



### BMS Highlights

- Mrs. Baker, Art Teacher, won second place in the Professional Drawing division for a charcoal and conte crayon figure drawing and third place in the Professional Drawing division for an iris in color pencil at the Sumter County Art Show.
- Bates Middle School's Absolute Rating is "Average" for a second year in a row.
- Diane Kent, Sixth Grade Teacher, was awarded a grant of \$150 for "Pets in the Community" by PET Care Trust located in Bel Air, Maryland.
- Ms. Bernadette Darby, Guidance Counselor, was selected as the 2010-2011 BMS Teacher of The Year. Ms. Darby also received National Board Certification.
- Forty-four Eighth Grade Students from Bates Middle School qualified to take the PSAT.
- Bates Middle School now offers an Acoustic Guitar Program where students are exposed to basic scales and chords along with strum patterns and progress to playing songs. The main goal is to provide them with an opportunity to explore their interests in a relaxed environment.
- Noreen Wall, Life Skills Instructor at Bates Middle School, has done it again. For the past five years, she has been entering items in the Sumter County, State, and Eastern Regional fairs. In 2008 she won a total of 128 ribbons with baked and canned entries. This year her three Sumter County Fair entries were in the Quilt category. She received first place for a baby quilt and second place for a musical quilt.
- Victoria Smith, Advanced Strings student, successfully auditioned at Fort Dorchester High School on October 16, 2010 for the Junior Region 4 Orchestra.

## School Improvement Council Members

### Elected Members

Diane Kent – President/Teacher  
 Elizabeth White – Teacher  
 James Crawley – Teacher  
 Jennifer Jackson – Teacher  
 Terri Lewis – Parent  
 Direthea Wheeler – Member

### Appointed Members

Sandra Cooley  
 Deborah Kitterman  
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### Ex-Officio

Dr. Vanessa R. Lancaster  
 Ms. Jacqueline Session

**Bates Middle School Guitar Club**  
**Mr. James Crawley, Instructor**



## Bates Middle School

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Dr. Vanessa R. Lancaster, Principal

Dr. Maggie Wright, Assistant Principal

Mr. Paul Riggs, Assistant Principal

Dear Parents:

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, we welcome each of you to Bates Middle School. It is our primary goal at BMS to provide our students with a quality education in a positive and safe environment that meets both their academic and social needs. We want to provide our students with a foundation that will enable them to become productive and competent life-long learners. As we strive for excellence, we want our students to explore and enhance their knowledge, skills, and talents to be successful in both middle school and beyond. Parents, it is very important that you play a part in your child's education. Please arrange your schedule so that you will be able to come by the school to visit your child's classes and to meet with his or her teachers in an effort to foster better school and home communication. Collaboratively, we can accomplish more as a team and partner of your child's education.

Dr. Vanessa R. Lancaster, Principal  
Bates Middle School



### School Improvement Council Goals

- Continue "Bullying Awareness" programs at Bates Middle School for parents, staff and faculty, and students.
- Expand morning Reading and Tutoring Program in January for students who need extra help.
- Continue to maintain the Anthony Graham Scholarship Fund to provide assistance for former BMS students who will be attending a college or university.



**Girls Mid-15 Christmas Tournament Winner**

### VISION

We, the Bates Community, envision developing lifelong learners into confident, competent, contributing members of society.

### MISSION

The International Baccalaureate mission of Bates Middle School is to nurture the willingness to learn and foster compassion for other individuals, groups and communities in all students by providing innovative, rigorous and diverse learning experiences which will develop confident, competent, contributing members of our global society.



**Miss BMS, Alison Mathew**

**Mr. BMS, Adrian Anderson**

### **2010-2011 PTSA OFFICERS**

Ms. Michelle Parker, President  
Mr. Anthony Wise, 1st Vice President  
Mrs. Jacqueline Session, 2nd Vice President  
Ms. Andrea Johnson, Treasurer  
Ms. Leslie Brunson, Secretary  
Ms. Cindy Norman, Membership Chair



Congratulations to Victoria Smith who was selected to play with the SC Regional Orchestra and has been selected to be a part of the All-State Orchestra.

