool Academy.

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
- Winter Concert
- Field Day
- Parenting Workshops

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Parnell Miles, Principal

"Report to the Parents"

2013-14



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:

Robin Daniels, Parent

Christy Cooper, Parent

Patrice Walker, Parent

Angela Ward, Parent

Dwayne Kelly, Parent

Rona Cue, Teacher

Deidre Hepburn, Teacher

Wilbert Williams, Teacher

Lakisha Genwright, Teacher

Sherry Bridges, Parent Coordinator

Parnell Miles, Principal

Parkers Used Cars, Community Partner

McArthur Farms, Community Partner

Mohawk Carpet, Community Partner

Domtar, Community Partner

Chairperson:

Dwayne Kelly, Chair

Report to the Parents

The 2013-2014 school year began with our first full year in our new building. In July, we met with our staff members, and they shared their successes and challenges. We discussed and planned strategies to improve student achievement, teacher morale, ways to reduce discipline referrals, and improve parental involvement.

To help set the tone for an exciting year, we held a “Meet and Greet” along with an Open House. Over two hundred parents participated. Parents and students received class assignments, bus information, and supply lists. We continue to diligently to develop a strong school home relationship.

Blenheim Elementary Middles School implemented a new discipline referral process within the first three weeks of school. The process significantly reduced our discipline referrals. Monthly grade-level meetings were held to share academic and behavior expectations. We also communicated with parents following each nine weeks to discuss students’ progress.

We implemented several clubs this school year to provide our students opportunities to improve their leadership and social skills. Student Clubs included: Future Business Leaders of America, Band, Chorus, Academic Challenge, Media Literacy, Community Service Club and Junior Beta Club.

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: Accelerated Reading, Read 180, Study Island, Explore Learning Gizmos, ETV Streamline, DISCUS. Blenheim Elementary Middle School has two art classrooms, one science lab, and two computer labs.

Our academic performance for the 2012-2013 school year identified us as a Palmetto Priority School, with an absolute value of 2.25 for our elementary school and 2.22 for our middle school. We will receive added funding and personnel assistance during the 2014-2015 school year to help improve student achievement. Thank you for your participation in this partnership. Please continue to help us help your children. We are better together.