# **School Demographics** and Information

#### **Demographics**

Total student enrollment: 799 77% White

6<sup>th</sup> grade: 319 10% African American

7<sup>th</sup> grade: 257 6% Hispanic 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 223 4% Asian Total faculty and staff: 96 3% Other

#### <u>Achievements</u>

- ✓ 10 National Board Certified Teachers; 30 with advanced degrees
- √ 89 students qualified to take the PSAT.
- √ 54 students named Junior Scholars.
- √ 55 students invited to the Duke TIP Program.
- ✓ 288 Students made the honor roll first semester.
- ✓ More than 160 chorus, drama, and dance students participated in our very first school musical theater production, "Aladdin, Jr."
- ✓ Robotics club, "Robo-Gators," placed first in Robot Design at the state competition.
- ✓ Band and orchestra each received Superior ratings at Concert Festival.
- ✓ MathCounts placed fourth in their first state competition.
- ✓ "Gators Give Back" campaign donated more than 8,000 items to Nancy K. Perry, Oliver Gospel Mission and Salvation Army.
- ✓ Volleyball team was undefeated and conference champs.

# Clubs, Sports and Extracurricular Activities

Book Club Girls and Boys Basketball

Elite Dance Company Cheerleading

FCA, French Club Football
Gaming Club Girls and Boys Track

Girls on Track Volleyball

Jr. Beta Club
MathCounts
Robo-Gators

Volleyball\*

Baseball\*, Golf\*, Softball\*

Girls and Boys Soccer\*

Swimming\*, Wrestling\*

Student Council

# School Improvement Council (SIC)

Dr. Bill Coon — Principal
Lara Matthews — Chair
Chip Payne — Co-chair
Tara Black — Secretary
Rosemary Wilson — Ex-Officio Member (PTO President)
Edna Langley — Business Partner
Suzanne English
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The School Improvement Council (SIC) at Meadow Glen Middle School has prepared this annual report for you, our parents, students and staff, and the community. This report describes new and innovative techniques practiced at our school. Enclosed are also accounts of our challenging and unique approach to curriculum and instruction using Expeditionary Learning. Through these efforts, we strive to exceed the goals of Lexington One's *Schools of the Future* — *Now!* initiative and its three components — LexLeads, LexLearns and LexLives.

If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Dr. Bill Coon, principal, at <a href="mailto:bcoon@lexington1.net">bcoon@lexington1.net</a>, or Lara Matthews, SIC Chair, at <a href="mailto:laramatthews5@gmail.com">laramatthews5@gmail.com</a>.



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# Meadow Glen Middle School



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<sup>\*</sup> Sports available through River Bluff High and Lexington High.

# **LexLeads**

# **Apple TV**

Meadow Glen Middle is the only school in the nation utilizing Apple TV devices as part of classroom instruction. Apple TV is used to project information from teacher or student iPads such as student projects, video and keynote presentations, and assessments for the class to view.

#### **iCivics**

We offer a three-pronged iCivics class touching on government, leadership and service learning, and making learning about civic duty and responsibility a priority for all.



# **Town Hall Meetings**

Students have the privilege of leading these meetings for their grade levels. At these meetings, birthdays are announced, student learning is highlighted, and student accomplishments are celebrated.

### **Citizen Scholars**

We celebrate students who consistently show respect for others, are polite, make good choices, produce quality work, and take advantage of academic opportunities. These citizen scholars are announced monthly at town hall meetings.

# **Student-Led Pep Rallies**

Student leaders meet before school to plan and develop a solid agenda for the pep rallies. During each pep rally, student leaders strive to recognize their peers' accomplishments in all aspects of school life.

# **USC Partnership**

MGMS has been selected as an innovative partner of The University of South Carolina's College of Education. The objective is to offer future teachers relevant models that will enrich their college educational experience.



# LexLearns

# **Expeditionary Learning**

Projects are a core structure for the learning of content and key skills in an Expeditionary Learning school. Expeditionary Learning uses research, fieldwork, experts, and reading and writing to produce quality work.

## **Personalized Learning**

Through the use of a flipped classroom, students watch video podcasts of teachers' lessons and apply what they learn through the podcasts to the next day's class time. Instead of lecture, class time is spent in discussions, hands-on labs, and meaningful activities.



#### **STEM Education**

Using a variety of activity-based learning models, students are provided science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) opportunities to foster reasoning and critical thinking skills, creativity and innovation.



## **World Languages**

World languages are part of the core curriculum at MGMS. Students experience language learning through performance-based tasks and assessments.

We offer Spanish, French, Latin and Chinese (Mandarin).

# **Personal Mobile Computing Initiative**

Every student is provided an iPad to provide access to the most current information available through the Internet and to the district's Learning Management System.

Students electronically complete assignments, homework and projects, while interactive applications help them improve their reading fluency and build mathematics skills.

# LexLives

#### **Farms to Schools Grant**

With the Farms to Schools Grant, we have been able to purchase and promote South Carolina grown fruits and vegetables in the school cafeteria. Students have helped incorporate nutrition and agriculture education into classroom curriculum. Classes have also established a very abundant school vegetable garden named "Gavin's Garden."

# **Healthy Nutrition**

Healthy nutrition is vital to foster productive students. We have hosted health-conscious chefs, planted "Gavin's Garden," and harvested foods from the garden to make healthy pizzas, salads and shakes.

Our Gator Grill offers two fruits and two vegetables every day during lunch. They also feature two different S.C. Grown fruits and vegetables each month. The Gator Grill uses lots of whole grains and offers fat-free skim milk, 1% white milk and fat-free flavored milks.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

# **Recycling Grant**

iCivics classes received a grant from Palmetto Pride to provide MGMS with the necessary resources to implement a school-wide recycling initiative. Through the Department of Health and Environmental Control, we are working to become a *Green Steps School*.

# **FitnessGram Testing**

The FitnessGram tests four of the five components of physical fitness: muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiovascular endurance and flexibility. Students prepare for FitnessGram testing by completing a daily warm-up routine, which helps improve their abilities in these four components. FitnessGram testing is administered in PE at the beginning and end of each semester to show student growth and improvement.