

MISSION STATEMENT

At Alston Middle School, our mission is to cultivate a **dynamic and inclusive learning environment** where **every student is empowered** to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally **to excel** in a diverse and everchanging world.

VISION STATEMENT

At Alston Middle School, we are committed to ensuring our school community feels **respected, valued,** and **accountable** for their actions.

SIC MEMBERS

- * Beth Fiorito, Administrator
- * Kevin Lukich, Administrator
- * MaryEllen Foster, Teacher (Chairperson)
- * Ginny Stone, Teacher
- * Danielle Ranslow, Teacher
- * MaryEllen Foster, Parent
- * Jennifer Santmyer, Parent
- * Frank Staropoli, Community Member
- * Elaine Glover, Community Member

FAST FACTS

- * School Enrollment: 801
- * Number of Certified Teachers: 53
- * Athletic Opportunities: Basketball, Wrestling, Volleyball,
- * Fine Arts Opportunities: Band, Art, Vocal, Theater, and Dance
- * Related Arts Opportunities: Spanish, PE, Keyboarding, Digital Literacy, Financial Literacy, and Gateway to Technology

Our community chose the Tiger as our mascot for its qualities of **strength, courage,** and the **ability to adapt.** Each day, the Tiger reminds us to persist in our learning, to boldly face challenges, and to innovate.



Congratulations

Kelley Smith
Teacher of the Year

Austin Bates
Rookie Teacher of the Year

Mercedes Hannigan
School Counselor of the Year

Shiela Daniels
Star Performer of the Year

Overall Rating:
AVERAGE

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2023-2024

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Beth Fiorito, Principal
Kevin Lukich, Assistant Principal
Corrigan Rutherford, Assistant Principal
Lara Hayes, Assistant Principal

SIC GOALS

- * To increase teacher morale.
- * To increase parent involvement in school activities.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As I reflect on the 2023-2024 school year, I feel extremely fortunate to be the principal of a school with such remarkable students, a motivated and dedicated staff, and supportive parents. I firmly believe in the proverbial saying that "it takes a village to raise a child," and we are truly a village with teachers, parents, and community members working together to provide what is best for every student at Alston Middle School. Our monthly family engagement events strengthen the bonds between parents and the entire school community as we learn and play together. Our PTSA, SIC, and Student Council advocate for the needs and interests of our students, teachers, and families. Through these active voices, we can enhance student learning while engaging them in new and exciting opportunities.

At Alston, we are committed to ensuring our school community feels respected, valued, and accountable for their actions. We believe in empowering every student to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally to excel in a diverse and ever-changing world. We aim to use technology to enhance teaching and learning, not simply replace it. To prepare all students to be active participants in our exciting global community, we have embraced the philosophy of teaching the skills of the 3Rs (reading, writing, and arithmetic) along with the skills of the 4Cs (collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity).

Our goal to produce well-rounded students is at the heart of Alston Middle School. Our students are given a variety of opportunities to explore a variety of extracurricular classes like art, chorus, band, dance, orchestra, theater, GTT, business, foreign language, and physical education. Outside of the school day, our 7th and 8th graders had the opportunity to join one of our athletic teams like basketball, volleyball, or wrestling. Competitively, our robotics and dance teams both brought home trophies and gave us bragging rights.

It's been a rollercoaster of a year, and I look forward to doing it again next year with this awesome tiger community!

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- * 1 student received the Award of Excellence for her literature submission for the 2023-2024 **SCPTA Reflections** contest.
- * Alston **Elite Dance Company** brought home two 1st place trophies and one 3rd place overall highest score in the middle school category. They also qualified for the State Championships and took 3rd place in Hip-Hop
- * 1 teacher was named South Carolina Art Education Association **Middle Level Art Educator of the Year**
- * 10 students entered the **SC Fair Visual Art Contest**
- * In the **Lions Club Peace Poster Contest**, 1 student took 1st and another took 2nd.
- * 5 students participated in the **Youth Art Month** at Public Works Art Center
- * 6 students participated at **Dream Fest**.
- * Multiple teachers received **Donor's Choose Grants**.
- * 5 students competed with the **Vex Robotics** in the state competition
- * 2 students qualified for the **state wrestling** tournament.
- * 1 student made the JV football team at SHS and was named to the **State middle school all star** game.
- * 12 **athletes** were named to the 1st or 2nd all-conference teams in their respective sports.
- * 4 students made the **SCBDA All Region 4 Band**
- * 1 student made the **SCBDA All State Band**

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- * Raised \$3,159.80 for the **Relay for Life**.
- * Raised \$912 for the **Special Olympics**.
- * 2 teachers received the **Bosch BESTeacher Grant**.
- * Recipient of the **DAP grant**.
- * 2 teachers had their **books published**
- * Hosted 2 **blood drives** and a **family bingo night**.



CORE VALUES

	STUDENTS CHILDREN COME FIRST	T
	PASSION LOVE WHAT YOU DO	E
	ACCOUNTABILITY IT BEGINS WITH ME	A
	INTEGRITY DO WHAT'S RIGHT	M
	COMMUNITY STAND UNITED	D
	EXCELLENCE BE YOUR BEST	O
	RELATIONSHIPS BUILD A FOUNDATION OF TRUST	R
	DIVERSITY INCLUSIVE OF ALL	C
	LEADERSHIP INSPIRE & EMPOWER	H
	RECOGNITION APPRECIATE & CELEBRATE	E