

The 2013-14 school year included growth, opportunities, and unique successes for Fort Mill Middle School. For the fifth year in a row, FMMS was the proud recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award. This award was created for South Carolina schools attaining high levels of absolute performance, high rates of growth and substantial progress in closing achievement gaps among groups of students.

Our students continue to be academically challenged with rigorous and high quality instruction. We have boosted our technology department by adding a technology specialist who assists our teachers and students in taking advantage of our mobile labs, chromebooks, and ipads. Our students have used various applications and software programs including: Edmodo, Animoto, Remind 101, Quizlet, Khan Academy, Google Docs, and the digits math curriculum. We added an ELA specialist as well. The ELA specialist assisted in implementing our student-based iStations lab to help support reading. This specialist also worked with our faculty to improve writing and reading across the curriculum.

Our related arts department continues to enrich our school community through student led theater productions, awards, programs, and presentations. Our band received the Outstanding Performance Award given by the SCBDA. FMMS students participated in a school-wide Black History Month Festival that included guest speakers, an inventions museum, and samples of cultural cuisine.

To promote character education, leadership skills, and provide for a smooth transition to middle school for our sixth graders, we provided a four day summer bridges camp for selected rising 6th graders. Additionally, our school community accepted Rachel's Challenge. As part of this challenge, we developed

F.O.R. Clubs. These clubs focus on creating a positive school climate by treating others with kindness and compassion. Our SIC has embraced the Rachel's Challenge program and is focused on sustaining this challenge on our campus and throughout our community so that FMMS continues to have a safe and healthy environment that encourages attendance and successful performance.

FMMS will continue to promote rigor and relevance in academics and fine arts for the 2014-2015 school year.