# Jerry Zucker Middle School Mission Statement

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

## Jerry Zucker Middle School

#### Lightning Bolts of Pride 2012-2013

- 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
- Champion girls Basketball Team and Championship Football Team
- Renowned band program
- Parody Night, Multi-Cultural Night, Genre Night, Poetry Café, Coffee House
- Literary Magazine
- Annual Spring Fine Arts Night
- Louis Fit Club
- Business Camp
- Summer Science Camp
- Fully Integrated School-wide guidance program
- Communities in Schools Counseling Services
- Active CORE Team for struggling learners
- Annual overnight camping trips
- Rich related arts curriculum including art, band, music, computer applications, pre-engineering, and robotics
- Daily advisory period
- A full time department of academic excellence staffed with three highly qualified instructional specialists
- Smartboards and the most current technology in every classroom
- A highly-qualified faculty ready to engage each student
- Parent University—Fall Program
- State-of-the-art Science labs and brand new grade level computer labs

#### ZMS "Telling Our Stories" Fall Program

Join us this fall for a series of Thursday evening get-togethers, opportunities for Zucker Middle School families and school personnel to talk with each other, to listen to each other's stories, dreams, and goals for our children and our school.

These ten sessions will include workshops, training sessions, and other activities according to the needs identified on our first evening together.

Dinner, a homework center, and babysitting services will be provided.

The first session is scheduled for Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at these Thursday evening events this fall!



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## 2012-2013



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#### Grade 6, 7, and 8 Camping Trips

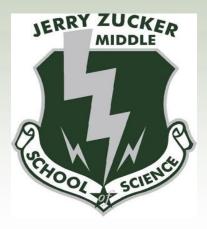






- High School Credit—Algebra 1– Passing Rate 2012 97%
- High School Credit—English 1– Passing Rate 2012 94%
- High School Credit—Biology 1– Passing Rate 2012 100%
- High School Credit—Keyboarding—Passing Rate 2012 100%





# From the Principal

Welcome to 2012-2013 at Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science! I look forward to our successful partnership during this important time in your child's life. Zucker Middle School opened three years ago 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