

# Report to Parents

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL



## SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Oakbrook Middle School is to educate students to become proficient, responsible, and caring citizens by creating a nurturing environment where staff, parents, and the community work together to provide challenges and opportunities for students to reach their maximum potential.

## SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Oakbrook Middle School desires to be recognized as a world-class middle school, expecting each student to achieve at his/her optimum level in all areas, and providing all members of our Eagle family with an environment that permits them to do their personal best.

## SCHOOL HISTORY

Welcome to Oakbrook Middle School! We take pride in the excellence of our students and staffuly combined, and hope for our school to be a place where both students and adults can cultivate positive relationships and have an outstanding learning experience. We truly believe our school is where our students "learn to care and care to learn." No matter what we are doing, our Eagles soar ABOVE THE REST!



## ABOUT US

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MR. REUBEN

Counselor of the Year



MRS. LEWIS

News 2 Cool School Award



MRS. MILLER

Teacher of the Year

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS 22-23

**Elected Parents:** Amanda Bukiewics, *Chair*, Christina Sadler, *Parent*

**Elected Teachers:** Anthony Krakower, *Language Arts Teacher*, Natalie Metts, *Math Teacher*, Shannon Whitaker, *Math Teacher*

**Community Members:** Tasha Joyner, Christina Payseur

**Ex-officio Members:** Bentli Lewis, *Principal*; Julia Solustri, *Assistant Principal*; Marvin Conyers, *Assistant Principal*; Misty Brewster, *Parent/Teacher Organization Representative*

Please contact Assistant Principal, Julia Solustri at [jsolustri@dorchester2.k12.sc.us](mailto:jsolustri@dorchester2.k12.sc.us) for SIC questions or comments.

## PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report is issued by the School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on Oakbrook Middle School's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the School Improvement Council, and other accomplishments during

the school year.



MS. RATLIFF

Rookie Teacher of the Year



ARCHERY TEAM



MRS. AVELLO

Star Performer of the Year

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL FOCUS

Oakbrook Middle School's School Improvement Council (SIC) meets monthly to plan, monitor, and evaluate improvements at the school level. This includes planning, as well as communication among students, parents, teachers, and administrators of Oakbrook Middle School. The OMS SIC's main objective is to support the school's goals and help create a positive environment of continuous improvement. The SIC also serves as a review and sounding board for administration and our school community.



## SIC ANNUAL GOALS

1. Improve communication between Oakbrook Middle School and our students, families, and community stakeholders.
2. Beautify various aspects and locations of Oakbrook Middle School to revamp the appearance of our the campus.

The School Improvement Council is continuously monitoring and working to ensure quality programs are provided at Oakbrook Middle School. The SIC continues to acknowledge and support Oakbrook Middle School's pursuit of excellence and goal to be ABOVE THE REST!

## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

### Media Center Accomplishments

- Virtual author visit with Lindsey Stoddard
- Celebrated National Novel Writing Month - helped 20+



*students develop their writing skills in a month-long club*

- Hosted Coding Club to celebrate Computer Science Education Week
- Began Library Ambassador Club - *a weekly club for students in every grade to eat lunch in the media center once a week, socialize, and help plan library events*
- Girls with Gears Club - *female student driven club where they eat lunch in the library once a week, socialize, and learn about design thinking and STEM concepts*
- Mrs. Webb (media specialist) received the BOSCH BEST Teacher grant - *almost \$2,000 to put towards STEM materials for the media center Makerspace*
- Hosted two Scholastic Book Fairs to raise funds to add to our library collections
- Held monthly contests to increase student interest in the Media Center
- Hosted two lunchtime Poetry Café events where students in all grades were invited to read and listen to poetry
- Expanded the Library Makerspace center to allow for more student participation.  
*Activities included: making Shrinky-dink ornaments, rock painting, puffy paint window clings, bookmark design, stamping, pixel art, origami, bracelet creation, plastic canvas, card making for International Thank You day, and more.*
- Increased Graphic Novel and Manga collections to provide a greater variety within our most-circulated collections
- Updated the physical space by removing the outdated anti-theft security gates and the poles in the former lab section of the library
- Added books to the library collection to meet the state's book-per-student requirement
- Collaborated with teachers in every grade to develop informational literacy skills and support the curriculum



### **Science Curriculum Extensions**

- Balanced and Unbalanced Forces Tug-o-War
- Use of NASA's DART mission program to observe and debate net forces
- Studied velocity through creating foam rollercoasters
- Built wave machines out of creative materials to visualize and calculate wave behaviors and characteristics
- Utilized butter to study chemical changes from liquid to solid
- Studied exothermic reactions with elephant toothpaste
- Extracted DNA from strawberries to study genetics
- Hosted Rob Fowler, Chief Meteorologist, from Channel 2

### **Math Curriculum Extensions**

- Studied linear regression through creating bungee cords for the Barbie Bungee project
- Created independent ice cream companies to study volume, surface area, and design
- Hosted Math Night - a special evening event with various math activities engaging our students, families, and community members
- Celebrated Pi-Day with a cross-content unit study

### **Language Arts Curriculum Extensions**

- Hosted Family Literacy Night - a special evening event with guest speaker, Marcus Amaker (local poet laureate) drawing in over 400 students, families, and community stakeholders
- Researched and held a trial to determine how Edgar Allan Poe died

- Celebrated Read Across America with a "quiet" café opening
- Honored Dr. Seuss and his birthday with a scavenger hunt

### **Social Studies Curriculum Extensions**

- Studied hemispheres, latitude, longitude, and poles using oranges
- Made bracelets to celebrate the Aboriginal people of Australia
- Learned about continents and oceans using balloons
- Hosted 1st Generation immigrants to speak about why they chose to come to the United States
- Utilized the FIFA World Cup to look up and read population pyramids of competing countries
- Celebrated holidays and holiday traditions around the world
- Hosted a travel fair in the Media Center about South America

### **Fine Arts Accomplishments**

- 8th Grade Dancers attended DD2 District Dance Day workshop and performance
- 7th and 8th Grade Dancers performed at the Summerville Third Thursday DREAMfest
- OMS Dance Team performed during basketball season as well as attended a regional conference in Columbia

### **Health and Wellness Committee Accomplishments**

- Created an employee wellness room - helps our OMS staff have a safe space to promote their own health and wellness so they can pour from a full cup in the classroom
- Hosted Health and Wellness night, utilizing members and programs from the community to engage our students and their families in health and wellness techniques
- Utilized school-wide data to support the need of a Health Room Assistant to best serve our students each day

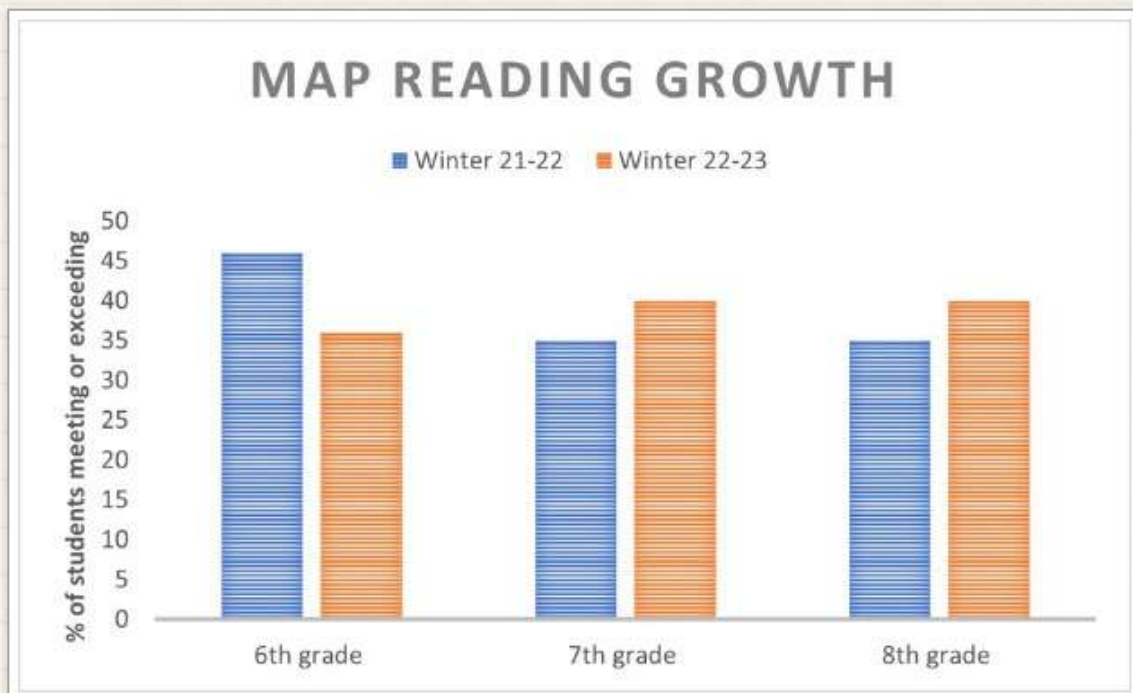
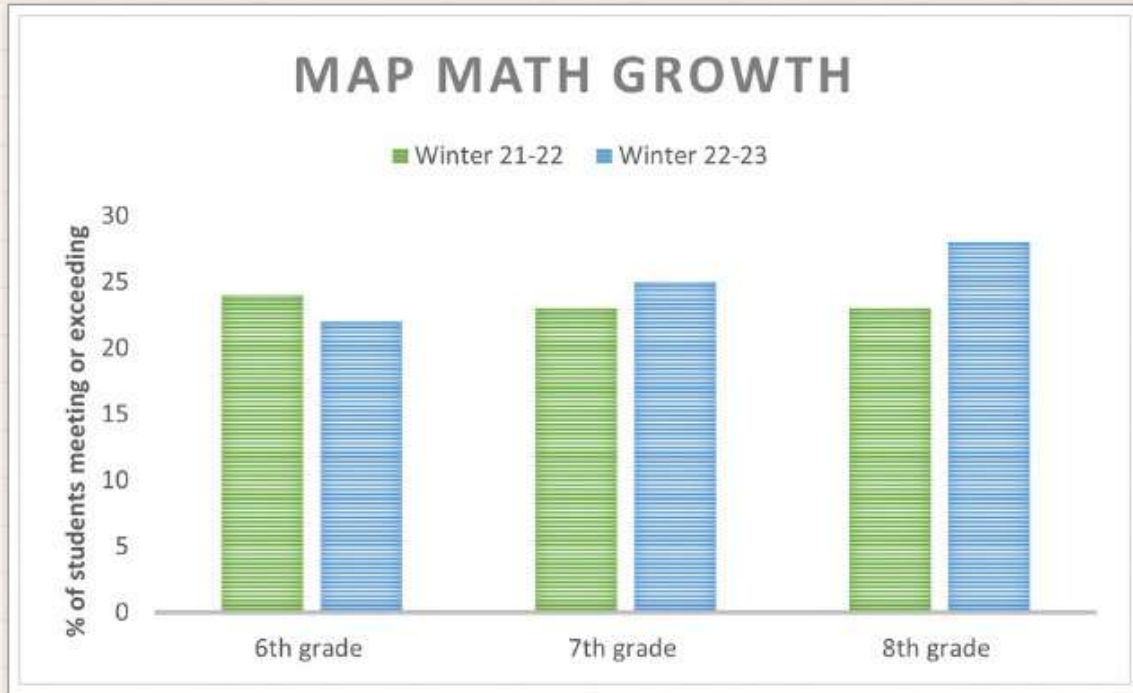
### **School-Wide Accomplishments and Engagements**

- Ms. Atkinson created OMS's first Lego League
- PTSA & Summerville Elks Lodge held a Hoop Shoot contest
- Black History Month Production put on by the Fine Arts department, highlighting the accomplishments of various Black and African American artists
- Virtual Veterans Day Program produced by the fine and performing arts teams, highlighting our local community Veterans
- News 2 Cool School
- Peyton Krueger was a District Spelling Bee Finalist (2nd place)
- Renaissance Rally's hosted throughout the year to celebrate our students and their accomplishments
- Other Student Achievement and Award Celebrations
- Ms. Johnson created the OMS Spirit Squad





## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA



Grades Served: 6-8

Current Student Enrollment: 989

For more student achievement data, you may view the "S.C. School Report Card," at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov)



VOLLEYBALL



WRESTLING



SPIRIT SQUAD



## SCHOOL CLUBS AND ATHLETICS

### Clubs

- Newspaper Club
- Pep/Spirit Squad
- Girls with Gears
- Lego League
- Photography Club
- Library Ambassadors
- Robotics

### Athletics

- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Archery



BOYS BASKETBALL



ART CLASS



GIRLS BASKETBALL

# SCHOOL STATISTICS

## School Wide Demographics

