



# Bentley Elementary School (BEES)

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## A Word From Our Principal

Bentley is committed to creating a nurturing, safe environment where students excel and diversity is appreciated. Together with the home and community, we challenge students to reach their full potential. This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes Bentley unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

*Christine Sharpe*

## What Makes Us Special

- Bentley Elementary offers numerous before and after school clubs that nurture the mind and body. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are encouraged to join.
- All students participate in digital learning through blended learning experiences, hands-on computer instruction, and multimedia projects.
- Through weekly classroom meetings, integrated lessons, and differentiated instruction, our highly qualified staff works tirelessly to meet not only the instructional needs of our students, but the social-emotional needs as well.

## Advanced Academics

Rigorous Accelerated Math Pathways for Elementary Students (RAMP) is available for mathematically talented students in grades 4 through 5.

## Family Engagement 2021-2022 Data



Dividends is the volunteer program for SCPS. Our incredible Bentley volunteers gave **3,915** hours of their time to support students.

## Technology and the Future



- Bentley students engage in project-based, blended learning that embraces the use of technology in order to encourage all Future Ready skills.
- Students complete S.T.E.A.M. experiences that embed creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and collaboration.
- Computer Science 2020 - Our students participate in at least 10 hours of computer science learning each school year.

## Student Achievement 2021-2022 Data

- All students in grades K-5 participate in English and Language Arts (ELA) and Math iReady progress monitoring. **64%** of K-5 students were on or above grade level in ELA and **60%** of K-5 students were on or above grade level in Math.
- The Star Early Literacy Assessment is administered to kindergarten students at the beginning of each school year. **41%** of students demonstrated kindergarten readiness compared to the state average of 57%.

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Bentley Elementary School earned a C grade from the Florida DOE in 2022

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- Our students successfully compete and perform throughout the year in academics, arts, and extracurricular activities.
- In partnership with families, we support our students through collaboration with PTA, SAC, Dividends and other programs.
- Students grow their own personal talents through music & art programs, piano & runners club, and the yearly talent show.
- Students learn first-hand about Florida's ecosystem in Bentley's one of a kind outdoor classroom and garden area with native plants, rocks, and a small pond.
- Bentley is proud to say that over half our teaching staff has 10 years or more of teaching experience.
- We have a highly qualified staff of 30+ teachers that have advanced degrees.

**Future Middle School Pathways for Our Students**



Sanford: 36%



Markham Woods: 34%



Millennium: 21%



For additional pathways see [Student Assignment and Program Access](#)

**School Health and Safety**

The health, safety and security of staff and students is our top priority. We follow CDC COVID mitigation strategies and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a sanitized and safe environment for your child's learning. Our School Resource Officer is John Difatta with the Sanford Police Department.



The SpeakOut program provides three 24-hour monitored services that allows students, parents, or community members to anonymously report concerns. [www.speakouthotline.org](http://www.speakouthotline.org)

**81% of student respondents would recommend BEES**



**90% of parent respondents would recommend BEES**



**Here's what students and parents say they like about Bentley:**

" From the moment you walk on campus, you feel the love the teachers and staff have for the children. I could not have asked for a better Kindergarten teacher. Bentley is the BEST elementary school! "

Kindergarten Parent

" The teachers at Bentley truly care for my child. She thrives under their care. It is so amazing watching her learn to read, each day she is more confident as she develops a love for learning. I credit this to her teachers. I trust she is safe and will learn here at Bentley! Specific programs I am happy that Bentley implements: -Social Emotional Learning -Fast Track Phonics -Project Based Learning -Curriculum nights (Drive thru reading night) -Clubs. "

1st Grade Parent

" You can tell the staff genuinely cares about the well being of the students. "

Kindergarten Parent

" Teachers and staff have been great. Both my kids are happy to be at Bentley. My 4th grader appreciates the extra curricular activities like cheer, art, chorus, etc. I appreciate the opportunities for parent involvement such as volunteer opportunities, parent/teacher conferences, award ceremonies, and various drive-thru events they've done since COVID. "

4th Grade Parent

" I love how its unique in a amazing way, Friendly Staff and Faculty, Wonderful Ideas for Activities, Kind and Helpful Teachers, and the enviornment is just Great! "

4th Grade Student

" I like that all the students here are very friendly, and it is easy to make relationships. I also like the teachers who make learning enjoyable. Lastly, I like all the activities, spirit nights, and parties that the school has all the time. "

4th Grade Student

" What I like about Bentley is that they are many things we could do such as safety Patrol, Runners Club, Art Club and many other things that really stand out from other schools. "

5th Grade Student

" What I like about Bentley is my friends, teachers because they help us learn to get to the next grade, and I like the lunch they provide for us. I also like that the staff and teachers greet us when we come in the school or come in the classroom. That's what I like about my school. "

5th Grade Student