

## Faculty Information

3 Administrators  
1 Instructional Coach  
1 Literacy Specialist  
1 International Studies Teacher  
53 Teachers/60% with advanced degrees  
100% of teachers working on GT Endorsement  
7 Teachers with National Board certification  
11 Support Staff  
.75 STEAM lab coordinator  
1 Full-Time Interventionist  
824 Students  
**96% Teacher Attendance Rate**  
**96% Student Attendance Rate**  
Principal's years at school: 4

## Community Involvement

Extremely active Parent Teacher Association  
School Improvement Council (has had a strong literacy focus for the past two years)  
Student Council (2016-2021)  
8,000+ Volunteer Hours (2019-20)  
Riverside High School Teacher Cadets and Service Learning Students (2019-20)  
Bobcat Brain Busters tutoring program  
Kids Helping Kids holiday gift program  
Backpack Buddies weekend food program  
"3D Enrichment" program  
Pre-service Teachers: observations and shadowing experiences

## Honors and Recognition

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence  
Recipient:  
1989-1990

Palmetto Gold Award Recipient:  
2001-2006  
2008-2016

Overall Achievement Rating of Excellent:  
2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019

## Current SIC Projects

Our Current SIC team is comprised of school administrators, classroom teachers and other staff members, parents, community members, and business partners. Membership, which reflects our student demographics, changes annually.

Literacy initiative to engage all stakeholders in student success in reading and writing.

Increased collaboration with the PTA for monetary support of classroom activities

2020 Applicant for the Riley Award for Excellence in SIC

Bobcat Boulder

## Requests and Grants

Multiple Grants Awarded (PTA Mini Grants, Donor's Choose, Community Grants, etc.) for the following:

Alternative seating options, books, magazine subscriptions, class sets of white boards, soft skill board games, Coding, Robotics and Osmos, Printmaking Materials, STEM/STEAM activities and supplies, Listening center materials

# Report to the Community

**2020-2021**



"Someplace Special"

"We're building a better world,  
one student at a time."

Dave Burgess, Principal  
Kristen McFadden, Asst. Principal  
Lisa Gilliard, Asst. Principal  
Lauren Baker, Instructional Coach

Michelle Willis,  
SIC Chairperson

Melissa Bache,  
PTA President

## Total Quality Education

The **vision** of Buena Vista Elementary School is to offer a challenging, progressive, character-building, common core curriculum that enables students to become self-directed learners. We envision students who have a well-developed self-esteem and are open-minded. Our students will become creative problem solvers and independent thinkers who are prepared for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The **mission** of Buena Vista Elementary School is to educate students while supporting them socially and emotionally as they develop into responsible 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### Our Character Traits:

Character, Citizenship, Cooperation, Respect, and Responsibility

Visit the State Department of Education website to view the South Carolina School Report Card for Buena Vista in its entirety:

<https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eTOyMDE4JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MjMwMTA5Mw>

To view the Curriculum Standards:  
<https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/>

Additional Information is also available on the Buena Vista Website:  
<https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/bvista/>

## 2019 Results: SC Ready/ PASS

The **SC-Ready** is our state assessment in Reading, Writing, and Math for grades 3-5  
The **SC-Pass** is our state assessment in Science (gr 4) and Social Studies (gr 5)

### Academic Excellence:

English/Language Arts: Met/Exemplary: 75%

Mathematics: Met/Exemplary: 79%

Science: Met/Exemplary: 76%

Social Studies: Met/Exemplary: 86%

## Technology

- 1:1 Chromebook (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Personalized Learning Initiative in cooperation with Discovery Learning
- Every teacher has an iPad and laptop
- iPad cart for checkout (30)
- 1 Chrome Book Cart for checkout (30)
- All classrooms have interactive Promethean Boards
- 2 Virtual/Distance Learning Labs
- 1 STEAM lab
- Multiple 3-D printers shared by teachers for student and classroom creations using Tinker Cad.
- Our school underwent GCS's technology Refresh in the fall of 2019

## Academic Goals

Our academic goals remain the same each year. The staff strives to enable all students to master the South Carolina State Standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The results of our most recent state assessments rank our school as one of the district's and state's top elementary schools in English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies and Mathematics.

Our goals for the SC Ready state assessments in grades 3-5 call for the percentage of students Meeting/Exceeding expectations on **math** will increase from 79% to 82% and for the percentage of students Meeting/Exceeding expectations on **English language arts** to increase from 75% to 78%.

In an effort to enhance our ELA instruction and student achievement and to motivate us as readers, our SIC has lead an initiative to focus efforts from all stakeholders on building a stronger community of literacy. Pieces of this initiative included a book drive to provide books for our Backpack Buddies program, a family and community online book club sponsored by one of our teachers, a social media campaign linked to #for the love of reading, a March Madness book competition at all grade levels, early learning materials provided for incoming K5 students by our SIC, participation in the Battle of the Books sponsored by our Media Specialist and our Literacy Specialist. As part of this initiative, the administration of the school has proactively supplemented our classroom libraries and our literacy instructional resources. Professional Development in balanced literacy has also been a school-wide focus this year.