

## We are BR

Blue Ridge Middle School provides a variety of extracurricular activities & highly competitive athletic programs:

Volleyball	Softball	Girls Soccer	Tennis
Boys Basketball	Baseball	Wrestling	Track
Girls Basketball	Boys Soccer	Football	Cross Country
VEX Robotics	Science Enrichment	Math Counts	Drama Program

### SIC Members 2018-2019

Karen Bullard—Principal  
 Don Kauffman—Assistant Principal  
 Dr. Marshal—Community Member  
 Jim Barbare—Community Member  
 Beverly Willbanks—Community Member  
 Donna Burgess—Teacher  
 JoHanna Joines—Teacher  
 Donna Odom—Teacher  
 Pauline Nichol—Parent  
 Jimmy Vereen—Parent  
 Leah Humphries—Parent



Blue Ridge Middle School is a sixth, seventh, and eighth grade school located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina. As part of the Greenville County School District, Blue Ridge Middle has the largest geographical attendance area, currently serving 993 students. BRMS has 91 employees which include 59 full-time teachers, 4 administrators and 3 school counselors, plus support staff.

BRMS also offers Gifted and Talented courses for our students in the Challenge Program through Language Arts and advanced Math placement.

Blue Ridge Middle School provides opportunities for students to take courses that offer high school credit Carnegie Units:

Onsite	Algebra 1 Honors	English 1 Honors	Art 1	Geometry 1 Honors
Virtual	Graphic Design	Personal Finance	PE1	Computer Science Discoveries
				Google & Multimedia Basics

We also offer a wide variety of Related Arts classes to help ignite an interest of learning in non-traditional classroom settings.

Band	Strings	PE
GTT	Creative Writing	Health
Art	Chorus	Yearbook
Skill Building	Service Learning	Release Time

# Blue Ridge Middle School

We are BR, where positive attitudes and understanding hearts make a great school community!



S.I.C.  
 Report To The Community  
 2019-2020

## School Improvement Council

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. SIC plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve their local schools.

## S.I.C. Goals

1. Raising Academic Performance:
  - Advisor Program for the bottom 20% of students according to academic performance.
  - Focus on ELL Student Population
2. Safe, Responsible and Respectful School Environment:
  - Positive Behavior Intervention Supports—ROAR (Responsibility, Organization, Attitude and Respect)
  - Whole School Read Program
3. Engaging Community and Stakeholders in the School Environment.
  - SIC Sponsored Mentor Luncheon
  - Mentor Tips for Conversation and Activity

We are BR! Hear us ROAR!

Respect  
Organization  
Attitude  
Responsibility

## BRMS Mentor Program

During the 2019-2020 BRMS has been able to provided 60 mentors for students who need a positive role model or a trusted adult in their life. These mentors range from professionals who take their lunch to meet with students to college aged students who spend time talking with mentees to encourage and motivate. This program has provides kind voices and willing attitudes in the life of many students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to feel valued and important.

## Iron Giraffe Challenge

As part of our Whole School Read students were asked to participate in an effort to raise money to build a well in Africa. Through the sale of bottles of water we were able to raise \$1100 that was donated to "Water for South Sudan" through their Iron Giraffe Challenge. During this time our students were encouraged to remember how easy is it to get water in America and how that reality is not always true for many students around the world. This was our first attempt at a Whole School Reading Program, but it will definitely not be our last.

## School Achievements

**Girls Basketball**—Undefeated Region Champs

**Performing Art**—Awards include Excellent and Superior Ratings at State Adjudication

**VEX Robotics**—Team awards at competition include: Tournament Champions, Energy Award , Skills Champion, Upstate Qualifier and World Qualifier

**#BRMSCares**—Students at BRMS participated in:

- Planting Trees
- Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive
- Operation Christmas Child
- Water for South Sudan



## A Long Walk to Water

Students at BRMS have been challenged to move beyond the walls of our school and the confines of our community. One way this has taken place is through our Whole School Read, *A Long Walk to Water*. This book has provided our students with a glimpse into the life of a Sudanese "Lost Boy" and has given students an idea of what it is like to have to walk long distances just for water. Many of our students had no idea that such events happened and it has opened their eyes to understand the world around them. As a culminating activity the school sold bottled water and all proceeds went to build a well in Africa.

