

Our School

Mission Statement:

The goal of Kennedy Middle School is to provide young students an opportunity to develop intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically in a safe, positive, student-centered environment in order to become productive members of society.

Belief Statement:

- The Curriculum should emphasize academic skills along with students achieving their highest individual potential.
- Administration and staff recognize and value diversities.
- We provide a cooperative and safe learning environment that is conducive to learning and teaching.
- Administration, staff, parents, and communities work together to help ensure academic success.
- Students are responsible and held accountable for their behavior and academic success.
- Our school will help prepare students to become productive members of society.

School Improvement Council Members

Principal: Dr. Ryan Ashley
Assistant Principal: Jeff Harting
Assistant Principal: Carla Dupert
Chairman: James Nanney
Teacher: Kimberly Aycock
Parent: Melissa Bryan
Student: Tucker Bryan
PTO Chairman: Deloris Anderson
Community Member: Jason Hall

Purpose of the Report

The School Improvement Council (SIC) at Kennedy Middle School prepared the annual school report for you and the community. This provides an excellent opportunity to view the direction of our school along with our accomplishments from this past year.

SIC Goals:

- Improve ELA and math growth with an emphasis on rigor
- Improve performance of students with special needs in all academic areas.
- Improve parental involvement and satisfaction

Heroes of the Nest:

Teacher of the Year: Carole Cullum
GEM of the Year (Giving Even More): Phil Luton

Kennedy Middle School

Aiken County School District

Report to the Parents 2020-2021



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Home of the Eagles
Student Population: 709 students
Aiken Innovate: 149 students
Grades: 7th and 8th grade



Academic Accomplishments

Math Counts- 3/4 top 10 finishes including a first place finish for the local chapter competition and first in the invitational competition.

Spelling Bee Competition- Liam King was the school spelling bee champion. He then went on to win the district bee. He represented our school in Charlotte for the regional spelling bee.

South Carolina Junior Scholars- This year Kennedy will have students represented in this organization.

Kahn Academy- Kennedy utilizes this tool for personalized learning.

Community Involvement

- Millbrook Baptist Church
- Aiken Cooperative
- FCA- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Levels Baptist Church
- Cold Creek Nursery

PTO

- Provided KMS t-shirts for the first day of school
- Purchased/maintained the Reading Counts reading incentive program
- Assisted in funding school beautification
- Express Yourself Content
 - Sponsored quarterly “good behavior” incentives
- Operated concession stand at football and basketball games

Student Involvement

- **Future City**- Our KMS teams won the following awards at the regional competition: 2nd place overall, 3rd place overall, Best Planned City, Most Creative, and more.
- **Art Club**: The club is loosely organized like an "art cafe" so that students can meet in an environment that promotes social interaction and art-making
- **Garden Club**: Completes beautification projects around Kennedy.
- **Yearbook Club**: Compiles all events at Kennedy and publishes the yearbook.
- **Battle of the Books**: A voluntary reading incentive program.
- **Lego League**: This program has been on hold due to COVID.
- **Beta Club**: We exhibit “worthy character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude.”
- **Academic Team**: Jeopardy-style competition among all middle schools in the county.



Athletics Department

- Our **football** team finished the season with a successful record however did not play all the games due to COVID 19.
- Our girls **volleyball** team celebrated a n **undefeated** record and were Conference Champions.
- Our **boys basketball** team finished the season with a winning record.
- Our **girls basketball** team finished with a winning record and ended the season as the county runner-up.
- Our **golf** team finished with a successful season as we improved in each tournament.

Guidance and Career Services Center

-We have developed a new Junior Student 2 Student Organization to welcome military families.

-This year has been the developing stages of a mentorship program. This helps students develop skills and dispositions that ensure that they can problem-solve and work through challenges as well as take ownership of their learning and decisions.