

Grants

- 8th grader M. Hebebrand placed 2nd in the Home Telecom art contest and won \$500 for our Art department.
- 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 \$11,525 for a three year total of \$34,575.
- We were awarded the SCDE **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.
- Two teachers received a \$250 grant from the PTSA to be used for STEAM related activities.

Philip Simmons Middle School SIC Members

Chair Person: Michael Huff, *Teacher*
Vice Chair Person: Charles Atkins, III, *Teacher*
Secretary: Amanda Gabriel, *Parent*
Charla Groves, *Principal*
Christopher Thurman, *Assistant Principal*
Flashette Johnson, *Instructional Coach*
Wendy White, *Teacher of the Year*
Cheryl Stanford, *Parent*
Nicole Rebeck, *Parent/PTSA*
Donna Fortenberry, *Business Partner, BP*
Shamoana Boney, *Parent*



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

2018-2019 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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M. Hebebrand

What's going on at PSM?

Philip Simmons Middle School is in its third year as a premier STEAM school in Berkeley County School District. This year, we held our 3rd Annual Cardboard Arcade which encourages students to use their imagination along with engineering skills to build and design games from cardboard and other recyclable items. Additionally, as a way to help increase our students' academic achievement we initiated the Reading Brigade which brought community volunteers to our school to read with our students. We also had members of the Men's Coalition come to PSM to visit with and provide mentoring and support. This year we also had our second Take your Family to School Day which was an overwhelming success. Parents had the opportunity to meet with Administrators, get school updates, observe their child's classes and enjoy lunch together.

PSM continues to grow and adopt best practices to empower all students for success. With the help of our community members, parents, local business and other stakeholders we can have a lasting and profound impact on each students life.

Clubs and Awards

Clubs: Each early release day the students of PSM have the opportunity to attend clubs. Students had the choice of signing up for any of the following: Book Club, Boy's Club, Coding, Culinary, SSR, Creative Writing, Drumline, Gardening, Genius Hour, Tech Support, Running, Spanish, STEP, Bottle Rocket, Mock Trial, and many more!

Awards/Recognition:

- PSM had 25 students selected to the All County Honor Band out of only 110 available spots.
- At the SCTA's 2nd annual Theatre for Youth Festival the PSM 8th grade cast of *Cheaters* was the only school to receive a SUPERIOR rating while also taking home six individual awards.
- 6th grader R. Gehringer placed 2nd in the Berkeley County Spelling Bee.
- Five 8th grade students were named Jr. Scholars
- The Sr. Boy's Basketball team won the Division II Trident League Championship.
- Our Bottle Rocket Team placed 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Storm the Citadel Competition.
- 7th grader L. Hamlin had her artwork selected to be part of the BCSD 2018 Board of Education Art Show.
- 8th Graders K. Rivers and C. Morgan placed 1st at the Low Country Science Fair and will go to Nationals in Washington D.C.



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.

PSM Teachers

70% of PSM teachers and faculty have advanced degrees with one teacher currently enrolled in a Masters Program.

Mr. McCall was named the Rookie Teacher of the Year at PSM and Mr. Classey was named the PSM Teacher of the Year.



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