

Bethel Elementary School

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“The smiles on student faces readily communicate that Bethel is a very special place – a place where everyone embraces a unifying vision of success.”

*Dr. Paula C. Ely, Principal
Susan Skelton, Assistant Principal*



Grades:

5K - 5th Grade

Enrollment:

978

School Location:

Between Highways 417 and 385, one mile east of I-385, off Bethel Road

Principal:

Dr. Paula C. Ely

School Colors:

Red and White

School Mascot:

Cardinal

School Theme:

“Constructing American Authors”



Outstanding Features/Programs

Artist-in-Residence Program
Author Visit
Bethel Broadcasting System
Bethel Buddies
Book Publishing Center
Character Builders
Camp Invention
Character Education Program
Challenge Program (Gifted and Talented)
Computer Network
Construction Pals
Daily Cardinal News TV Broadcast
Greenhouse
In-House Video Productions
Multiage Classes (Primary; Intermediate)
Portable Computer Center (Serves 30)
Project Approach in a Multiage Classroom
Recess Mileage Club
Recycling Program
School-wide Writing Days
Science On Wheels
Scientist-in-Residence
Student Council
Student-led Conferences (Multiage)
Summer Program in ELA and Math
Website

Achievements/Awards

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence,
SC Palmetto Gold Award, Student Council Association
Honor Council Excellence Award, National School
Public Relations Association Reward for Excellence,
Most Unique PTA Membership Campaign Award, PTA
Gold Leaf Award Winner, PTA Volunteer Program of
the Year Award, Red Ribbon Parade Banner Award,
Alliance for Quality Education Grants, Learn and
Serve America Grants, School-to-Work Grants, Wild-
life/Forestry Grants.

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Student Achievement

The Iowa Tests (ITBS)

Students Scoring At/Above 50th National Percentile
2002-03 76%

Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT)

Students Scoring Basic and Above

English	2001	2002	2003
Grade 3	89.0	93.2	91.2
Grade 4	93.2	91.0	90.0
Grade 5	91.3	92.6	79.7

Math	2001	2002	2003
Grade 3	89.5	83.7	92.6
Grade 4	86.4	87.7	90.5
Grade 5	80.6	90.5	87.7

Student Attendance

2002-03 97.5%

Extracurricular Activities

Art Club
Bethel Cardinal Chorus
Chess Buddies (Beginners/Experienced)
Contests: Art, Music, Spelling, Writing
Fitness Club
Planet Protectors Ecology Club
Reflections
Safety Patrol
Science Fair
Scrabble Club
Student Council

School Facilities

Renovated Facility - 107,000 sq. ft.
Age-Appropriate Playground Equipment
Automated Media Center
Butterfly Garden
Cafetorium
Computer Lab/Networked Facility
Fitness Track
Greenhouse
Multi-purpose Room
Outdoor Classrooms
Science Lab

Elementary Schools

Faculty Profile

2 Administrators
58 FTE Teachers
27 FTE Support Staff
55.2 % Teachers with Master's Degree or Above
96.6 % Teacher Attendance

Community Involvement

2003-04 Parent/Teacher Association President:

Mrs. Jane Cochrane, President
Membership – 100% (2003-04)

Bethel Bulletin Newsletter
Bethel Picnic
Business/Education Partnerships
Monthly Calendar News
Coffee with the Principal
Colonial Day with Camp Greenville
Cultural Arts Celebration
Family Dances
Family Literacy Night (K)
Field Day
Field Trips: Greenville Area (K/1); Upstate, S.C. (2);
Columbia (3) Charleston (4); Washington, D.C. (5)
Fireside Chats with the Principal
I'm Thumbody Program
Junior Achievement
"Just Say No"
Kids on the Block
Lunch-n-Learn (Guidance)
Meet the Teacher" Night
National Week
New Parent Coffee
Open House
Red Ribbon Week
School Improvement Council
SEEDS Program
Service Learning Program
Skate Nights
Spring Carnival
Student Council Community Projects
Sunshine Math
Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
Technology Fair
Volunteer Program
Weekly Newspaper Column
"Write Night"



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