

# CAROLINA SPRINGS MS

## Report to our Families



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## CSMS MISSION & VISION

Our Vision is to create an exemplary, developmentally appropriate learning experience for adolescent learners through innovative pedagogy, celebrating growth and effort, and building positive relationships.

We will:

Embrace differences, teach and model character, demonstrate personal, professional, and academic integrity, serve as positive mentors and role models, teach effective goal-setting, and hold ourselves and our students to the highest standards. (Character)

We will:

Provide academic support of a rigorous curriculum so all students learn at high levels as we teach the skills of self-direction, lifelong learning, collaboration, critical thinking, communication.

(Scholarship)

We will:

Develop respectful relationships with students and their families, create and encourage extracurricular opportunities and participation, plan and deliver engaging learning experiences, and encourage friendship. (Memories)

We will:

Encourage ownership of our learning environment, seek curriculum-relevant service projects, and partner with our community and its leaders to help our students gain an understanding of global citizenship. (Service)

## 2021- 2022

Though the challenges of COVID lingered this school year, the students, staff, and administration at Carolina Springs Middle School continued to shine. Our theme of "Elevate" for the year carried us through the year, one where we saw generous donations filling the buckets, our boys' basketball team rising to the top, and students venturing out on their first field trips in years.

Our Huskies family raised over \$2,000 for St. Jude and more than \$800 for the Special Olympics' Polar Plunge. We honored students through new programs, including Husky of the Week, sponsored by Mark Rouse State Farm, and Students of the Month, sponsored by Hwy 55 Burgers & Fries.



Expanding on last year's Friday Hour, students participated in IMPACT Fridays, during which they chose an interest area to participate in and grow with other classmates across all three grades. Classes ranged from crocheting to board games to no-heat cooking.

Our Huskies visited the library more than ever this year, clocking in nearly 19,000 student sign-ins and more than 500 class sign-ins. Students have checked out nearly 18,000 books, a 150% increase from last year. Students also enjoyed playing games and meeting with friends in the library before school and during lunch shifts.

# PURPOSE OF OUR REPORT

South Carolina Act 135 of 1993 requires each of the state's local School Improvement Councils (SICs) to publish and distribute a report to by April 30 of each year highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of its five-year School Improvement Plan and the SIC's annual goals. This report is unique to each school and is developed by the SIC with input of the principal to share the successes and challenges of the school and its students, teachers, and parents for the current school year.

## WITH GRATITUDE

We honor our School Improvement Council members:

### Community Members

- Jennifer Estabrooks
- Yolanda Hannah, vice chair
- David Hatcher
- Daniel Oddo
- Justin Tipton, chair

### Faculty and Staff

- Ashley Carter, 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year
- Jennifer Gilley
- Jenny Henke
- Sarah Jorgenson, secretary
- Shawn Racine, 2021-2022 Staff Member of the Year
- Janet Reamy
- Tiffany Wagner

### School Administrators

- Dr. Brice Cockfield
- Ryan Carpenter
- Leah Sarantopoulos
- Keith Tolleson

The Huskies' sports teams really "elevated" this year as well, with a conference championship-winning boys' basketball team, award-winning dance team, and trophy-toting archery team.

Our students were high achievers in academics, too. Forty-two students advanced to Regionals for their National History Day projects with five of those continuing on to state competition. Twenty-nine members were added to Beta Club, seven students received acceptances to the Tri-District Arts Consortium, and four eighth graders were accepted to Lexington One's College Center.

Huskies were able to resume field trips this Spring. Eighth graders visited the state capital to explore the University of South Carolina's campus, tour the state house, and explore Columbia's Main Street. AVID students headed to an escape room to build on collaboration and hear from the owner's experience as an entrepreneur. Seventh graders will visit Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens soon to coincide with their work in science classes. Students across all grades had the opportunity to read for a free Columbia Fireflies tickets. Over 40 students received their free tickets and will enjoy a "CSMS at the Ballpark" evening at Segra Park.

As for our amazing staff, Ms. Ashley Carter received the Teacher of the Year honor, and Mr. Shawn Racine was named Staff Member of the Year. Both honors were voted on by their colleagues. And after 40 years in education, our assistant principal Mr. Tolleson will retire at the end of the year. He has been at CSMS since the school opened in 2007. He initiated the development of a Classroom Management course and most recently created an after-school tutoring program at CSMS. Tiffany Wagner, currently our digital learning coach, will be our new assistant principal. We also promoted our sixth-grade counselor to director of the counseling department. Julie Long will start her new role at the beginning of the next school year.

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