

## WBMS Welcomes Guests:

\* Dr. Zais, S.C. State Superintendent  
 \*Dr. Lew Smith-Panasonic School of Change Award  
 \* Carter Middle School, Tennessee  
 \*Stephen Peters-Founder of GC & Author  
 \*Aunt Pearl Sue: - Gullah Story Teller/Teacher  
 "Field Trip in Our Backyard" 8th grade history tour guide  
 \*\*BCSD Academic Assessment Team  
 Theresa Jackson -Pathways in STEP Education Grant Alliance  
 \* Pastor Spann: Montford Point Marines Veteran's Day Commemoration  
 \*Apostle Alfred Givens, Mrs. Leila Gilbert, & Mrs. Annette Singleton-PASS Test Monitors  
 \*All the parents, grandparents, guardians, & community advocates  
 \*Mr. Earl Campbell-WBMS Devoted BCSD Board Member, and  
 Our new board members: JoAnn Orischak and Jim Beckert  
 \*5th graders journey to "Starbase"

### Home/School/Community Connections

Parent to Parent Training  
 Mt. Camel Baptist Church  
 School Uniform Award  
 Gentlemen's/MOST Clubs  
 Performing and Visual Art's Showcases  
 Athletic Award's Banquet  
 Zonta Club-Beaufort  
 Star-Watch/Kids in Kayaks  
 Sheldon Township Pathways in STEP-Red Day Walkathon  
 Faith Leaders Luncheon  
 Mental Health Counselors  
 Hoops for Heart  
 Bullying Prevention Forum  
 National Day of Concern Forum  
 Clemson Extension & Waddell Mariculture Center  
 Black History Month Celebration

Family Game Night, Family Literacy Nights  
 Parent/Community Liaison  
 Pathways Adult Computer Literacy Program  
 College Day and Career Day  
 STEM Showcase/Quarterly Student Presentations  
 Parent Educational Resource Center  
 School Messenger  
 School Fusion Web-Page  
 Report Cards & P/T Conferences  
 Gullah Christmas/Hairspray Plays  
 BC Gullah Festival Children's Day  
 Quarterly Honor Roll and Academic Awards Ceremonies

### Student Awards and Recognitions

National Junior Honor Society Membership  
 Junior Scholars :  
 Judah Woods & Sonja Jones (8th Grader)  
 BCSD Youth Leaders:  
 George Delaney, Caleb Hill, Sonja Jones, & Adrian Manigo (8th Graders)  
 Students of the Month (5th -8th Grade)  
 Science Fair Winners (5th-8th Grade)  
 BC Youth Leaders Planning Session Members (7th-8th Graders)

### Administrative Team

Matthew Hunt-Principal  
 Connie Singleton-Murphy-Assistant Principal  
 Matthew Hall-Assistant Principal Intern

### WBMS TAP Leadership Team:

Master "Mentor" Teachers:  
 Matthew Hall (5th/6th Grade Cluster)  
 Angela Stewart ( 7th/8th Grade Cluster)  
 Denise Huntsman ( Academic Arts Cluster)  
 Mentor Teacher ,WBMS Teacher of The Year, & BCSD TOY Runner-up:

Angela Stewart

### WBMS TAP Instructional Superstars!

All the "GROWTH MINDSET" Career Teachers

### SIC Chairperson & Officers

Annette Singleton-Parent  
 Mrs. Linda Dolley-Parent  
 Ms. Chanda Alston-Parent

### PTSO President &

### Athletic Booster Club Presidents

Mrs. Deeni Everly-Parent

Community Service Support from: WBMS  
 Gentlemen Club, Choir, and Band

### SIC Members

V. Cathcart & Dewberry-Teachers  
 J. Rivers & A. Stewart-Teachers

WBMS Academic Arts & Other Support Staff  
 Members

### SIC/PTO/Booster Club Meeting Dates

#### 2012-2013

September 10, 2012  
 October 8, 2012  
 November 12, 2012  
 \*December 10, 2012

January 14, 2013

February 11, 2013

\*March 18, 2013

April 15, 2013

May 13, 2013

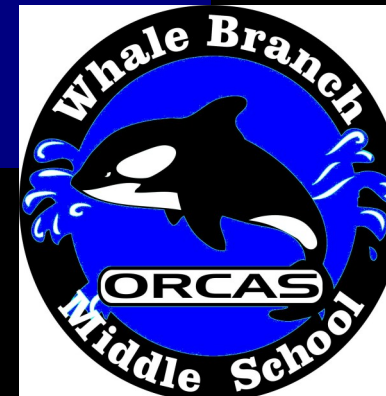
\*Special WBECBS Cluster Meetings

### Please Join Us in 2013-2014

Harvesting More Gifts & Achievements!

TAP National Founder's  
 Award

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Panasonic National  
 School Change Award

Mr. Holland's  
 Opus Foundation

## School Improvement Council's Annual Report to the People 2012-2013

PRINCIPAL :  
 MR. MATTHEW DAVID HUNT

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This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Act (Act 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments during the 2012-2013 school year.

### Message from the SIC Chair

The School Improvement Council along with students, staff, and our valued community members gather suggestions, review goals, and report the successes and achievements of our community school. We strive to attain the highest standards of excellence for all.

### WE BELIEVE:

- The educational needs of our students is our primary focus—for the wise are glad to be instructed.
- That we should teach children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.
- An environment will be created for all students that will be conducive to learning the necessary skills to compete in life.
- The entire community must have genuine concern, compassion, mutual respect for students, and cooperation among school stakeholders.
- All children that enter our building are ten times better in matters requiring wisdom, knowledge, and balanced judgment.
- That our Teachers, Support Staff, and Administrators should be recognized for their efforts and progress in increasing student achievement.

### WBMS Mission

The mission of Whale Branch Middle School is to provide challenging and diverse educational opportunities in a safe and supportive environment using the strengths and resources of the community to prepare students to become responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners.

### School Sponsored Activities and Opportunities:

- **STEM Program/STEM showcases**
- **Core Content Academic Arts Integration**
  - **Accelerated Math**
- **Compass Learning/Study Island**
  - **USA Test Prep**
- **Robotics/Greenhouse Studies & Gardening**
  - **The ORCA Reporter Student Newspaper**
- **“Orca”stra Steel Band/Hand Chimes**
- **Athletics/Hoops for Heart Competition**
- **Performing Arts (band, drum line, choir)**
  - **Student Government**
- **Gentlemen’s Club/Men Of Strength**
  - **Champions of the Environment**
- **Algebra-1 Study Academy**
- **Pathways in STEP Education & Health**
- **Beaufort-Jasper Comprehensive Health**
  - **TCL Upward Bound Program**
- **Ida White: Memorial Rose Garden**
- **“It’s so Hard to Say Good-bye to Yesterday!” song in memory of: Norman Kirkland**

### 2012-2013 WBMS Goals

Every student will increase their ELA academic performance level according to MAP by 1.5 years growth.

Every student will increase their Math academic performance level according to MAP by 1.5 years growth.

80% of our students made 1.0 year’s growth from Sp’12-Sp’13 MAP in Reading and Math

65% of our students made their 1.5 year’s growth on MAP Sp’12-Sp’13 MAP in Reading and Math

### School Award News:

Palmetto Silver Award  
Panasonic National School of Change 2012  
TAP National Founder’s Award  
South Carolina State Department of Education  
Red Carpet School 2010-2014(3 years)  
Science in the Schools Grant  
Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation Band Grant  
SC Gear Up College Program Grant  
PBIS Ribbon School Award  
Pathways in STEP Education Grant  
The Low Country Institute Native Plants Grant  
Keep It Real Health Grant (ongoing)

### WBMS School Highlights of 2012-2013

*-Panasonic National School  
Change Award*  
*-TAP National Founder’s Award*  
*-Outdoor Canopy Classroom in support of  
Environmental Science & Other Classes*  
*-Champions of the Environment Grant*

### Athletic Department

Athletic Booster Club  
Girl’s Basketball– District Semi-Finalist  
8th graders competed in WBECHS Conference  
& Lower State Track Meets-WBECHS  
Jr. Varsity Wrestling Competitors  
AAU Basketball District/State Competitions  
Up and coming athletes compete in sports  
through Parks and Leisure Services (PALS)  
in football, cheerleading, karate, basketball,  
baseball, softball, and soccer.