

GMS

Annual School Events

Quarterly Awards Programs

Breakfast with the Principal

Veteran's Day Program

Multicultural Celebration

Black History Program

Band and Chorus Concerts

Career Day Expo

Hoops For Heart

March of Dimes

**Disney World, Washington, D.C.,
and Atlanta, Ga. trips**

Relay for Life

White Christmas Project

Fall and Winter Sports

Banquets

**Chief Pride Code with Positive
Behavior Incentives**

Mission Statement

Our mission is to commit to student learning by creating a safe, supportive, and structured educational 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.



GAFFNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2012-2013

Dr. Shirley Sealy
Principal
Mr. Lane Carter
Assistant Principal
Mrs. Anna Cooke
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*This report is issued by the GMS
School Improvement Council in
accordance with SC law to share
information on the school's progress
in meeting various goals and
objectives, the work of the SIC, and
other accomplishments during the
school year.*

CHIEFS 2012-2013

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Teacher of the Year:
Mrs. Ellen Owen
- ◆ Distinguished Teacher of Reading:
Mrs. Marsha Wood
- ◆ Support Staff of the Year:
Ms. Lavette King
- ◆ Junior Scholars: **Allison Cantrell, Cassidy Crocker, Hogan Davidson, Chiara Davis, Martha Deleon-Shay, Cameron Downey, Andrew Miller, Melanie Mills, Zakia Phillips, Adair Robertson, Zyria Rodgers, Delisha Sarratt, Dorian Sarratt, Lilly Williams**
- ◆ Patriot's Pen Winner: **Martha Belleton**
- ◆ Young Writers Gala District Winners: **Jadyn Myers, and Jada Vergara**
- ◆ **Battle of the Brains Team** advanced to the "Elite 8."
- ◆ **OEC Academic Challenge Team** won numerous matches in competition.

2012-2013

"Quality Without Question"

Curriculum and Professional Development

- ◆ Gaffney Middle continued to integrate technology in the classrooms with iPads, LCD projectors, document cameras, and interactive Activ Boards.
- ◆ Teachers participated in data-driven study groups to identify grade level student achievement goals.
- ◆ Teachers served on Professional Learning Community teams, with continued focus on grade level common assessments of student learning.
- ◆ Teachers and staff read Rigor is Not a Four-Letter Word, and formed a study group to enhance the learning environment at Gaffney Middle by using the strategies learned from the book.
- ◆ Teachers attended conferences in reading and other areas to enhance classroom instruction and student learning.

Who Are We?

School Mascot: The Chiefs

School Colors: Black, Gold, and White

Student Enrollment: 646

Total Staff: 70

Dear Parents,

This year we embraced the Cherokee County School District motto "Focused and Committed to our Students' Futures." We implemented a school-wide emphasis on vocabulary, and provided numerous academic opportunities for our students including STEM classes and high school credit courses for 8th graders. We also offered additional academic assistance to our students by using Title I funds to employ Reading and Math Interventionists, and to host an after-school academy.

The majority of our professional development opportunities focused on the upcoming implementation of the Common Core State Standards, and recently we were named a "Winthrop University Partner School," which offers exciting networking and growth opportunities for Gaffney Middle, as well as for Winthrop teaching interns.

We raised the bar for academic excellence at GMS, and are extremely proud of our students and staff for their accomplishments!

Thank you to our parents and our community for your continued support!