# Jerry Zucker Middle School Mission Statement

**Every Student. Every Day. No Exceptions. No Excuses.** 

### Jerry Zucker Middle School

#### **Lightning Bolts of Pride 2020-2021**

- Robust core curriculum with daily block periods of English Language Arts and Mathematics and a Science focused flex period
- Integrated acceleration for gifted learners and remediation for struggling learners
- High school credit opportunities for 8th grade students
- Huge selection of afterschool activities, clubs, and academic enrichment programs
- Accomplished athletic programs in all sports offered through the North Charleston Recreation Department
- Championship Basketball, Soccer, and Football Teams
- Renowned band program with two marquee concerts and a spring trip
- Literary Magazine and school newspaper
- Annual Spring Fine Arts Night
- Tutoring Programs, ESOL Camp, Summer Bridge and/ or Science Camp
- Fully Integrated School-wide guidance program
- Project Unified School
- Active MTSS Team for struggling learners
- Annual overnight camping trips
- Rich related arts curriculum including art, band, computer applications, pre-engineering, and robotics
- Daily advisory period and morning news
- Promethean boards and the most current technology in every classroom, state of the art Science labs and computer equipment
- A highly-qualified faculty ready to engage each student

\*Please note that all sporting events, activities, and clubs are on hold until COVID restrictions are lifted.

#### **Capturing Kids' Hearts**

Jerry Zucker Middle School is proud to have received the honors of being a National Showcase school the past three years.

Capturing Kids' Hearts is our school-wide initiative that operates under the premise that the best way to a child's mind is through their hearts. This process has a focus on social/emotional wellbeing and relationship building.

#### **Community Partnerships**

We have partnerships with the Lowcountry Foodbank and Fetter Healthcare, as well as MUSC and Boeing. For more information on community involvement and other parent resources, please contact:

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REPORT TO PARENTS



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## First Annual Pumpkin Decorating Competition



Pink Out for Breast Cancer Awareness





Our Lightning Boys Group learning to change a tire with help from our partners at the NCPD.



## 2020-2021 SCHOOL-WIDE AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 3-Time National Capturing Kid's Heart Showcase School
- CCSD's PBIS School Recognition
- CCSD's Junior Scholars
- Duke Tip State Recognition
- High School Credit—Algebra 1- Passing Rate 2019 97%
- High School Credit—English 1– Passing Rate 2019 97%
- High School Credit—Biology 1- Passing Rate 2019 100%
- High School Credit—Keyboarding—Passing Rate 2019 100%
- Comprehensive School Counseling Department
- MUSC/Boeing Wellness Award

Please note that 2020 High School EOC exams were cancelled due to Covid 19.

Jacob Perlmutter - Principal Carie Tyndall - SIC Liaison Iris Gethers-Fields, ZMS Grandparent Dwayne Crankfield, Parenting Liaison



### From the Principal

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

We have had a successful 2020-2021 School Year at Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science! We are looking forward to continuing our successful partnership during this important time in your child's life. Zucker Middle School opened in 2009 to meet the growing needs of our community and since that inaugural year we have been steamrolling forward in pursuit of academic excellence for each student that walks into our school. Your child is about to embark on an exciting journey – one dedicated to exploration, discovery, and realizing his/her innate potential.

Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science is a physically, intellectually, and emotionally safe learning community in which your child can grow as a student and a person. Understanding that our lessons guide children's lives long after they leave our building, we focus students on being responsible, accountable, and respectful learners. We take special pride in our diverse student population and are deliberate in explaining that this diversity is a source of strength for our learning community. We treat each other

with dignity and kindness and prepare our students for the wonderfully diverse world beyond our walls.

We are also committed to building fruitful partnerships with the community and exposing our students to the many rewarding careers that could spark an interest and provide a focus for future learning and personal investment. We have stressed the importance of literacy in their lives and tracked and monitored the academic

growth of every child in terms of literacy and numeracy. Most importantly, the faculty and staff share a deeply held belief in the unlimited potential of our students. We know that our school is not an end in itself, but a bridge to future learning and discovery. We have emerged this year as a stronger school because we have had the benefit of a supportive community, a determined teaching force and an unwavering dedication to our students overall well-being. It is my role as principal to build on our substantial successes by continually improving our instructional services and communicating our vision with the greater school community.

It is my great privilege to serve as the principal of the Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science. My door is always open if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to improve our services. I look forward to working closely with you and your child in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Jacob Perlmutter

