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School Mission/Vision

Our Mission

The Mission of Bolden Elementary Middle School is to develop a growth mindset that inspires curiosity and a love of learning in all students.

Our Vision

The Vision of Bolden Elementary Middle School is to Educate Every Student, Every Day, Everywhere.

Our Collective Commitment

Demonstrate a personal commitment to the academic success and general well-being of each student

Educate students to be respectful, responsible and ready to learn

Work together, interdependently, in collaborative teams

Develop critical and creative thinking skills through complex and rigorous tasks

Foster independent, self-directed learning skills

About Our School

Background Information: Charles F. Bolden Elementary/Middle School is located on Laurel Bay, near the coastal city of Beaufort, South Carolina. We provide services for approximately 300+ children in third through eighth grade. Our school belongs to the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) as part of the DoDEA Americas Southeast District.

All DoD schools operate under the same Community Strategic Plan. Parents are an integral component of this plan to implement and expand School Improvement Initiatives (SIP) and School/Home Partnership activities.

Our objective in delivering educational services to our students is to provide a high quality program so that each child can become a life-long learner able to achieve success in a global community.

We invite you to visit our school and meet our outstanding teachers and staff.



Our Namesake - MajGen Charles F. Bolden, Jr.

Major General, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)
12th NASA Administrator
Founder & CEO Emeritus, The Charles F. Bolden Group

First as a Marine Corps Major General and then as NASA Administrator, Charles F. Bolden Jr. has dedicated his life to the service of the United States, working to secure our nation's security, prosperity, and guiding efforts to explore our universe and better understand our fragile planet. In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Bolden to be the 12th NASA Administrator, making him only the second astronaut to hold that position. While heading NASA, Bolden oversaw the transition from the space shuttle system to a new era of exploration, fully focused on the International Space Station (ISS) and aeronautics technology development. Bolden led the development of the Space Launch System and the Orion Crew Capsule. Bolden also oversaw the shift toward commercial space initiatives handling resupply of the ISS. He created NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate, responsible for developing the technology that will make future exploration missions successful. Bolden's tenure included the triumph of the Mars Curiosity Rover landing, the success of the Juno mission that is helping us

understand the planet Jupiter more completely, increasing the number of satellites tasked with Earth observation tasks, and continuing progress toward the December 2021 launch of the James Webb Space Telescope. Not forgetting that the first "A" in NASA stands for Aeronautics, Bolden also focused his attention on NASA's aeronautics programs and the agency's goal of developing airplanes that can travel faster, farther, quieter and greener than ever before. During his career as a NASA astronaut, Bolden flew on four space shuttle missions, logging over 680 hours in space. He piloted Space Shuttle Columbia in 1986 (STS-61C) and Space Shuttle Discovery in 1990 (STS-31) – the mission that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope. He also served as Mission Commander on Space Shuttle Atlantis in 1992 (STS-45), and Space Shuttle Discovery in 1994 (STS-60). Bolden also served as Chief of NASA's Safety Division at the Johnson Space Center in the wake of the 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger disaster. Bolden also had a long and distinguished military career. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Bolden flew over 100 combat missions during the Vietnam War. He later served as a test pilot for the Naval Air Test Center's Systems Engineering and Strike Aircraft Test Directorates. After completing his service as an astronaut in 1994, he served as the Assistant Commandant of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy, and in 1998 as the Commanding General of the Marine expeditionary force attached to Operation Desert Thunder in Kuwait. He last

served as Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California, prior to his retirement from the Marine Corps.

Bolden holds a Master of Science Degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. His past honors include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, three NASA Exceptional Service Medals and four NASA Space Flight Medals. He received the Rotary National Space Trophy in 2014, the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy in 2020 and holds Honorary Doctorate degrees from numerous institutions of higher education. He was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2006 and the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2016. He served as a U.S. Department of State Science Envoy for Space from 2018-2019. Bolden is married to the former Alexis Walker of Columbia, SC. They have two children, A. Ché Bolden, Colonel, USMC (Ret.), Dr. Kelly Bolden, MD, and four grandchildren – granddaughters Mikaley, Kyra and Talia and grandson Walker Elias. He serves today as the Founder and CEO Emeritus of The Charles F. Bolden Group LLC, a veteran-owned small business specializing in space/aerospace exploration, national security, leadership, education (STEM+AD) and health initiatives.

School Goals

Organizational

Bolden Elementary Middle School will increase from 20% very evident in SY 20-21 to 33% very evident in SY 23-24 on Stage 5, Indicator B, as measured on the Focused Collaboration Observation Tool.

Mathematics

The percent of BEMS students performing at meets or exceeds expectations for Subclaim 4: Written Expression, as measured by the CCRS Summative Assessment, will increase from 55% in SY 20-21 to 61% in SY 23-24.

Literacy

63% of BEMS Students in grades 3-5 will score at Proficient or Advanced as measured by the Reading Proficiency Tool by the end of SY 23-24.

The percent of students performing at meets or exceeds expectations for Subclaim 4: Written Expression, as measured by the CCRS Summative Assessment in grades 6-8, will increase from 55% in SY20-21 to 61% in SY 23-24.

Communication and Engagement

BEMS will increase its score on the Bolden Faculty Communication and Feedback Form from 54% for the EOY SY 20-21 to 63% for EOY SY 23-24 on question 4.

BEMS will increase its score on the Bolden Parent Communication and Feedback Form from 29% for BOY SY 20-21 to 38% for EOY SY 23-24 on question 13.

Resources

[DoDEA Blueprint](#)

[Children in Self Care](#)

[Immunization Requirements SY 24-25](#)

[Laurel Bay Wellness Policy](#)

Chain of Command



[Dr. Angela Stephens](#)

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Grades:

3rd

4th

5th

6th

7th

8th

Enrollment: 196

Mascot Downloads

School Colors

Primary



Secondary

