

Boundary Street Elementary School serves a diverse population of 420 students, which includes students from grades Pre-Kindergarten through fifth, in addition to Primary Montessori through Upper Elementary Montessori classes, our demographics break down as follows, 26 % Caucasian, 42 % African American, 25 % Hispanic, 8% Asian, 5% Two or More Races.

Throughout the course of the school year our faculty has participated in Professional Learning Communities to build morale, increase parental and community involvement, and improve student academics. They have also participated in CCSS training and district wide curriculum trainings. Through the leadership of our media specialist, teachers also participate in weekly technology trainings, using iPads and Senteo Clickers.

Students are recognized for their accomplishments. At the end of the year, students participate in academic ceremonies, such as the school awards program, Montessori Bridging Ceremony, Kindergarten and fifth grade Promotion Programs. Additional awards are given for students who are deemed as Duke TIP recipients. Students are recognized quarterly for good behavior through the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS). BSE continues to focus on positive behaviors and correct behaviors that do not meet school expectations. Students were rewarded with star bucks for their positive behaviors. Star Bucks are totaled and used for an entertaining activity or shopping in the school store. We also recognize the class of the month and bus of the month.

Guest speakers, field studies, family nights, school-based service learning, and district wide academic and athletic events provide experiences outside of the classroom. Fifth grade Ambassadors are leaders and role models, assisting with morning duties and modeling character skills. Our students produce a morning news show and serve as media center helpers. We also have a student-run recycling programming. Fourth grade students attend the opera house performances on a monthly basis through the Dufford Foundation. Our students participate in the district Mega Math competition, and a district wide fifth grade basketball tournament. Our school chorus, The Singing Bees, performed the musical, One Hundred One Dalmatians at the Newberry Opera House, and sang the Star Spangled Banner at the county Relay for Life event. The BSE Sting Step Team competes and performs locally and throughout the state.

Our PTO and School Improvement Council assist in making decisions. Parent volunteers, community members, and civic organizations also provide support for our school. With the help of members of the community and local businesses Sonic and Zaxby's coupons were provided for students and faculty; we hosted Zaxby's night, El Poblano night, a Zumbathon, Trunk or Treat, Winter Extravaganza, Walking to Healthier You, and Spring Carnival.

Boundary Street Elementary School is a learning community in which the administration, faculty, staff, and community members work together to ensure students are successful. It is our intention to assess students' needs through the use of data and small group instruction. Teachers continue focus on developing students' areas of weaknesses and customizing instruction specific to the individual student.

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