

School Achievements

OMS is pleased to announce the following achievements for the 2016-2017 School Year:

- Recognized as a Channel 5 News “Cool School of the Week” in December
- Eagle Mind Squad First Lego Team won the Best Project Presentation award at State
- Started an Archery and Yoga Club with 30 members each
- Math Counts scored 4th place in the Chapter Regional Competition and placed 2nd in our school district
- 7th Grade Band received Superior at the Concert Performance Assessment
- 7th/8th Grade Symphonic band earned Excellent at the Concert Performance Assessment
- Four students earned chair positions in Region Band and one student placed in the All-State Band competition
- Eagle Strings Orchestra played for the third time in Orlando, Florida. This year it was at Disney World.
- Eagle Strings Orchestra received Excellent at Concert Performance Assessment
- Eagle Chorus placed 8th out of 36 schools in the SC Education Association Concert Performance Assessment
- Chorus received Superior at the SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment
- Oakbrook Edge Dance Company received multiple awards including high scoring Platinum and overall 3rd place for their hip-hop number
- Legally Blonde Jr. was featured as the annual Musical Theater production.
- 6th grade student won the school and district Geography Bee and represented OMS at State level
- Awarded weekly and monthly SOAR rewards for exhibiting Good Behavior
- “No Discipline Referral” celebrations held each quarter for students with no negative behavior referrals
- Monthly Character Trait awards for students!
- Raised \$1,533.61 for the March for Babies!
- Raised \$1,448.12 for Hoops for Heart!
- Raised \$400 for Juvenile Diabetes

We are pleased to report

OMS has increased its literacy focus with Book Clubs, Literacy nights with featured authors, online author webcasts and two Book Fairs.

A faculty member recently published a children’s book.

The OMS new wing is under construction and is expected to be completed in May of 2017 adding 10 classrooms and a computer lab.

OMS provides school agendas for all students through funding from the PTSA.

The security vestibule in our front foyer has been completed which has improved the overall safety of the school.

Steel Drums and World Percussion were added to the Fine Arts/Performing Arts program.

Gathered over 1000 canned goods for the Eagle Food Pantry. The Eagle Food Pantry (stocked by our students) supports families and the Oakbrook community.

Provided more than 15 families with baskets for Thanksgiving and the winter holidays.

Supported the Lumberton School District in North Carolina with school supplies in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew in the fall.

The OMS PTSA funded 3 Flip Mini camcorders and 3 HP streams valued at \$1,350 for the Journalism class.

OMS PTSA provided teachers with 6 grants that averaged \$550 each that impacted our students and classrooms.

Angel Tree Program provided gifts for 19 families this Christmas.

We look forward to our 3rd annual “Passing Up Ceremony” to take place May 24th at Fort Dorchester High School. The ceremony will recognize and celebrate our rising 9th grade class.

Parent useful school information

Access your student grades at: <https://ps.ddtwo.org/public/home.html> or download the PowerSchool app to your phone or tablet.

Help our school while you shop, using your Publix card and Harris Teeter (VIC # 2713).

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**“Where Students Learn to Care and
Care to Learn.”**

SIC Committee

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Our 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.

Our Mission Statement

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

SIC Annual Goals

SIC’s main goal is to increase opportunities for parent communication and involvement in their student’s education. To improve parent teacher communication:

- Mr. Pitcher held monthly “Coffee & Donuts with the Principal” meetings.
- School Renewal Plan was revised by the SIC to include Read to Succeed action plans.
- Report card pick up nights were held for 1st and 3rd quarters. These nights provided additional opportunities for face to face informal meetings for parents and teachers.
- Monthly SIC and PTSA meetings were held so that parents had input and involvement in their student’s education.

Community School Events

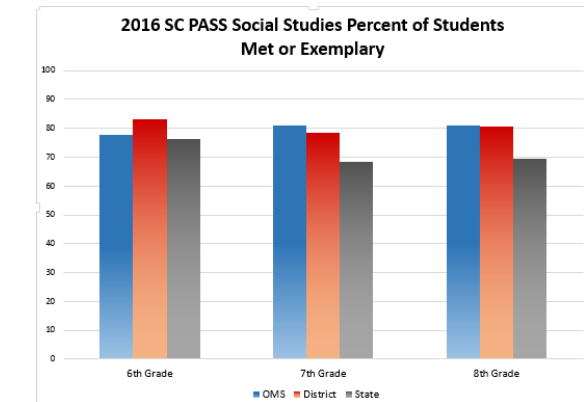
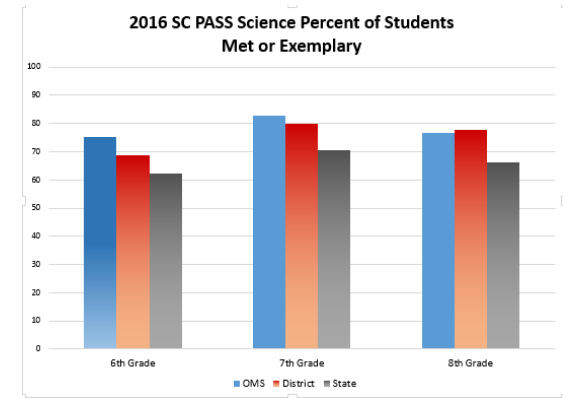
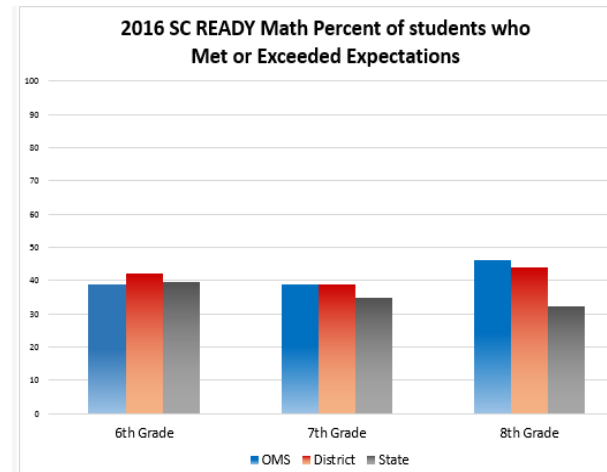
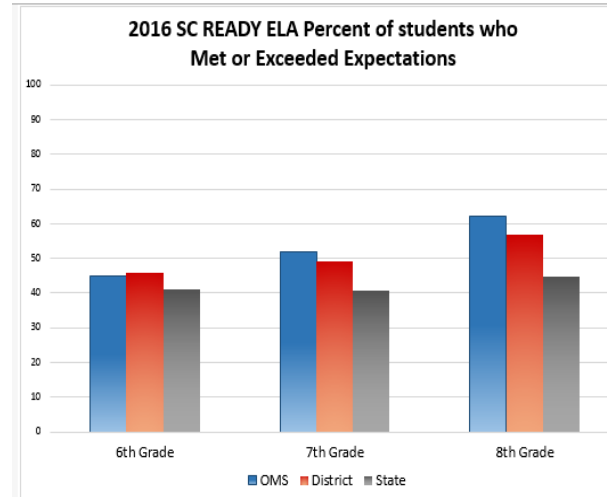
Annual Veteran’s Day Celebration was held November 11th. We held a school wide ceremony with approximately 150 guests that celebrated the dedication, work, and sacrifice of our veterans within our OMS community.

The OMS Annual Day of Caring was held November 18th. Volunteers from Cummins Inc. donated their time and efforts to repaint the sidewalk in front of the school, bus ramps, and courtyard. They re-built the volleyball area and donated 4 picnic tables for the student courtyard. The baseball and softball dugouts were prepped and the fields were cleared.

OMS/OES held the 2nd Annual Oakie 5k Run/Walk on November 19th. Thanks to the help of community businesses and services: Summerville Police, Eagle Run and Eagle Ridge Home Owners Associations, Fleet Feet, Publix, Dorchester County Fire Chief’s Office and EMS.

Student Achievement

The SC Ready and SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) assessments were given to all students in spring 2016. Our seventh and eighth grade students exceeded state performance levels in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Our sixth grade students exceeded in ELA, Science, and Social Studies.



For more information, you may view Oakbrook Middle School S.C. School Report Card for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.

SIC Future Goals

OMS would like to construct a digital announcement sign to match the OES sign that is located at the entry way of both schools. Cost of the sign is approximately \$25,000.

OMS Needs Your Help

Join the School Improvement Council (SIC)! It provides a direct way to support students and teachers.

Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Oakbrook Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina 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.”