

School Achievements

OMS is pleased to announce the following achievements for the 2017-2018 School Year:

- Two students won state recognition for the PTSA Reflections Competition for Middle School Division
- Tri-County Math Counts competition, OMS took 4th place overall, 1st place among public schools
- OMS Level 2 Math team took 2nd place in the Lowcountry Quest competition
- Competed at the FIRST LEGO League State Robotics Competition, 1st place in Robotics design at the district level
- OMS maintains two robotics teams
- Competed in the bridge building competition at Storm the Citadel
- Finalist in the District Spelling Bee, moved on to compete in Lowcountry Spellbound Regional Bee
- 7th grade student qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee
- 8th grade student's artwork was recognized and displayed at DDTwo School Board
- 8th grade student placed 5th in the state Algebra Nation Online Course Competition
- English Learners After-school program, started this year with over 40 kids participating
- Spanish Club founded
- Archery Club with over 45 members (2nd year) competed at the state level
- Started Girls on the Run Club
- Twenty students each month recognized for the Monthly Character Trait
- Schoolwide HOUSE system implemented to provide character trait instruction and built in reading time
- Gateway to Technology (GTT) teacher recognized as Teacher of the Month by the Lowcountry STEM collaborative and News 4.
- EDGE Dance Company received top honors for their Hip-Hop and Contemporary pieces as well as an invitation to attend the NYC All Stars trip based on Contemporary performance
- Symphonic band earned Superior rating at the Concert Performance Assessment
- Three students made SC Region Band
- OMS Strings, Chorus, and Band performed in Stars Festival at Universal Studios
- Established inaugural OMS Band Leadership Team
- Four 8th graders were selected for ARHS Marching Band

- Little Mermaid, Jr. was featured as the annual Musical Theater production
- Awarded weekly and monthly SOAR rewards for exhibiting Good Behavior
- "No Discipline Referral Celebrations" held each quarter for students with no negative behavior referrals
- Had over 400 positive referrals, with over 300 unique students recognized, over one third of the school
- We look forward to our 4th annual "Passing Up Ceremony" taking place May 30th celebrating our rising 9th grade class

We are pleased to report

- Several guest speakers shared with our students on music, journalism, and engineering career opportunities.
- Increased literacy focus providing Book Clubs, Literacy and ComiCon night with featured authors, online author webcasts, and Book Fairs.
- The OMS new 8th grade wing opened with 10 new classrooms.
- OMS provides school agendas for all students through funding from the PTSA.
- Gathered 500+ canned goods for the Eagle Food Pantry supporting families in the Oakbrook community.
- Bethany United Methodist Church assisted in helping families with food baskets for the holiday seasons.
- 2nd Annual Dancing with the Teachers
- The OMS PTSA funded \$4,000 to directly support students' education in the classroom
- Over 500 PTSA members
- Raised funds for the following:
 - March for Babies - \$1452
 - Hoops for Heart - \$280
 - Juvenile Diabetes - \$900
 - Summerville Relay for Life - \$2,514

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

Chair: Letisha Nutt, Parent

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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 for parents and teachers.
- School Renewal Plan was revised by the SIC to include Read to Succeed action plans.
- Report card pick up nights were held for 2nd 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 10th. We held a school wide ceremony with approximately 100 guests that celebrated the dedication, work, and sacrifice of our veterans within our OMS community.

The OMS Annual Day of Caring was held November 17th. Volunteers from Cummins Inc. and Publix donated their time and efforts to repaint the sidewalk in front of the school, bus ramps, and courtyard. They re-furbished the volleyball area. The baseball and softball dugouts were prepped and the fields were cleared. They built two sets of corn hole boards. The basketball courts were repainted.

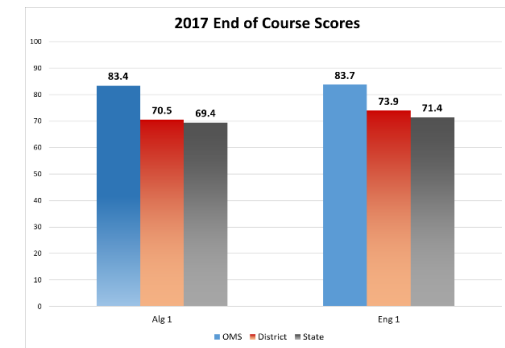
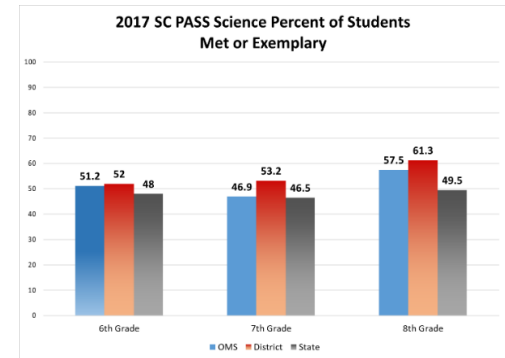
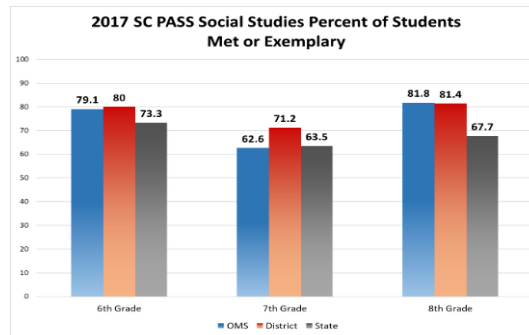
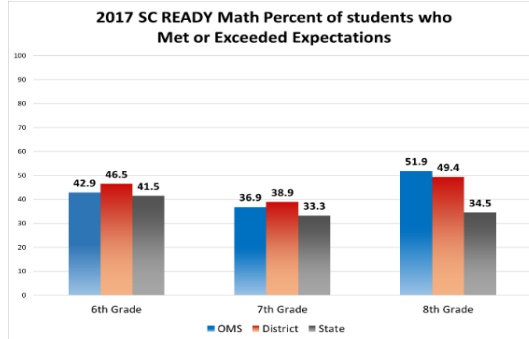
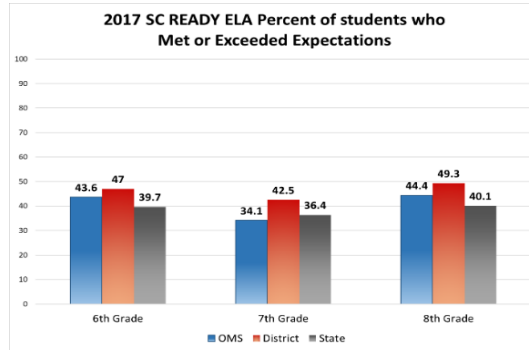
OMS/OES held the 3rd Annual Oakie 5k Run/Walk on March 3rd raising \$300 for Dorchester County Children’s Center.

Donated 27 pints of blood to American Red Cross.

Student Achievement

The South Carolina College-and-Career Ready Assessment (SC READY) and SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) assessments were given to all students in spring 2017. In Math and Science, all grade levels exceeded state performance levels. In Social Studies and ELA, 6th and 8th grade exceeded state performance levels.

Algebra I and English I students surpassed the district and state on the End of Course (EOC) exam.



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

Fully implement HOUSE system to improve Character Trait Education and increase reading time for every student.

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.”