



PEEK OF THE WEEK

Beech Hill Elementary

A Palmetto's Finest School ❖ A 2018 National Blue Ribbon School



2019-2020 ~ Theme: Blue for a Reason

Mission Statement: Beech Hill will lead the way to lifelong learning through excellence, leadership and empowerment.

Vision: All students will meet or exceed academic standards as measured by grade level benchmarks.

Goals and Focus for 2019-2020 School Year

- Beacons exhibit Self-Efficacy and Social Emotional Learning/Non-cognitive Skills
- Beacons are Globally Competitive and College/Career Ready
- The percentage of parents satisfied with our home/school relations will increase from 79% to 95% as per the state's report card survey
- The percentage of students meeting or exceeding ELA, Reading, Math and Science expectations will increase from 81% to 85%
- The percentage of teachers who indicate that we provide students choice in language arts selections will increase to from 84% to 95%

Lighthouses of Lifelong Learning:

CREATE (arts-infusion & appreciation), CONNECT (team building and community awareness), NURTURE (ecology and service learning), LIVE (healthy choices), THINK (growth mindset and metacognition), & DREAM (technology and innovation)

Save the Dates • Important Events



August

- 26 Color Day-Yellow
Safety Drill: Lockdown
- 27 Color Day- Green
- 28 Color Day-Orange
- 29 Color Day-Purple
- 30 Lighthouse Leagues Spirit Day

September

- 3 Book Fair Opens
Grand Beacons Breakfast 7:15 a.m.
- 4 Grand Beacons Breakfast 7:15 a.m.
- 5 Color Day-Gray
SIC/PTA Meetings 5:00
Parent Information Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 6 Color Day-Pink
Book Fair Closes
- 9 Color Day-Black
- 10 Color Day-White
Parent Liaison
- 11 Color Day-Brown
WERD Clubs-7:30-8:15
Boosterthon Kick-off Rallyes
8:30-PreK-2nd Grades
9:30-3rd-5th Grades
- 13 Kona Ice Spirit Days
- 14 Produce Give Away- 9:00-12:00
- 17 Newk's Spirit Night 5:00-7:30
- 18 Interim Reports Go Home
- 19 Teacher Liaison Meeting
Ident-a-kid Pictures
- 20 Boosterthon Fun Run
- 21 Education Foundation Obstacle Challenge
- 30 Fall Picture Day

At the Helm: Hello!

Welcome to our newest Beacons and welcome back to our seasoned ones. It's been a long summer without my friends and I'm so happy to see the smiling faces back at "the Beech."

As is the tradition, I will be providing the little slice of life at Beech Hill in this section of our weekly newsletter. I hope that you will enjoy reading this report and that it will inform you and inspire you to visit often and share in the fun. We operate with an "All Hands on Deck" mindset here. We could not do this challenging yet critical job without the support of caring committed parents and supportive gracious volunteers.

We have an amazing crew of teachers who demonstrate the kind of talent and dedication that leaves me humbled and speechless. Our PTA and SIC boards are simply the best. These selfless organizations operate with children at the "helm" of their decision-making and motivation. We are truly blessed by their leadership and support. Our kids are adorable!

This year marks my 32nd one in education and I love every minute of it. I am the mother of three adult children and the grandmother of 933 (and counting). My Beacons are the kids that I am fortunate enough to spoil and *parents*, I will be sending them home. LOL! I'm a graduate of the University of Alabama and an avid sports enthusiast. Yes, I am a big Barna Booster. I love the team so much, I married one of the players. I like to read, but not nearly as much as I like to write. I love a great television show or a movie with a message. My dream dinner guests would be Nick Saban and Oprah. I like to think I am kind, but also pretty straight-forward. As Ms. Fleming, our assistant principal (an Auburn fan), would say... *I like to keep it real*. Because like Nick and Oprah, retirement is possible, but not likely; WE'RE having way too much fun.

René Wyatt Harris, Proud and Grateful Principal

Your ideas, questions and concerns are *very* important to me. I can be reached by phone at school or by email at rharris@dorchester2.k12.sc.us. I typically return calls after 4:00 to ensure my undivided attention.

The Book Fair is Coming to the Beech

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here from September 3rd-6th. We will be open for Parent Information Night on September 5th. Grandparents can shop if they come for breakfast. Your child will have the opportunity to make purchases during the school day. Gift certificates may be purchased. Books make wonderful gifts for teachers and we will have wish lists available. If you are sending checks they should be made out to Beech Hill Elementary or BHES. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. In addition to shopping here, you can also shop online. This is a great option for friends and family members that want to support our school, but don't live close enough to shop in person. For online shopping, go to scholastic.com/fair.



If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions, e-mail Mrs. Nix at jnix@dorchester2.k12.sc.us. We appreciate your support and hope to see you at our book fair!

Career Carousel Needs You

Plans for our 2019 Career Carousel are already under way. We want to increase the number of careers each student sees. If you are the parent or relative of one of our Beacons and you would like to participate in our Career Carousel, contact James Helton at jahelton@dorchester2.k12.sc.us stating your name, student's name(s) and his/her grade(s), your career, and contact information. The event will take place on October 11th from 8:00-10:15 a.m.

Our Beacon Business Partners Rock!

Charleston Signage•Ledyard Catering•ABC Trophies•Family Chiropractic & Massage of Charleston•Staples•Broad Street Printing•Chick-fil-A•Education Station•Kona Ice•Palmetto Flats•Good Faith Mortgage•Fleet Feet Sports•The Inn at Middleton Place•Lowcountry Orthodontics•Legend Oaks Golf Club•Scott Mongillo~ Attorney at Law•Advanced Dental Center•Newk's Eatery•Swasty Orthodontics•Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market•JW Picture Studio

Please visit <https://www.d2t2o.org/DO> to access the new website.

Bragging Beams ~ Points of Pride

2018 National Blue Ribbon School ~ Ranked 25th Among 640 South Carolina Elementary Schools, SchoolDigger.com 2018 ~ Best Public School ~ Mom's Choice Award - Lowcountry Parent Magazine 2014 ~ Palmetto's Finest ~ 2012 PBIS - Ribbon School: 2010 & 2011 ~ Federal Accountability Grades-A: 2012-2014 ~ Report Card: Absolute Ratings ~ Excellent: 2009-2014 ~ Growth Ratings ~ Excellent: 2010-2014 Palmetto Gold/Silver Awards: Overall Performance: Gold -2009-2015; Closing the Achievement Gap: Gold-2011, Silver-2012-2015

9 National Board Certified Teachers, Lowes or Educator Grants: Jackie Leggette, Seth Keafer, Jana Hooks, Paula Luciano & Kentrel Clement **Donors Choose Grants:** May Frazier-Robinson, Margaret Day, Viki Fernandez, Haley Foster, Madison Hines, Schoneke Summerhill, Elizabeth Tutterow, Letitia Uyak, Stef Satterfield, Jana Hooks, Megan Seitz (4), Kristina Elliott (2), Glenna Broughton (2), Elizabeth Norman, Meggie Wegmann (2), Laura Hattabaugh (2), Dianne Lewis (5), Stevie Ward (2), Courtney Creech (2), Jeni Nix (2), Erica Kennedy, Tricia Ruddick, Paula Luciano, Becca Malinowski (3), Debby Yanchik, Taylor Wilson (2) & Rose Stephens (6)

PTA for a REASON!

- Checkout our one stop shop at <https://www.ddtwo.org/domain/408>
- The volunteer training and forms are all online and must be completed each school year. Volunteer forms can be returned to school with your student. Once forms are processed by the district and volunteer coordinator you will receive an email. Please keep in mind you must be volunteered trained to attend ANY field trip with your student.
- Don't forget you can shop online for yearbooks, PTA memberships and all spirit wear. The Back to School Spirit Wear sale ends August 30th! All orders placed by August 30th will be delivered to your child's classroom.

School Counseling News

Mr. Helton: PD, K, 2nd & 4th grades-jamhelton@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Ms. Masopust: 4K, 1st, 3rd & 5th grades-tmasopust@dorchester2.k12.sc.us

School Counseling Programs are most effective when they meet the needs of students as identified by all stakeholders. Ms. Masopust and Mr. Helton would like your feedback about the School Counseling Department at Beech Hill. You can access the survey by scanning the QR code or visiting the Guidance tab on the BHES website. Thank you for making a difference; we greatly appreciate your participation!



"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." -Robert F. Kennedy

The Extra Mile

The Extra Mile is an initiative designed to improve fitness levels among Beech Hill students and promote brain-based strategies to enhance concentration and learning. Beacons will spend about 10 minutes daily walking, jogging, and socializing following lunch. Students can track their growth individually or combine mileage with their classmates for a class or grade level total. Classes can pick a current destination or travel back in time to learn about the many destinations they have visited throughout the school year. Recent studies show regular exercise not only reduces obesity, but helps aide in mental health and attention. Please help us in supporting this initiative by encouraging your children to play outside on a regular consistent basis. Time to take in fresh air, exercise and network will help make time in our classrooms more focused and productive.

Welcome Grand Beacons!!! (Grandparents)

Grandparents, join us for breakfast and a school visit. Choose ONE day to attend this special event.

- Return this form with your payment to the school by Wednesday, August 28th to receive the required meal tickets.
- Clearly complete the form. Make out checks to **Beech Hill Elementary**.
- Photos will be taken and available for purchase.
- All visitors must present a valid ID (driver's license) which will be retained while they are on the school campus.
- Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee meals for guests who do not include payment with registration.
- Due to capacity and fairness, we must limit participation to **grandparents** and current **Beacons**.

_____ I plan to attend on Tuesday, September 3rd

_____ I plan to attend on Wednesday, September 4th

Number of Adult Grandparent Breakfast Tickets (@ \$3.00 each) _____ Total Cost for Grandparents _____
(This event is for current Beacons and their grandparents only.) - Please send in the exact amount, change back will not available.

Number of Beacon (student) Breakfast Tickets (@1.50 each) _____ Cost for Beacons _____
(All students eating breakfast must pay. Meals can not be charged to school lunch accounts.)

Total Number of Breakfast Tickets ordered. _____ Total Amount Due _____
(Payment must be included to be a complete registration and receive tickets for this event.)

Student (please print) Classroom Section Homeroom/Classroom Teacher

