

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Gaffney Middle School, in partnership with all stakeholders, is to ensure a quality education by providing a safe, supportive, and structured learning environment.

## VISION STATEMENT

GAFFNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL BECOME A SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS BY FOSTERING ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL GROWTH THROUGH CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, AND REFLECTION. THIS VISION STATEMENT IS INTENDED TO SERVE AS BOTH THE BLUEPRINT FOR IMPROVEMENT AND THE BENCHMARK BY WHICH WE WILL EVALUATE OUR PROGRESS.

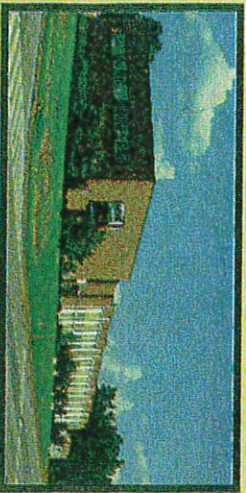
## ADMINISTRATION

**Dr. Eric Blanton, Principal**

**Mrs. Tammy Brown, Assistant Principal**

**Mr. Leron Ralynnes, Assistant Principal**

**Dr. Amanda Ruppe, Assistant Principal**



## HOME OF THE CHIEFS

This year we strived to achieve the district mission by providing excellence through student engagement. We provided numerous academic opportunities for our students including STEM classes in grades 6-8, and high school credit courses for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We also offered additional academic assistance to our students by using Title I funds to employ a Reading Interventionist. Students have taken part in multiple STEM projects. They have worked to build catapults to launch pumpkins and roller coasters. The students have also worked towards many academic goals as they complete engaging and rigorous activities through the district implemented program, iReady.

As Gaffney Middle School continues to strive for success, we are proud of all of our teachers and students. Their hard work, dedication to learning, and commitment to grow is evident in our school data. We have raised the bar for academic success and are extremely proud of our students and staff for all of their accomplishments. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

### Distinguished Teacher of Literacy

**(GMS and CCSD)**

Mrs. Jessica Vaughn

### Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Misty Karaszki

### Support Staff of the Year

Mr. DeArnon Smith

## GMS ANNUAL SCHOOL EVENTS

- ALL ACADEMIC AWARDS PROGRAM
- BAND AND CHORUS CONCERTS
- BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM
- BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL
- CHIEF PRIDE CODE WITH POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INCENTIVES
- FALL AND WINTER SPORTS BANQUETS
- HEALTH AND WELLNESS
- MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION
- QUARTERLY AWARDS PROGRAM
- WALK TO SCHOOL
- WHITE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

## CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Certified staff participated in on-going sessions in order to fully implement district initiatives such as collaborative instructional planning, student engagement, MTSS, data analysis, AVID, and E-Learning. All initiatives maintained a focus on college and career readiness, rigor and relevance across all disciplines.

Cherokee County has implemented iReady learning and assessment. All students take part in iReady ELA and Math diagnostics in the fall, winter, and spring. Students also use iReady to work on pathways focused on individual student's learning needs. Teachers and students work to achieve classroom goals and earn incentives for their growth and progress as learners.

Teachers participated in data-driven study groups to identify grade level classroom student achievement goals.