

Please join us in improving our school...

A school cannot reach its full potential without the support of its parents, friends, and community. Please contact a member of the School Improvement Council (SIC) or Paul Knox Middle School at 803-442-6300 to find out how you can help.

2012-SIC Members:

Jane Thorton—
Chairperson, Elected
Parent
Kandace Tate-Elected
Parent
Dan Pippin-Community
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Shelly Bazemore-
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Emilia Sasser-Teacher
Dana Hutchins-Teacher
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Paul Knox Middle School

2012—2013 School Summary Report

The Paul Knox Middle School mission is to prepare students to be successful in college preparatory classes in high school.

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Accomplishments

*Mr. Josh Workman was voted 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year

*Academic assistance was provided daily after school from 2:55—3:30pm

*Gifted and Talented Students participated in field trips to Phinizy Swamp, Space Camp, and Washington, D.C.

*Title I funds were utilized to employ a Lead Interventionist.

*The Paul Knox Middle School Future City Club placed fourth out of fifty-two teams in the state. The award winning city, Aqualdephia, won best essay and best planned city.

*Paul Knox Middle School achieved a “B” ranking through the ESEA federal accountability system.

*A Paul Knox Middle School student qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geography Bee.

Student Achievement

Recognition and

Programs

*High Honor Roll, Honor Roll, and students meeting MAP goals were recognized throughout the year. An end of the year awards program will also be held for students.

*Seven students were selected to participate in the 2013 North Augusta Idol.

*A student led Veteran’s Day Celebration was held.

*A student led Black History Celebration was held.

*6th grade students participated in the Greek & Roman Festival

*All students participated in the school spelling bee and geography bee.

Band Department

*7 Band students were selected for Region Band.

*21 band students qualified to participate in the Aiken County Band Clinic.

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*Participated in the 2012 North Augusta Christmas Parade.

*Paul Knox Band students will participate in Solo & Ensemble Festival at Aiken High School in May.

*6th, 7th, and 8th grade beginning band students participated in the Julliard in Aiken Clinic.

Beta Club

*Held a “Winter Wear” Drive during Christmas.

* Conducted a “Too Spooky to be Hungry” canned food drive.

* Students will participate in Relay for Life.

PTO News:

*Funded a module for the synergistics lab, new computers for students, and office equipment for special education teachers.

*Provided breakfast for faculty and staff on the first Friday of every month.

*Provided lunch for the faculty and staff on select occasions throughout the year.

Guidance and Career Counseling Department

*Seventeen 8th grade students were recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars. These students scored a 50 or higher in one or more areas on the PSAT.

*Held an IGP (Individual Graduation Plan) Workshop for parents of 8th grade students.

*Several students were recognized for the following community awards: Celebration of Character and Daughters of American Revolution.

*Organized a Career Speakers’ Day. Professional community members donated time to share their careers with our students.

*Employees of Savannah River Site conducted mini experiments with our 7th graders during Science E-Week.

*Conducted classroom guidance sessions on bullying, inappropriate touching, test taking strategies, study skills, and character.

* Held a 6th grade Transition Fair for the rising 6th grade students and their parents.

*Planned an 8th grade field trip to USC-Aiken and Aiken County Career Center.

*Organized and conducted a Career Café on Fridays during the Spring Semester.

*Employees of Kimberly Clark presented the Choices program to Paul Knox Middle School 8th graders.

School Renewal Plan:

Paul Knox Middle School completed its School Renewal Plan update for the 2012-2013 school year. This collaborative effort involved the stakeholders: Principal, Assistant Principal, teachers, parents, community members, School Improvement Council, and PTA Representatives.

The purpose of the renewal plan is to:

*Evaluate the school’s adherence to the standards

*Review school test results for the purpose of implementing improvement strategies

*Provide high quality feedback with clear attainable goals and objectives