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The Eagle

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2012-2013 School Improvement Council Report to Parents

2012-2013 General Information:

School Population – 946 students with a student attendance rate of 96%.

Kennedy Middle School met all regular education objectives on 2011 AYP and 25 of 27 objectives overall.

Kennedy Middle School received a absolute rating of good and a growth rating of good on the Annual Report Card.

Kennedy Middle School received an A rating from the South Carolina Department of Education

Kennedy Middle School received a **Silver Award** for school-wide academic achievement.

Kennedy Middle School received a **Gold Award** for closing the achievement gap.

Structured reading time (Reading Renaissance) held school-wide daily from 8:05 - 8:25 AM.

Through March 31, our media center had a circulation of nearly 20,000 books, 70,000+ Accelerated Reader (AR) points, and our students read almost 420,000,000 words. Our library has a total of 12,627 holdings.

Michelle King was named 2013 teacher of the year.

Student Achievement Recognition & Programs:

- **2012 PASS** results were among the highest in the district in English, math, science and social studies.
- The **Beta Club** inducted 142 new members and has a school-wide membership of 391 students.
- 15.7th grade students qualified to as DUKE TIP recipients.
- 37 8th grade students are recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars.
- 100+ students received the presidential academic excellence award.
- 12 students selected for the Regional Band.
- 29 students were selected to the All-County Band.
- 3 students selected to the SC Middle School All-state Band.
- 99% of our 8th graders passed the Algebra 1 and English 1 End of Course exams.
- Our future city team finished 2nd in the region competition held at USC-Aiken.
- Our Math Counts team won **1st place** in the regional contest and competed at the state level.

Student Club Information:

- Our 6th grade collected over 11 gallons of can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Augusta, Ga.
- Our Beta Club raised over \$4000 for Relay for Life and participated in ten service projects.
- Student Council members sponsored Salvation Army Food Drive and collected over 1500 cans of food.
- The Serteen Club completed several projects to aid local community groups and civic clubs.

Athletics:

- Our football team completed the season with a 6-1 record.
- Our volleyball team completed the season with a record of 14-0 and won the Aiken County Championship.
- Our girls' basketball team completed the season with a 9-5 record.
- Our boys' basketball team completed the season with a record of 13-1 and won the Aiken County Championship.
- Our golf team finished the season with a record of 13-1 and won the Aiken County Championship.

Guidance & Career Counseling Department:

- Mini-courses (with over 40 local sponsors) held during a three week period in February.
- USC-Aiken and Aiken Technical College shared information concerning dual enrollment to our 8th grade Algebra I students.
- Conducted classroom guidance sessions on student success, test-taking strategies, and study skills.
- Developed and implemented anti-bullying programs,
- Held a 6th grade Transition Day for our rising 6th graders.
- Completed Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs) on 100% of the 8th grade students.

PTO News:

- Sponsored the Fall Festival, with all funds going to support school initiatives.
- Sponsored all school dances
- Sponsored the talent show, a huge success highlighting our incredibly talented student body.
- Provided lunch for the faculty at open house and assisted with breakfasts and lunches during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Continues to assist with our book fairs throughout the year.

School Renewal Plan:

Kennedy Middle School recently completed its School Renewal Plan Addendum for the 2013-2014 school year.

The School Renewal Plan is a collaborative effort, involved the following stakeholders:

faculty and staff, 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

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 **Kennedy Middle School** at **803-641-2470** to find out how you can help.

School Improvement Council (SIC)

Our SIC generally meets the 3rd Friday of each month during the school year at 11 AM. Visitors are always welcome!

2012-2013 SIC Members:

Ryan Tripp, chairperson and community member

Sarah Burnham, teacher

Gail Cruz, parent

Mary Kennedy, parent

Debra Kelly, parent

Rosalind Key, parent

Renne Hiott, parent

Kyle Smith, principal