

School Achievements

- 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 \$11,871.
- We were awarded the **Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant**, which assists schools and districts in developing and implementing arts initiatives that support quality arts education programs. Our annual award amount is \$18,000.
- Twenty-five PSM students were selected for Berkeley County School District's All-County Honor Band.

Philip Simmons Middle School SIC Members

Chair Person: Anne-Magill Payne, *Parent*

Vice Chair Person: Christian Petit, *Parent*

Secretary: Amanda Gabriel, *Parent*

Charla Groves, *Principal*

Chris Thurman, *Assistant Principal*

Flashette Johnson, *Instructional Coach*

Suzette Coors, *Teacher of the Year*

Derek Classey, *Teacher*

Nicole Rebuck, *Parent*

Donna Fortenberry, *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

Annual
School Improvement Council
Report to Parents
2019—2020



Vision:
Create a future we dare to
imagine and make a positive
difference.

CHARLA GROVES, PRINCIPAL
CHRISTOPHER THURMAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

<http://www.bcsdschools.net/psm>

2065 Seven Sticks Drive
Wando, SC 29492
P: (843) 471-2590



What's going on at PSM?

Philip Simmons Middle School continues our pursuit of excellence in education through STEAM instructional practices. Students participate in grade-level STEAM projects to address real-world problems in area/community. PSM continues to host week-long Artist In Residence programs for students to expand what they have learned in the arts and also grow through learning more unique skills from a professional, practicing artist. Through a partnership with a local doctor, eighth grade students participate in hands-on, immersive learning experiences in the field of science. The 4th annual Cardboard Arcade allowed our students to embrace design thinking and engineering skills as they designed and built arcade games using cardboard and other recyclable materials. For the 2nd year in a row, students enrolled in the engineering class at Philip Simmons High School participated in the Cardboard Arcade with our students.



The Arts, Clubs and Awards

Clubs: PSM had a Mock Trial Team, a Lego Robotics Team, a Bottle Rocket Club, Junior Beta Club, Student Council, Girls on the Run, Run Hard, Yearbook, girls and boys Basketball Teams, and a theatre club, which performed Holiday and spring productions. Our Iron Horse Band held a winter concert featuring both traditional and contemporary musical selections.

Awards: PSM inducted 26 new members in the National Junior Beta Club, 4 students identified as Junior Scholars, 1 student made it to the Low Country Spellbound Spelling Bee, and 4 students earned awards from the South Carolina Bar Association. Our Bottle Rocket Club placed 1st, 2nd, and 4th place at Storm the Citadel. Our 5th grade recreational volleyball team won their division, and our Trident League Junior Girls' basketball team won their division as well.



Teacher of the Year

PSM Teachers

56.5% of PSM teachers have advanced degrees and 100% of our teachers have received professional development in STEAM. We proudly celebrated our Teacher of the Year— Ms. Suzette Coors. We are honored that Ms. Coors was a semi-finalist for District 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.



Follow us on Twitter: https://twitter.com/psm_ironhorses
Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Philip-Simmons-Middle-School-581691671981574/about/>