

Grants

- Mrs. White received a Donor's Choose Grant for three vermicomposting kits to make soil for the garden and also wrote another grant for an outdoor classroom. Mrs. Camp received a grant for four active chairs and five pairs of headphones.
- We were awarded the **Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Grant**, which provides leadership to achieve quality, comprehensive arts education (dance, music, media arts, theatre, visual arts, and creative writing) for all students in South Carolina. Our award annual amount is \$12,392 for a three year total of \$37,176.
- We were awarded the **Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant**, which is to assist us in developing and implementing arts initiatives that support quality arts education programs. Our award annual amount is \$18,000 and was used this year to allow students experience the theatre.

Philip Simmons Middle School SIC Members

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Malachi Neal, *Community*



Purpose of the Report:

"This report is issued by the Philip Simmons Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

Philip Simmons Middle School

2017-2018 Annual
School Improvement Council
Report to Parents and Community



"Dreams Don't Work
Unless You Do"

BCSD Vision:

*Empower All Students for
Success*

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What's going on at PSM?

Philip Simmons Middle School opened its doors in 2016, as a premier STEAM school in Berkeley County School District. Last year, we kicked-off the MakerSpace at PSM by having students apply their engineering skills to create a Cardboard Arcade and we continued the tradition with the 2nd annual arcade this year. PSM Students participated in the Hour of Code and have shown much growth with technology, as PSM was one-to-one this year with the OneBerkeley Connects initiative. Every student in the school has received a Dell Chromebook and all teachers integrate Google Classroom into their instruction. PSM continues to grow and adopt best practices to empower all students for success.

This year, our faculty visited four different middle schools and attended various conferences including, but not limited to the SCIRA conference, SCCGE conference, SREB conference, TCEA conference, ISTE conference, Palmetto State Arts Education Conference, and STEM Fest.



Clubs and Awards

Clubs: PSM had a Mock Trial Team, a Lego Robotics Team, a Quiz Bowl Team, an Archery Team, a Bottle Rocket Club, Junior Beta Club, Student Council, Yearbook Club, girls and boys Basketball Teams, and a theatre club, which put on a Holiday production and Spring production. We also hosted school clubs twice a month this year, which included: culinary, gardening Youtube, cryptography, step dance,

Awards: PSM had 35 students become Junior Beta members, 4 students identified as Junior Scholars, 1 student in All-County Jazz Band, the band grew by 75% this year and earned a rating of excellence. The PSM Bottle Rocket Team took first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place at the Storm the Citadel Competition.

This year, we added a new mural of Philip Simmons



PSM Teachers

80% of PSM teachers and faculty have advanced degrees with two earning a doctorate during the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Creel was named the BCSD Spotlight Educator for the month of December and Mrs. White was named the PSM Teacher of the Year.

School Goals

- Promote teacher and student collaboration to set measurable short term goals aimed at growing students' behaviors and achievement.
- Support teachers in providing targeted, effective in-class interventions.
- Promote teacher and parent collaboration, as well as collaborating with the community.
- Increase the involvement of strategic partnerships in developing a sustainable positive school climate.

PSM Mission Statement:

To create, implement, and publish units that utilize STEAM processes that ignite and excite students to develop creativity, collaboration, and community in solving real-world problems.



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