

2017-18 Points of Pride

- Capturing Kids Hearts implementation underway to improve the school climate
- Hosted Regional Robotics Competition
- Robotics team advanced to the State Competition
- Robotics team won the Presentation Award at State Tournament
- The ROMS Orchestra received a Superior Rating at the State Performance Assessment
- 7th grade student qualified for the State level Geography Bee
- The Theater department at ENES and ROMS collaborated and performed "Aladdin" in March
- Honor Band, Art and Chorus students selected to perform at Walt Disney World
- Boys Football runner up at the District Championship
- Boys Basketball won the District Championship
- Girls Basketball finished runner up at the District Championship
- National Junior Beta Club attended State Convention
- National Junior Beta Club received the award of distinction
- Dan Fairburn named River Oaks Middle School Teacher of the Year
- Erica Young named Rookie of the Year
- Danna Hay named Star Performer of the Year
- Quarterly Honor Roll Academic Celebration
- Weekly Bobcats of the Week Awards
- ROMS Band received a Superior rating at State Festival
- Health and Wellness Award Winner
- School level, district level and state level Reflection winners for Art and Music
- ROMS Trebuchet Team participated in a regional competition at the Citadel
- Award winning VEX team
- Dimension U team placed 2nd at the Department of Defense Math Games

School Improvement Council

Calandra Reddick—Chair

Craner Gourdine—Teacher

Amy Sarvis—Teacher

Catrina Mackie—Parent

Jeimmy Hernandez—Parent

Scott Matthews - Principal/Ex-Officio

James Parker—Community

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to a school's principal and faculty. SICs play a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve their local school.



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RIVER OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual Report to the Parents

2017-18



Excellence Innovation Relationships

***Scott Matthews
Principal***

***Ayanna Bryant-Gadson
Assistant Principal***

***Bradley Rodgers
Assistant Principal***

***Amanda Hodges
Administrative Intern***

Capturing Kid's Hearts

River Oaks Middle School has begun the process of implementing the Capturing Kid's Hearts model campus wide. Several teachers and administrators have been trained and the entire staff will receive training in June. The primary focus of Capturing Kid's Hearts is to develop healthy relationships between students, teachers, school community and to teach effective skills that help participants. It will also improve classroom rapport and teamwork to create a safe, trusting learning environment.



Current Enrollment

6th grade - 354

7th grade - 319

8th grade - 317

A letter from the SIC Chairman and Principal:

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

River Oaks Middle School is a school where excellence, innovation and the building and sustaining of relationships are our focus. River Oaks is located in a beautiful neighborhood in the southern corner of Dorchester 2 District, and has experienced wonderful growth in the eleven years it has existed.

Located in a community that includes employers such as Bosch, Boeing and the Charleston Air Force Base, to name a few, it is no wonder that our school has a rich variety of opportunities for its students. Classes and after school offerings at River Oaks are as plentiful and diverse as our student population. During the school day classes ranging from steel drums and guitar to technology and Spanish are available. River Oaks students also have exciting after school activities that cover a wide spectrum of interests such as athletics, Junior Beta Club, and an award winning robotics team.

The dedicated administration and staff at River Oaks Middle School continue to be excited about the implementation of the "STAR to STEAM" grant. In year two we have created a 21st Century media center, added iPad technology in all content areas, and incorporated two STEAM days during the year. We are looking forward to continuing to implement our exciting initiatives in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) areas at ROMS. We welcome you to River Oaks Middle School and encourage you to get to know us better. Full STEAM ahead!

Respectfully,

Calandra Reddick, *School Improvement Council Chair*

Scott Matthews, *Principal*

River Oaks Middle School Goals

ACADEMIC GOAL

To prepare all students for high school and beyond as demonstrated by meeting or exceeding the state standards measured by SC READY and the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards.

BEHAVIOR GOAL

To improve the climate of River Oaks Middle School by developing healthy relationships between students, teachers and the school community through the implementation of the Capturing Kid's Hearts Model.

COMMUNITY GOAL

To increase the number of parent and community volunteers at the school by 25% (PTSA/SIC/Lunch Buddies).

Mission Statement

The mission of River Oaks Middle School is to provide students with knowledge, skills, and experiences that enable them to reach their fullest potential as independent thinkers as well as responsible and productive citizens.

Vision Statement

By providing an education in an atmosphere that encourages creativity, physical and emotional well-being, and tolerance for diversity, we seek to address the unique needs of the young adolescent in an ever-changing society.