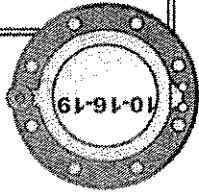


PEEK OF THE WEEK

Beech Hill Elementary ♦ *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 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), & DRAMA (technology and innovation)

At the Helm: For the Love of Herbert

I could hear it in her voice... even before I could understand her message. Ms. Fleming and I were together in my office. She turned and confirmed the same reaction, "That doesn't sound good." She raced in one direction and I took a different route. As I entered the playground, I was met by a deluge of fifth graders returning into the building. Their words and messages were garbled and anxious. Somewhere in the chaos, I heard, "Herbert is on the ground." When the line of sight was clear, I saw it, the source of Ms. Ingram's panic and heartbreak.

Thankfully, Herbert will be okay. That bright smile, warm heart and dazzling personality is still as vibrant and loving as ever. Following an amazing catch on the kickball field, Herbert fell to the ground and appeared motionless for a few moments. The details of his condition and/or medical status are not up for debate or public conversation. The bottom line or point of the illustration is that on a day like last Friday, when one of our children is in the midst of a serious challenge, my pride and level of gratefulness far exceeds that of the principal of a Blue Ribbon School or Palmnetto Gold Award winner. Mr. Gladis recognized the source of Herbert's illness and made sure he was safe. Nurse Bodkin rushed in quickly to survey the situation and advised us on the next steps. Ms. Williams cradled Herbert in her lap like a baby and refused to let go until she handed him over to the EMS workers. Ms. Whitaker led the organization of all of the children back into their classrooms. Mr. Clement worked to keep Herbert's sister who was also on the playground at the time of the incident calm. I never saw Ms. McClain moving so fast, while Mr. Helton's deliberate pace and countenance never seemed more somber and serious. And Ms. Ingram? She rode in the ambulance by Herbert's side. She and Ms. Williams were on the verge of a "rock, paper, scissors" competition for the coveted position. Ms. Williams offered to take Ms. Ingram's belongings to the hospital. She tricked me.

When Herbert was safely tucked in the ambulance, you could see a wave of relief roll across our faces. Mr. Gladis grabbed me and gave me a hug. I'm so glad he did, I was near collapse. We entered the building through the third grade hallway. It was like walking the Green Mile. Ms. Norman stood by her doorway quietly shaking her head. As we walked past teachers, I could see deep sadness and spirit of worry on the faces of our crew. Kamora tricked me too. Since I thought there was no one at her home, (there was) she and Sa'Darius went to the hospital with me. Deep down, I think she just wanted to see her brother's face and know for herself that he was okay. I sat in the hospital with the family. Herbert was in great spirits already using that beautiful personality to win favor with the medical staff. Just outside of Herbert's hospital room, there was a baby crying. The sound of the baby crying was pretty loud and occasionally made it difficult to hear each other or the television. I asked if the baby had crying for a long time. Herbert's mom said that she had. Then casually Herbert commented that he hadn't cried at all. I saw that sweet baby lying there with tubes attached. Then he added, "Except for that one time," his words caused me to pause and make him my focal point. Herbert hesitated for a second or two then continued, "When Ms. Ingram and Ms. Williams said, 'You know we love you, right?'"

Rene Wyatt Harris, Proud and Grateful Principal

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

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

Save the Dates • Important Events

*School Office Hours are now 6:45-3:45.

October
17 Ladies Who Lunch (Appreciation Day)
18 Shake and Shine (5th Grade)
18 District Staff Development Day (No School)
Parent Conferences

21 Red Ribbon Week
Picture Day (Make-up Day)
2nd Grade Testing
2nd Grade Testing

23 Lighthouse League Meetings 7:30-8:15
Early Release Day-11:00
Parent Conferences

24 2nd Grade Testing
Westward Expansion (5th Grade)
Partners in Education Breakfast (Adult Learning)

30 Report Cards Go Home
Terrific Kids 7:45 a.m. (Dream Lighthouse)
Growing Great Readers Celebration 8:30 a.m.
Ident-a-kid

31 Leadership Council Meeting
Storybook Character Day Parade 7:30 a.m.

November
6 WERD Clubs 7:30 a.m.
Early Release Day 11:00
School Improvement Council Meeting 5:30

7 School Improvement Council Meeting 5:30
Veterans Day Celebration 10:00-12:00
Kona Ice Spirit Day

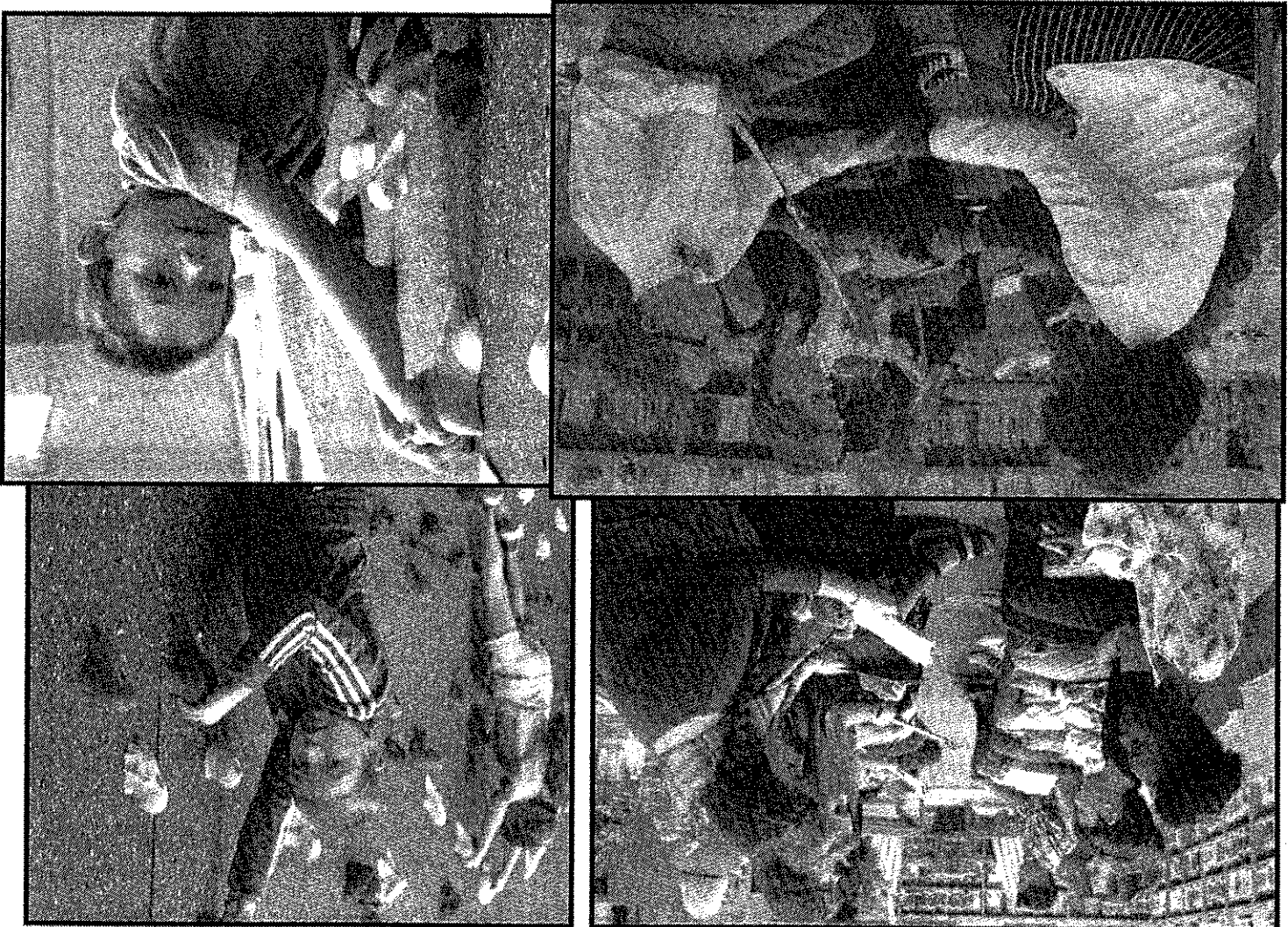
11 School Will Be in Session
Day of Caring (Thank you MUSC)
Welcome Juggling Artist-in-Residence

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October
17 Taco, black beans, Spanish rice, peach slices
21 Chicken parmesan, veggies, cantaloupe
22 Meatloaf, potatoes, corn, watermelons
23 Bag Lunches
24 Teriyaki chicken, fried rice, veggie blend, fruit
25 Pizza, lima beans, salad, peach

Lunch Menu

PEERKS of the Week



Veteran's Day Program and Luncheon Payment

Student Name(s) _____
 Homeroom(s) _____
 Teacher Name(s) _____
 Amount Enclosed: _____

Please use attached form for payment submission by Monday, November 4th, 2019.

Registration must be completed online. This form can be accessed through the BHS website under parents and students. Look for the link as well on our Facebook and Class Dojo!



Please scan the QR code to access the Veteran's Day Registration Form. This form needs to be submitted by Monday, November 4th in order to receive tickets for the Veteran's Day Program and Luncheon.

2019-2020 Veteran's Day Program and Luncheon

Bragging Beams ~ Points of Pride

2018 National Blue Ribbon School ~ Ranked 24th Among 640 South Carolina Elementary Schools, SchoolDigger.com 2019 Palmetto Gold Award 2018 & 2019 ~ Best Public School ~ Mom's Choice Award Lowcountry Parent Magazine 2014 ~ Palmetto's Finest ~ 2012 PBIS- Ribbon School ~ Red Carpet School ~ Federal Accountability Grades-A: 2012-2014 ~ Report Card Rating: Excellent 2018 & 2019
 9 National Board Certified Teachers, 19 Gifted & Talented Endorsed Teachers, Dollar General Grant: Jackie Leggette, Lowes or Educator Grants: Jackie Leggette, Jana Hooks, Paula Luciano & Kentrel Clement; **Donors Choose Grants:** May Frazier-Robinson, Margaret Day, Viki Fernandez, Haley Foster, Madison Hines (2), 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 Points

All school spirit wear ordered at the Back to School Sale has been delivered to the students' classes. If there is an issue with your order please contact the PTA at ptabeechhill@gmail.com. Thank you for your patience in supporting the PTA!

* We are excited to see the great group of approved volunteers for this school year. If you would like to be a volunteer at the Beech or even go on a field trip please complete the required volunteer forms. These forms can be found online at <https://www.ddtwo.org/Page/1214> or in your Beech Hill student handbook. If you do not have access to a printer, please email the PTA at ptabeechhill@gmail.com

A Message from Ms. MAL...Fall for Fantastic Books!

The month of October offers some very obvious reading inspiration: fall is in full swing and Halloween summons readers of all stripes to pick up books that lean toward a spooky side. Use the QR code below to challenge yourself in your reading for the rest of this month. Here is the QR Code for the October Reading Challenge.



Student Liaison

Congratulations to Serena Ngwane, Yongshan "Mondo" Tie, and Mason Knoppe for being named as Beech Hill's Student Liaisons for the 2019-2020 school year. These students will join other school representatives in meeting with Superintendent Pye to provide the students' perspective on district-level decision making ideas and plans. The first meeting was held on October 10th and our Beacons represented Beech Hill in bright and shining ways. The next meeting's agenda includes the selection of student devices for the district's one-to-one initiative.



Veterans Day Writing

Students do you have a special feeling about our flag? Why are you thankful to be an American? Write an essay telling why you are proud to live in the U.S.A. OR tell us about your favorite American Hero. Don't forget to explain why you name this person. Remember to use your best handwriting. Check your spelling and grammar and do your best. Writing entries must be received by October 25th. Give your final draft to your teacher by the deadline.



Kona Ice Spirit Day-Our next Spirit Day will be Friday, November 8th with icees on sale for \$2.00. No money will be delivered to students after the instructional day begins. Students must bring money in with them from home.

We appreciate your understanding as we protect instructional time and limit classroom disruptions.

"PTA Reflections" Time is Here

National PTA's Reflections program has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life. The theme for the 2019-2020 program year is *Look Within*. Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.

Student winners from the local level have the opportunity to move up through their district, region, council and state PTA programs to the national level. National Reflections Winners are announced in May and celebrated annually at National PTA's Convention & Expo in June. National PTA then collects and curates the traveling exhibit for the next year. To learn more, go to our school's website and click on the PTA page. There, you will find information about the categories and rules.

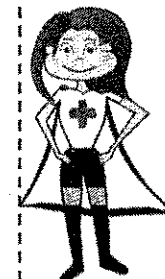
Storybook Character Day Details

The Storybook Character Day Parade will be held on the FRONT LOOP of the school, and will begin as soon as students are in place and will start around 7:30 a.m. Beacons in Pre-K-2nd grades will participate in the parade. Beacons in grades 3-5 will watch the parade. Parents should congregate on the INSIDE/grassy area of the loop. Students will form a viewing section on the outer ring of the loop. Parents will not be required to submit a driver's license to view the parade if they do not intend to enter the building.

Parents, as you plan for Autumn celebrations and make costume decisions, please be reminded that the Storybook Character Day has some specific guidelines. In order to be safe and ensure that instruction occurs with limited distractions, please follow the rules:

- No masks or head coverings (that obstruct view)
- No body paint or face make-up
- Costumes must be linked to a children's book and displayed with costume

Notes from Nurse Bodkin



Thank you to our awesome volunteers Peggy Helmick, Cheyenne Hills, Corinne Kane, Aaron Oberman, Lisa Mauch and Dawn Carter that helped with the Lions Club Screenings last week! You all are the best!

Don't Miss Out!
 DHEC is providing Flu vaccine for students- Date to be announced.

You must register online at <http://www.scdhec.gov/slvccconsent>, enter 11802021 as your validation code by October 25th. You can find this link on the Beech Hill website under Parent and Student tab and on the Beech Hill Facebook page.

Congratulations to Ms. Madison Hines a Channel Five Classroom Champion!

Ms. Hines was featured last week on Channel Five in an appeal for funding for her Donor's Choose Grant, "Let There Be Light!" Ms. Hines, a kindergarten teacher here at the Beech had requested money to secure a light-changing table for students in her classroom. We are pleased and grateful to report that Ms. Hines's grant was fully funded. We appreciate the parent and community donations which make additional resources available in our classrooms. If you want to make donations to other classrooms, check out your child's website, or contact Ms. Becca Malinowski at rmalinowski@dorchester2.k12.sc.us for more ideas on how to be involved.

Beacons See the Light...

Thanks to the Lions Club for another successful implementation of student eye screening. The process is a love offering from the community service organization to our school and is free of charge.

Thanks to their assistance, we were able to screen nearly 850 students and refer 50 of them for additional visits that may result in glasses and added support to improve their sight.

Bravo, Beacon Teachers

During this year's High School Annual Academic Awards Program, several of our teachers were recognized for their contribution in inspiring and motivating award recipients. These teachers are credited with making a difference in the lives of students who have performed at high academic levels. Congratulations and thank you notes are in order for the following Beacon teachers:

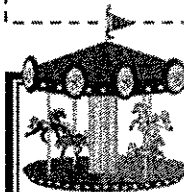
- Ms. Chrissy Fortner
- Mr. James Hearn
- Ms. Paula Luciano
- Ms. Tasha Priestler
- Ms. Shayne Whitaker

Ladies Who Lunch

This week is School Lunch Week and it's time to celebrate your cafeteria staff! Tomorrow, Thursday, October 17th is *National Food Service Recognition Day*. We encourage you to recognize and celebrate your school Food Service Staff. They work so hard to keep your school's lunch program the BEST for the students and staff! We will continue the tradition of *Ladies Who Lunch* by serving them.

Hey Chip and Joanna!

Parents and Beech Hill Boosters, we need your help. We are looking for ways to spruce up the place and have some big plans underway. In the coming weeks, look for our wish lists and "help wanted" notes for items and services we will need to bring our "Fixer Upper" dreams come true.



Counselors' Corner:

Tammy Masopust and James Helton

On Friday we were able to experience our annual Career Carousel. Presenters from a wide range of careers were able to speak to our students about the impact they make in our community. Some examples of participating organizations were the Dorchester County Emergency Management Department, East Cooper Community Outreach, Windwood Farms, Audobon and Water Missions International, among many others. Our students are learning the importance of caring for others and our surroundings to help positively impact the world around them. In *Doctor Marjold* Charles Dickens states, "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." Let's make a point to lighten the burdens of our classmates and neighbors today.

Career Carousel

We owe a huge "thank you" to our parents and guests who presented information during this year's Career Carousel. Students were excited to learn about a variety of career options and the impact these jobs have on our community and world.

We also want to thank Mr. James Helton, our school counselor for his work in organizing the event. You did an awesome job, Mr. Helton. Keep shining.

Terrific Kids for the Month of September-- Living Their Best Life

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| • McKenzie Myers | • Joseph Daniel Ocasek | • Molly O'Brien | • Olivia Kalisz |
| • Fiona Brown | • Isaac Elgin | • Lucas Dunlap | • Pacey Coyle |
| • Olivia Greggs | • Gabriel Chatman | • Tatiana Nazario | • Javion Gathers |
| • Kingston Cloyd | • Rowan Hess | • Sofia Malachowski | • Davis Duffner |
| • Tinsleigh Counterman | • Mason Deas | • Gabrielle Gonsalves | • Ryan Easterly |
| • Jasper Buffington | • Wyatt Moore | • Willis Rogers | • Caroline Creech |
| • Allyson Downer | • Averie Kisor | • Alexandria Franklin | • Claire Moore |
| • Scarlett Sweeney | • Xander Porter | • Paul Pierce | • Omario Austin |
| • Brantley Ballard | • Allison Miller | • Anderson Amente | • John Flaharty |
| • Brady Branham | • Annabelle Miller | • Greyson Kane | |
| • Tyler Galvan | • Hayden Owens | • Parris Hamilton | |
| • Kara Deering | • Sloan Price | • Chase Bailey | |