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Kennedy Middle School

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2014-2015 School Improvement Council Report to Parents

2014-2015 General Information:

Kennedy Middle School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

School Population – 902 students with a student attendance rate of 96.4%.

Kennedy Middle School received an **B** rating from the Federal Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) grading system

Structured reading time held school-wide daily for 20 minutes.

Shana Pearsons (7th grade Science teacher) was selected as our 2015 teacher of the year.

Matthew Kennamer (7th grade Social Studies teacher) was selected as our 2015 1st year teacher of the year.

Student Achievement Recognition & Programs:

- Our **Future City** teams competed in the region competition held at USC-Aiken
- **Beta Club** school-wide membership of 335 students.
- 31 7th grade students qualified to as DUKE TIP recipients.
- 5 7th grade students qualified for DUKE Tip state recognition.
- 32 8th grade students are recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars.
- 185 students participate in the band
- 15 students selected for the Regional Band.
- 22 students were selected to the All-County Band.
- 2 students were selected to as alternates for the All-County Band.
- KMS Honor Band received a superior rating at the 2015 Carowinds Festival of Music.
- 99% of our 8th graders passed the Algebra 1 and English 1 End of Course exams.
- Over 50 students participated in the Solo and Ensemble festival at Aiken High School. SCBDA
- 1 student received 1st place in individual competition for Math Counts State Chapter Participants
- Math Counts team placed 7th in Math Counts Competition
- KMS Math Counts team named Chapter Champions.
- Student Artwork was chosen and presented to Board member during Board Appreciation Week.
- Recycling club collects recyclable materials

Student Club Information:

- Our Beta Club participated in several service projects including Be a Bunny, MS Walk, Baseball Buddies, Operation Christmas Child, and Food Drive for ACTS.
- Our Set Design Students painted a background for Winter Concert, Multicultural Show and Time Machine Project in the cafeteria.
- Our Serteen Club involved in a wide range of school and community service projects.

Athletics:

- Our volleyball team completed the season with a record of 10-3 and advanced to the county championships.
- Our girls' basketball team completed the season with a 12-3 overall record and 8-0 Conference Champs.

Guidance & Career Counseling Department:

- Mini Courses (with over 25 local sponsors) held in February.
- Sponsored STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Night each semester.
- Conducted classroom guidance sessions on student success, test-taking strategies, and study skills.
- Conducted classroom career guidance sessions.
- Sponsored "Right Choices" workshops with Devon Harris of Full Refuge Circle Ministries.
- Sponsored the 6th grade Meet and Greet for our rising 6th graders.
- Completed Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs) on 100% of the 8th grade students.
- Kimberly Clark conducted the choices program for all 8th graders.

PTO News:

- Donated over \$5,000 to purchase technology for students.
- Continues to assist our faculty with additional monies to help purchase school items throughout the year.
- Spearheaded fund raising efforts to afford our school to provide additional resources for the school.
- Events sponsored by PTO: open house, student dances, teacher appreciations, AR store

Grants:

- 3 teachers received SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants
- 5 teachers received Aiken County Full Circle Technology Grant

School Renewal Plan:

Kennedy Middle School recently completed the Five-year School Renewal Plan for the 2013-2018 school years..

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

School Improvement Council (SIC)

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.

Our SIC generally meets the 3rd Monday of each month during the school year at 3:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome!

Our Purpose: Kennedy Middle School educates all students to achieve at their highest levels.

Our Direction: Students will apply the acquired knowledge and skills to become life-long learners who are productive citizens,

2014-2015 SIC Members:

Whitney Ray, Chairperson

Theresa Tobin, Community member

Kathy Jackson, Community member

Sarah Burnahm, Teacher

Rosalind Key, Parent

Jamie Byrne, administrator

Teresa Mitchem, Principal

Monica Neumar Parent

Matthew Kennamer, Teacher