Berry Shoals Intermediate School Receives Palmetto Gold & Palmetto Silver Award

Congratulations to Berry Shoals Intermediate School. As a result of our Absolute Performance Rating of Excellent on the School Report Card, our school received the Palmetto Gold Award for High Academic Achievement. As a result of our receiving an Excellent Improvement Rating on our school report card, Berry Shoals also received the Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap. This award is presented to schools that have students from a historically underachieving subgroup make significant gains on the PASS Test. This is the 3rd year in a row that our school has been recognized as a Palmetto Gold Winner and the 2nd year in a row that our school has received the Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap.

Calendar of Events

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Congratulations to the BRSH 2012-2013 Employees of the Year!

Melinda Duckett was selected as the 2012-2013 Berry Shoals Teacher of the Year. Ms. Duckett is currently teaching 5th Social Studies and Writing on Dewberry Hall.

Geannie Gilpin was selected as the 2012-2013 Support Employee of the Year. Ms. Gilpin is currently serving as the Technology Coordinator for Berry Shoals Intermediate School and River Ridge Elementary.

Ms. Duckett and Ms. Gilpin serve as excellent examples of the high level of teaching and the genuine commitment to service that is the hallmark of the staff at Berry Shoals. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the newest inductees to the Berry Shoals Intermediate School Jr. Beta Club

Fifth Grade:
Parker Elmore
Chris Elston
Caroline Emerson
Chase Ehrtridge
Nathan Everette
Aurelia Fendley
Connor Gaffney
Annelise Gentry
Katelyn Gilbert
Chloe Godinez
Kaylee Gray
Grace Greer
Robert Gregory
Maddyn Harris
Jared Hawkins
Samuel Heidenreich
Ryan Henderson
Nashon Henry
Claire Her
Haeven Hill
Katherine Hill
Keller Hudson
Arden Huggins
Neil Hughes
Warren James
Laurynn Jeter
Hunter Kelly
Isabella Knight
Lauren Lee
Lucy Lester
Claire Levasseur
Rebecca Lewis
Seeley Lines
Savannah Lipford
Caleb Mason
Anna Kate McAlister
William McDonald
Hannah Melton
Jalen Miller
Wesley Mitchell
Jordan Moody
Emily Moorhouse
Kobe Moss
Rachel Nelson
Chris Nixon
Audrey Nguyen
Kylee Orr
Ethan Pack
Bobby Peake
Christopher Price
Lauray Pyor
Bailey Reeves
Hailey Rinella
Austin Roach
Angela Rogers
Angelica Rogers
Ricci Rodgers
Belle Roper
Johnathon Scutt
Sarah Shaw
Jada Smith
Jason Smith
Katherine Spurling
Jordan Starks
Zabrina Tollison
Harrison Tuck
Travis Tuten
Matthew Uldrick

Sixth Grade:
Jacob Abrams
Niya Cheeks
Garrett Cieluch
Abagail Eassa
Kathryn Enabore
Lynze Gosnell
Breanna Griffith
Aidan Herne
Ontario Jones
David King
Beth Lamb
Julianne Lehtonen
Ashley Lose
Isaiah Parker
Kristopher Posey
Kayla Ray
Ashton Rogers
Mateo Segura-Garcés
Shemyia Smith
Nicholas Swinney
Sarah Taylor
Celia Wood
Hall News

Blueberry Buzz
Oh, the Places We Went in Fifth Grade
Blueberry Hall began our year with a salute to Dr. Seuss by selecting as our theme his book, *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!* Throughout the year, we have studied American history, mathematics, science, and read of places near and far. Using the literature of Dr. Seuss, we have analyzed his writing style and discovered our own voices. We have written short stories, poetry, and showcased our talents in music, art and drama. In March, we continued to study Dr. Seuss by watching *The Lorax* at the theater.

Blueberries are also culminating our yearlong Service Learning Project: Sew Warm on April 11th. During the year, students have been stitching warmth for local families by creating quilts and blankets. They have studied the importance of quilting by reading literature, poetry, and history. Using Mrs. Greene’s sewing machine, the students have participated in every stage of the quilting process. In addition, students designed a quilt to illustrate their own unique personalities and talents.

On April 11th, Blueberry students and teachers will visit the Middle Tyger Community Center to present our Sew Warm creations to the staff. Our tour of the MTCC will provide an awareness of the many programs provided for District Five families. Afterwards, students will enjoy a lunch at Pizza Inn to celebrate the completion of our yearlong project.

Blueberry students also completed their family tree research and presented their work using PowerPoint. Dewberry Hall had 100% participation in the school Science Fair. Very competitive projects in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and General Science were submitted. Dewberry Hall had the following project winners: Savannah Lipford, Catherine Jumper, Allyson Rimel, Elaine Bessinger, Bailey Reeves and Spencer Arts. Well done Dewberries!

Cranberry Hall
Cranberry Hall has been continuing our service learning project by collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We are proud to say that we have collected 94,000 pop tabs! We are excited to see how many more thousands of pop tabs we can collect this year. We are also very excited about our upcoming field trip on March 30th. We are going to see the movie *The Lorax*, and we will be eating lunch at Fudruckers.

Raspberry Hall
Raspberry Hall is proud to be the home of Terrific Kid of the Year, Noah Barnes. This young man is a shining example of what being a Terrific Kid is all about, and we congratulate him on earning this great honor!

On Friday, March 30th, Raspberry Hall will be taking their field trip to the South Carolina Aquarium, and the Sonoco Recycling Center. We will leave the school promptly at 6:30, and be returning around 8:30. More details will go home with the students the week of the trip.

Raspberry Hall would also like to thank Blueberry Hall students for their great comments on the animal projects lining the hall! There were a lot of great evaluations posted to the projects. We look forward to seeing YOUR animal projects on the sixth grade halls next year!

Loganberry Hall
Loganberries are studying probability, geometry, plant growth/ reproduction, and feudal societies. Students continue to refine their reading preferences as they select and respond to various types of text.

Students are participating in our ongoing service
learning project to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. They are collecting and donating tabs from aluminum cans.

On March 2, we took our taste buds on a trip around the world. We enjoyed mixing and sampling the famous, but bitter, Beverly and over sixty other varieties of drinks at The World of Coke in Atlanta, Georgia. The animated video tour of life inside a vending machine and 4-D theater were popular stops as well. Our field trip included spending several hours at The Atlanta Aquarium where we petted a shark, tickled a stingray, and enjoyed the playfulness of Beluga whales. Students recorded facts as they toured both fresh and marine water environments. We also attended the new Dolphin Tales Show and Gallery. It incorporated trained dolphins, live human actors, music, and special light effects. What a fantastic learning event! Students will place this exciting trip among their most valuable memoirs for a lifetime.

Strawberry Hall
Strawberry Hall students and teachers took a field trip on March 15 to Charlotte, NC, where they toured an exhibit called “Mummies of the World” at Discovery Place. This traveling exhibit, the largest collection of mummies ever offered to museums in the southern United States, included artifacts more than 6500 years old. Students also enjoyed a captivating IMAX film titled Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs. Then they took a behind-the-scenes tour of the Carolina Panthers stadium, visiting many sections which are usually closed to football fans, including VIP suites, press rooms, and locker rooms.

Karis Adam- 2012 Berry Shoals Spelling Bee Winner

SPELLING BEE HALL WINNERS
Karis Adam a 5th grader from the Dewberry Hall.
Lauren Lee a 5th grader from the Blueberry Hall.
Kalika Bridwell a 5th grader from the Cranberry Hall.
RJ Harris a 6th grader from the Raspberry Hall.
Morgan Arts a 6th grader from the Loganberry Hall.
Nikki Jackson a 6th grader from the Strawberry Hall.
Berry Shoals began its tenth school year promoting student academic achievement as its primary mission. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and faculty! The mission of Berry Shoals Intermediate School, in partnership with home and community, is to provide quality learning experiences that will encourage student success in a safe and positive learning environment.

Academically, the emphasis during the 2010-2011 school year was placed on writing and editing our Learning Focus Units that are used to guide our instruction. Berry Shoals has seen five years of continued academic improvement in all grade levels and subjects. This academic improvement is directly related to the continued efforts of our faculty and staff to improve not only the instructional content, but in how it is delivered to our students. As a result of the hard work, Berry Shoals received an Absolute Rating of Excellent on the 2010-2011 School Report Card. As a result of our rating, we also received the Palmetto Gold Award for Academic Excellence. We are very proud of all the hard work and effort of our students and teachers as we continue to improve our teaching and learning.

2010-2011 School Improvement Council Members

Tina Cantrell Elected Teacher (Chair)  Tommy Brooks Appointed Community
Alicia Wallwork Elected Teacher  Michael Powell Ex Officio Officer
Crystal Sheppard Elected Parent—6th Grade  Lisa Wallis Ex-Officio Officer
Melissa King Elected Parent—5th Grade

Beliefs:

We believe that:

- All persons should be respectful
- Attitude makes a difference
- Learning occurs best in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment
- Quality education is a shared responsibility
- Self motivation is essential
Listed below is a summary of the 2010-2011 Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) results for fifth and sixth grade students at Berry Shoals.

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School Awards and Recognition
- Berry Shoals received an **Excellent Performance Rating** on the SC School Report Card for PASS Test results in 2010-2011.
- Berry Shoals received an **Excellent Improvement Rating** on the SC School Report Card. This is the second time that Berry Shoals has ever received and Excellent Rating in Improvement.
- Berry Shoals received the **Palmetto Gold Award** for High Academic Achievement.
- Berry Shoals received the **Palmetto Silver Award** for Closing the Achievement Gap.
- Kim Everton was named Berry Shoals Teacher of the Year.
- Flo Wingo was named Berry Shoals Support Employee of the Year.
- Berry Shoals Orchestra received a Superior Rating at Concert Festival.
- Berry Shoals Honor Band received an Superior Rating at Concert Festival.
- Band and Orchestra students received Excellent and Superior Ratings at the Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- Berry Shoals students participated in 6 service learning projects, a teacher service learning project, as well as a school-wide service project, raising over $29,000 in charitable donations.

Student Awards and Recognition
- Lauren Gohs won the 2010-11 Spelling Bee.
- Alex Faulkner was the 2010-11 School and District SC State Superintendents Writing Award Winner.
- Sadie Wheeler was named the 2010-11 Terrific Kid of the Year.
- Caroline Quillen was the 2010-11 Governors Citizenship Award Winner.

PTO Highlights—The Berry Shoals PTO
- Sponsored Christmas for students through the District Five Family Ministries.
- Sponsored the student Swim Days at the YMCA, contributing to the fitness of our students.
- Assisted students with field trip scholarships.
- Purchased over $5,000.00 of classroom technology including web cameras, Pads and IRS Systems.
- Sponsored numerous popcorn and snow cone reward days for students meeting academic and social goals.
Berry Idol
The annual Berry Idol show will be held in the school cafeteria on Thursday, March 29, at 6 PM. This fund raiser for The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life showcases student talent. Come out to see our talented students perform in song and dance. This is sponsored by “Bee-Cause We Care,” our school’s Relay for Life team.

Relay for Life Kids’ Walk
Our school’s annual Relay for Life Kids’ Walk is Wednesday, May 16. This is held each year at the Florence Chapel Middle School athletic field to celebrate cancer survivors and remember those who fought hard against this disease. If you or someone you know is a cancer survivor, the “Bee-Cause We Care” Relay for Life team wants to honor you or them at the Kids’ Walk. If interested in learning more, please contact Gina Miller at 864-949-2300.

ART
Haeven Hill, Angelica Rogers, Claire Her, Maria Henry, and Niya Cheeks received special recognition for their artistic talents by having their artworks included in the Spartanburg County Youth Art Month Exhibit at the Chapman Cultural Center. Artworks by students from all seven Spartanburg County school districts were included in this exhibit, and an opening reception was held for the student artists and their families on the evening of March 12th. Their artworks are on display until April 8th.

DRAMA
In February of 2012, the Drama classes performed the play, “There Was Nothing Civil About It!” It compared the lives of Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee, their backgrounds, early boyhoods, the effects that the Civil War had on their soldiers, and those affected by the war. The next play, written by Mrs. Stenhouse, will be about the boys of the Civil War. Many young boys, as young as ten, served as Drummer Boys. Their drum beats helped soldiers march, rallied them to attack, and sent messages from one unit to another. The boys thought that war would be an exciting adventure. They soon learned the grim realities of horrible injuries and deaths that happened because of war. They also learned that food, supplies, uniforms, and medicine, were scarce. The actors hope to portray the many feelings these boys might have had in their service during the Civil War.

BAND
Congratulations to Jake Brown & Riley Kennedy for being selected to participate in the SC Band Directors Association Region 1 Honor Band. Jake Brown placed 3rd chair Bassoon and Riley Kennedy placed 1st Alternate Baritone Saxophone.

ORCHESTRA
Congratulations to the Berry Shoals 6th Grade Orchestra. The orchestra performed at the South Carolina Orchestra Directors Association Concert Festival at Chapman High School on March 14, 2012. The orchestra performed in front of a panel of judges and was awarded an Excellent Rating. Well done!

The 5th and 6th grade orchestras performed in the District Five Strings Showcase. The Berry Shoals orchestras combined with the orchestras from Beech Springs Intermediate to demonstrate their musical talents and abilities. All District Five orchestras from grades 5 -12 were showcased at the event that was held in the gym at Byrnes High School.

The 5th grade orchestra was able to travel to Converse College on March 23, 2012 to see a concert that was performed by the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert was held in Twitchell Auditorium where the students were able see and hear a professional full orchestra in concert.
SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!

The Berry Shoals 2012 Science Fair was a great success this year. We had a total of 251 projects enter the fair. 77 projects advanced to the school level competition.

The school winners had the opportunity to compete at the Regional Science Fair at USC Upstate on February 22nd.

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School Science Fair Winners

Region Science Fair Winners

Kalika Bridwell- Middle School Science Chemistry Honorable Mention
Elaine Bessinger- Middle School General Science 3rd Place, Association for Women Geoscientists & National Audobon Society Award.
From Your Guidance Counselors:
Dr. Kitts & Mrs. Edwards

The following students have been named a Terrific Kid for each of their homerooms for the Second Nine Weeks:

6th Grade:
Keverly Kelly, Zack Jett, Austin Smith, Matthew Palmer, Catherine Moorhouse, Mitchell Hall, Noah Barnes, Taylor Manley, Olivia Vega, Brandon Smith, Cole Botkin, RJ Harris

5th Grade:
Victoria White, Elaine Bessinger, Seneeda Vann, Khori Dowdle, Trent Burney, Kameron Jenkins, Alec Neal, Joey Wrinkle, Nathan Everette, Grace Greer, Claire Herr, Megan Blake

The following students have been named a Terrific Kid for each of their homerooms for the Third Nine Weeks:

6th Grade:
Daniel King, Brittany Belcher, Emily Everton, Chris Moore, Keanna Moses, Meg Gurley, Jasie Springs, Alaina Freeman, Kassidy Hodges, Destiny Boone, Emariely Umana, and Keren Martinez

5th Grade:
Valery Reyes, Leann Lowery, Braeden Cox, Jesse Johnson, Daisy Cruz-Munoz, Rachel Nelson, Audrey Nguyen, Rustin Waddell, Caroline Emerson, Danny Hernandez, Katie Hill, and Zach Smith

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding accomplishment! To be nominated for Terrific Kid, students must be thoughtful, enthusiastic, respectful, responsible, influential, friendly, impeccable, and caring. These students have shown this all year and are very deserving of this honor.

We also would like to congratulate our Terrific Kid for the 2011-2012 Year, Noah Barnes. Noah was selected to be Terrific Kid Of The Year due to his outstanding influential character. Noah is a straight ‘A’ student who is kind, respectful, and willing to help out where needed. Congratulations, Noah!
News from the Berry Shoals Library Media Center  
Mrs. Cantrell – School Library Media Specialist

The Berry Shoals Library Media Center hums with the activities of our Berry Shoals Community. First of all, our students have been busy researching and sharing their research using Web 2.0 tools such as blogs and wikis. Students completed their research using print resources, aka books and magazines, and digital resources such as DISCUS, and the free web. They developed search strategies using Sweet Search, a search engine for students that uses Web sites that a staff of research experts, librarians, and teachers have evaluated and approved. Students in sixth grade created wikis about different plant topics and fifth graders blogged about American history. These challenging research projects meet all of our standards in Language Arts as well as specific content area standards.

Our Berry Shoals students have been busy reading this year. For more ideas on what to read next, check out the media center website at https://sites.google.com/a/spart5.info/berry-shoals-library/. Currently, our top ten most frequently checked out books are:

- *Love, Aubrey* by Suzanne M. LaFleur
- *Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Soul Surfer: a true story of faith, family, and fighting to get back on the board* by Bethany Hamilton
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* by Jeff Kinney
- *January's Sparrow* by Patricia Polacco
- *100 Days and 99 Nights* by Alan Madison
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* by Jeff Kinney
- *11 Birthdays* by Wendy Mass
- *Everything for a Dog* by Ann M. Martin
- *The Last Olympian* by Rick Riordan

Berry Shoals students participated in the Six Flags Read to Succeed program and the Greenville Drive Reading All Stars. Seventy-four students earned Six Flags tickets, and forty eight earned Greenville Drive tickets. Congratulations to all of these readers.

Our South Carolina Children’s Book Award committee, consisting of Berry Shoals students, read from five to twenty or more book nominees and voted on their favorite. The committee consisted of Lauren Lee, Claire Her, Caroline Emerson, Savannah Lipford, Ryan Herzberg, Anna Kate McAlister, Anna Constantine, Caroline Hopkins, Meg Gurley, Noah Barnes, Josiah Mort, Cameron Hall, Zeke Galloway, Jake Brown, Emily Everton, E'Licia Walker, Mia Hannu, Addy Rossenberger, Kassie Rimel, and Keanna Moses. *Love, Aubrey* by Suzanne M. LaFleur and *The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan tied for first place at Berry Shoals. Their selections were incorporated with other students in the state and the overall winner for the South Carolina Children’s book Award went to *11 Birthdays* by Wendy Mass. I would like to thank my committee of Children’s Book Award readers for the time that they spent reading and reflecting on their favorites.

Come join us in April for our Spring Book Fair. It begins on April 16 and runs through 9:00 AM on Friday, April 20. On Tuesday, we will have Doughnuts for Dad from 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM On Wednesday, we will have Muffins for Mom from 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM, and on Thursday, we will have Grits for Grandparents from 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM. Check out the BRSH Library Media Web Site for exact times and to preview book fair titles: https://sites.google.com/a/spart5.info/berry-shoals-library/

This year we will partner with the Spartanburg County Public Library for our Summer Reading. I will send all of the information in May. We also have tentative plans to open our school library this summer. I will post and send the schedule as soon as possible. I have enjoyed working with our students this year as both a teacher and a school librarian.

Thank you, and Read On!