

# Home & School Connections

- **SIC** - School Improvement Council serves as an advisory board to the principal and the school to improve instruction and facilities.
- **PTO** - Parents support the school through volunteer opportunities and fundraisers and assist with school events and family-oriented activities that enhance learning.
- **PBIS** - Positive Behavior Intervention and Support initiative helps establish and maintain an effective school environment that maximizes student learning. Students earn paw prints to participate in PBIS Reward Day. This day occurs every three weeks.
- **Business Partners** - Local businesses work with the PBIS team to provide incentives for positive student behavior.
- **Gentlemen's Club** - This club helps young men become men through weekly meetings focusing on leadership and etiquette. The facilitator provides support and mentorship for students in the school setting.
- **Ladies Club** - This club helps young ladies become women through weekly meetings focusing on leadership and etiquette. The facilitator provides support and mentorship for students in the school setting.
- **Recycling Program** - Lady's Island Intermediate/Middle School recycles paper and cardboard. Bins are available throughout the school.
- **Cougar Chats** - Cougar Chats are Informal discussion with parents, school counselors and administration regarding bullying, interpreting test scores, test-taking skills, and 2014-2015 registration.
- **LIMS Student Council** - Student council was revitalized this year and students raised \$151 towards Muscular Dystrophy and coordinated Relay for Life.
- **National Jr. Honor Society** - This organization represents students who have a 90 and above average in all classes as well as citizenship, leadership, and service.
- **Cougar Happenings** - **Cougar Happenings** is our monthly calendar of events emailed to our community.
- **Cougar Pride 1630 AM** - This the only radio station in Beaufort County Schools operated by students. Cougar Pride 1630 AM informs parents while waiting in the car line of upcoming events happening at LIMS.
- **Cougar Prowl** - Cougar Prowl is an electronic newsletter created by students for the LIMS community and stakeholders.
- **Cougar Corner Blog** - Cougar Corner Blog is a way for all stakeholders to comment on the happenings at LIMS.

## BEST PRACTICES IN TEACHING & LEARNING

- **ABC Project** - LIMS is striving to become an Arts in Basic Curriculum school.
- **Odyssey by Compass Learning** - Odyssey is differentiated learning in the classroom and at home via a virtual learning environment.
- **Technology Integration** - Technology allows us to bring 21st century interactive learning in every classroom that encourages engagement of students during the instructional process.
- **Response to Intervention (RTI)** - RTI is a school-wide daily academic support period for all students.
- **Fountas & Pinnell** - Fountas & Pinnell is a formative assessment for reading comprehension and fluency for 5th grade students.
- **Advanced Studies** - Classes designed to challenge qualifying 5th—8th grade students to include accelerated math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, advanced English/Language Arts, advanced social studies, and advanced science. Classes are taught by certified Gifted and Talented teachers who work in interdisciplinary teams to enhance student learning.
- **Everyday Math** - Students experience mathematical processes as a part of everyday work and play thus fostering the development of mathematical intuitions and understandings
- **6 + 1 Writing Traits** - Framework of characteristics of good writing: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation.
- **Academic Arts Classes** - Instruction in Art, Band, Chorus, Media Arts, Physical Education, Health, Gateway to Technology, Spanish, Dance, Computer Lab, and Keyboarding.
- **Instructional Coaches** - Onsite professional educators who teach educators how to use proven best practices in Literacy, Math, and Technology.
- **Differentiated Instruction** - Differentiated instruction is geared toward the academic ability level of students based on data from MAP and benchmark testing results.
- **2 Full-time School Counselors, Media Specialist, and a part-time Speech/Language Pathologist, and ESOL teacher.**
- **TAP** - Teacher & Student Advancement Program provides weekly professional development for teachers to provide effective best practices for students.
- **Parent/Military Liaison** - Our liaison links parents and school to community resources.
- **School-wide Professional Development** - This year we focused on Special Education, differentiation and best practices.

Ex—Oficio

Mona Lise Dickson, *Principal*      Kim Burgess, *SIC Chairperson*  
 Auman Kates, *Assistant Principal*      Audra Powell, *Vice-Chair*  
 Gregory Hall, *Assistant Principal*      Ann Olivarri, *Secretary*

Parents	Community Members	LIMS Teachers
Kim Burgess	Robert White	Tina Johnson
Thomas Causey	Laura Eggers	Donald Martz
Tonya Dangerfield	Maria Benac	Scott Shipsey
Ann Olivarri	Audra Powell	



# STEAM



*FULL STEAM AHEAD*

**School Improvement Council  
 Report to Parents  
 2013–2014**

**An Update on the Progress of  
 Our School Renewal Plan**

**Lady's Island Middle School**

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## Moving from STEM to STEAM?

*The **STEAM** program is geared to the natural curiosity and creativity of children by developing the whole child, not only their technical side, but their artistic side. Students are engaged through rigorous and challenging academic curriculum that promotes high levels of achievement, an opportunity to experience success in a variety of settings and exposure to diverse teaching-learning strategies and materials. LIMS is moving full STEAM ahead!*

### Mission of Beaufort County School District

The mission of the Beaufort County School District is to ensure excellence in education for every learner that prepares each with knowledge, skills and personal responsibility to succeed in a rapidly changing global society.

### Mission of Lady's Island Middle School

The mission of Lady's Island Middle School is to promote Lifelong learning and problem solving, Individual creativity, Multicultural respect and responsibility, and Service to community.

The Arts Education mission at LIMS is to provide a challenging academic and artistically enriched environment which allows students to explore, discover, express, create and succeed.

### What Are Our Current Goals?

- Ensure a safe and healthy learning environment in collaboration with community resources
- Increase student achievement
- Ensure best practices and resources in learning, teaching, leadership
- Actively engage community and stakeholders in the school
- Develop practices, processes and technologies for open, frequent, transparent and effective communication
- Provide resources for appropriate learning environments

### How Are We Achieving Our Goals?

The goals are reviewed periodically by the SIC, Better Seeking Team, and faculty to monitor progress toward achievement and determine ongoing strategies for successful attainment towards responding to these questions:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be
- How do we close the gap?

## Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

Aligned to the state academic standards, these assessments include Writing, English Language Arts (reading and research), Mathematics, Science and/or Social Studies. The table below shows the percentage of LIMS students who scored "Met" plus "Exemplary" for the 2012-2013 school year.

	Writing	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
5th	66.9%	75.7%	66.0%	71.2%	63.4%
6th	68.0%	74.9%	70.4%	75.5%	80.0%
7th	72.3%	69.3%	67.8%	69.3%	60.9%
8th	71.8%	67.4%	62.4%	55.3%	63.6%

For more information on our school report card, visit

[https://ed.sc.gov/data/pass/2013/show\\_school\\_pass\\_scores\\_grade.cfm?ID=0701001](https://ed.sc.gov/data/pass/2013/show_school_pass_scores_grade.cfm?ID=0701001)

## Our History

Lady's Island Intermediate and Middle School is tucked away in a natural setting shaded by huge live oaks, pine trees, and is bordered by marshland. In the past three years, we have been the recipient of two Palmetto Silver Awards for Achievement and Closing the Achievement Gap. Our school was remodeled and re-fitted with high-tech Promethean boards and state-of-the-art science equipment, and in 2009 Lady's Island Middle split into two schools with intermediate grades (5th and 6th) and middle grades (7th and 8th). This year we will be transforming back to a traditional middle school. During the summer of 2011, we added an additional computer lab for Keyboarding instruction, new bleachers for the gymnasium, new tables, redesigned the cafeteria, and new retractable screen, sound system and mounted multi-media projector for the Lecture Theater. In 2014 an electronic scoreboard was installed on the football field and a new field house to include concessions and restrooms is currently being built.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- LIMS is a Title I School for the 2013-2014 year.
- Mrs. Lyn Dennis is our Teacher of the Year 2013—2014 school year.
- Ms. Kathy Holmes is our Classified Staff of the Year 2013 –2014 school year.
- LIMS is a 1-to-1 i-Pad school for students and teachers. We will be moving to Dell tablets next year.
- LIMS has 13 SC Junior Scholar recipients.
- LIMS has 31 5th and 25 6th Grade Duke TIP recipients.
- LIMS has 1 Duke TIP Scholar.
- LIMS will induct 20 7th and 8th graders into the NJHS.
- Jake "The Tie Guy" Giammetteo was recognized by local and state officials for his efforts in honoring service men and women.
- LIMS won the 2013-2014 Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap.
- Boys' Track won 2nd Place in the Beaufort County Championship.
- LIMS had a successful Fall Parent Literacy Night.
- LIMS had a successful Spring Parent Math, Science & Technology Night.
- Our 5th graders celebrated the 2nd Annual Black History Expo.
- GTT students are Lowcounty Qualifiers in VEX Robotics Competition.
- LIMS collaborated with Mr. Derek Brown from England to infuse the ARTS within content areas.
- LIMS hosted a strategic planning day, January 17, 2014, with Beaufort Cluster: LIMS, LIES, CES, and SHES
- LIMS developed common 5th grade ELA assessment with Beaufort Cluster: LIMS, LIES, CES, and SHES.
- LIMS hosted the first annual Coastal Connection Art Show! A collaboration of art, music and media arts from the Beaufort Cluster: LIMS, LIES, CES, and SHES.