

# Home & School Connections

- **Relay for Life** - Students raise money for the American Cancer Society.
- **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 is to establish and maintain effective school environment that maximizes student learning.
- **PBIS Reward Day** - Students who practice intelligent behavior earn the privilege to participate in school-wide activities. This day occurs every three weeks, providing multiple opportunities to earn participation.
- **Business Partners** - Local businesses work with PBIS team to provide incentives for positive student behavior.
- **Gentlemen's 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** - 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** - 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.
- **National Jr. Honor Society** -
- **It's Your Game** - Teen pregnancy prevention program
- **Cougar Happenings** - Newsletter to parents
- **Cougar Pride 1630 AM** - The only radio station in Beaufort County Schools operated by students.
- **Cougar Prowl** - E-Newsletter
- **Cougar Corner Blog** - Community Service Participation

## BEST PRACTICES IN TEACHING & LEARNING

- **ABC Project** - LIMS is an Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) school
- **Odyssey by Compass Learning** - Differentiated learning in the classroom and at home via a virtual learning environment
- **Technology Integration** - 21st century interactive learning in every classroom that encourages engagement of students during the instructional process
- **Response to Intervention** - School-wide daily academic support for students performing below grade level in Math and ELA
- **Fountas & Pinnell** - Formative assessment for reading comprehension and fluency for 6th grade students
- **Advanced Studies** - Classes designed to challenge qualifying 6th—8th grade students to include Advanced Math, Accelerated Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, Advanced English/Language Arts, Advanced Social Studies, Advanced Science and Physical Science. Classes are taught by certified Gifted and Talented teachers who work in interdisciplinary teams to improve 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
- **Writing Workshop** - Framework of characteristics of good writing: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation
- **Reading Workshop**—Framework of characteristics of good reading: explicit teaching of reading strategies and skills followed by meaningful tasks
- **Academic Arts Classes** - Instruction in Art, Band, Chorus, Career and College Readiness, Physical Education, Health, Gateway to Technology, Spanish, Dance, Compass Learning, Read 180 and Math Assistance
- **Instructional Coaches** - Onsite professional developers who teach educators how to use proven teaching methods in Literacy, Math, and Technology
- **Differentiated Instruction** - Instruction geared toward the academic ability level of students based on data from MAP and benchmark testing results.
- **2 Full-time School Counselors, a Media Specialist, and a part-time Speech/Language Pathologist, ESOL teacher**
- **Community of Professional Learners (CPL)** - Ongoing and weekly professional development for teachers to provide effective best practices for students.

Ex—Officio

Mona Lise Dickson, *Principal*  
Auman Kates, *Assistant Principal*  
Kristen Straut, *SIC Co-Chair*

Vivian Watts, *SIC Co-Chair*  
April Redd, *Vice-Chair*  
Barry Roberts, *Secretary*

Parents	Community Members	LIMS Teachers
Kristen Straut	Robert White	Kimberly Brown
Vivian Watts	Maria Benac	Donald Martz
April Redd	April Redd	Scott Shipsey
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# STEAM



## FULL STEAM AHEAD

### School Improvement Council Report to Parents 2014—2015

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

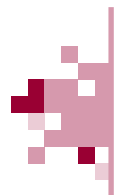
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## We've moved from STEM to STEAM!!!

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 has moved 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,

### 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?

## South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)

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 2013-2014 school year.

	Writing	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
5th	68.0%	66.5%	60.5%	51.0%	65.0%
6th	72.0%	65.0%	63.5%	66.0%	77.0%
7th	68%	65.5%	69.5%	71.0%	64.0%
8th	65%	63.0%	62.0%	55.0%	53.0%

For more information on our school report card, visit

[https://ed.sc.gov/data/pass/2014/show\\_school\\_pass\\_scores\\_grade.cfm?ID=0701001](https://ed.sc.gov/data/pass/2014/show_school_pass_scores_grade.cfm?ID=0701001)

## Our History

Lady's Island Middle School is tucked away in a natural setting shaded by huge live oaks, pine trees, and is bordered by marshland. In 2007 our school received the *Leadership in Local History Award of Merit* from the American Association of State and Local History. 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). During the summer of 2011, we added an additional computer lab for Keyboarding instruction, new bleachers for the gymnasium, new tables, redesign & flooring for cafeteria, and new retractable screen, sound system and mounted multi-media projector for the Lecture Theater. Our new field house has been built to include concessions and restrooms facilities.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- AdvancEd STEM Certified School for the 2015-2020 school years
- Ms. Portia Johnson is our Teacher of the Year 2014—2015 school year
- Ms. Cori Talbert is our Classified Staff of the Year 2014-2015 school year
- LIMS is a 1-to-1 Dell device school for students and teachers
- LIMS has 18 SC Junior Scholar recipients
- LIMS has 48 6th Grade Duke TIP scholars qualified to participate in Duke TIP
- LIMS has 2 7th Grade Duke TIP Scholars
- LIMS inducted 10 new members into the National Junior Honor Society
- Play 60 Grant received to promote physical activity each day
- Title I "Reward School for Performance" for earning A or B grades for the past two years and having no significant achievement gaps
- 2nd Place Championship for football
- 2nd Place Championship for boy's basketball
- Wrestlers went to state championship
- Successful Fall Parent Literacy Night
- Successful Spring Parent Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM) Night
- 6th Graders celebrated a 3rd Annual Black History Expo
- Three Gateway to Technology (GTT) teams invited to participate in state robotics competition
- Collaboration with Dr. Tracey Hunter-Doniger from College of Charleston to assist with implementing ARTS within our content areas.
- LIMS Wind Ensemble rated "Superior" and "Excellent" at Concert Performance Assessment