

Purpose

South Carolina statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires School Improvement Councils to report to parents by April 30 each year the progress the school is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. It is a report unique to each school developed by the council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

Clubs and Organizations

- Yearbook
- Tiger Morning Announcements Team
- Book Club Readers
- Unified Special Olympics Mentors and Team



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Basketball	Soccer	Cheerleading
Library Helpers	Birthday Bunch	Tiger Store Crew
Tiger Network Team (TNT News Crew)	Clubs & Organizations	



Title I Parental Involvement

Parents can help ensure their child's success at WMES by doing the following:

Participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences
Read the School's and Grade Level Monthly Newsletters and the District's e-Blast Newsletter found on the school's website
Attend PTA and SIC Meetings
Volunteer at School and for School Sponsored Events
Use the Parent Portal for Viewing Grades
Access Teacher and School Website, Use REMIND and Class Dojo, and the PTA's Facebook Page for Upcoming Events and Important Information
Check Students' Agenda and e-Mail Daily
Attend Family Events: VIRTUAL Literacy Night, STEM/Technology Night, Family Fun Night, Character Kids Celebrations, NEHS Induction Program
Drive through Open House and Meet the Teacher

Williams Memorial Elementary School

Williams Memorial, located in St. George, was started after the Civil War as an elementary school for African-American children. In 1922, the first Principal of Williams Memorial was the Reverend S.D. Williams, and the school included students in grades one through seven. By 1927, as education was rapidly changing, so was Williams Memorial. In 1942, the school held grades one through twelve and was renamed Williams Memorial School in the memory of its first Principal.



In 1954, the current building was built on nine acres of land. Williams Memorial offered its students academics and extra-curricular activities. In 1970, the school was integrated and housed grades four through nine. The faculty and staff worked tirelessly to give the students an education and life lessons that would help them through the ever-changing world.

By 1993, the school was renovated, and in 1994 renamed Williams Memorial Middle School. The school was reorganized to include grades five through eight. Due to changing State regulations, the middle school was changed to accommodate grades six through eight. During the 1999-2000 School Year, the District reorganized the schools, moving St. George Elementary into Williams Memorial Middle. Thus forming our current Williams Memorial Elementary School, which now serves Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade.

School Improvement Council Members 2020-2021

Ruth Mims, Principal
Jeremy Wolfgang, Assistant Principal
Erica Misik, Chair
Greg Shuler, Business Partner
Jocelyn Fludd, TOY
Kaelah Primus, RTOY
Rachel Ruane, Teacher
Seth Phillips, Teacher
Evan Eadon, Literacy Coach
Alisa Lemon, Instructional Coach
Kiesha Cowart, Parent
Kimberly Rienzo-Tillson, PTA Representative



Williams Memorial Elementary School 2020-2021 Report to Parents Prepared by School Improvement Council & Administration



Williams Memorial Elementary School

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Ruth Mims, Principal & CERDEP Director
Jeremy Wolfgang Assistant Principal & Head Start Director

Our Vision Statement...The vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence for our students by establishing high expectations and academic rigor, providing effective and innovative educational practices in a safe and supportive environment, and helping our students develop world-class skills and career characteristics that will help to prepare them to graduate with a 21st Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.

Our School's Mission Statement...The children, parents, faculty, and staff of Williams Memorial Elementary School are unified in their purpose of accelerating the learning of all students through shared decision-making and powerful learning experiences.

Our School's Belief Statements...

- Students will participate in real world learning opportunities that will move them toward success.
- WMES will be a safe and caring environment that provides a successful and challenging atmosphere through the support of parents, staff, faculty, students and the community.
- All students will demonstrate qualities of good citizenship in order to be responsible members of the learning community.
- Strengths of all stakeholders (parents, staff, faculty, students and the community) will be identified and built upon to enhance our school.

Our Core Values...The core values of Williams Memorial Elementary School encourage a love of learning through the use of differentiated instructional approaches that recognizes the uniqueness of each student. These are our core values: **T**rust, **I**ntegrity, **G**enerosity, **E**xcellence, **R**espect, and **S**uccess.

Profile of the Ready Kindergartener & the S.C. Graduate

Profile of the Ready Kindergartener

The ready kindergartener has developed the skills and abilities necessary to achieve age-appropriate levels. He/she is physically, socially, and emotionally prepared to benefit from a quality kindergarten experience.

The ready kindergartener is surrounded by a support network of...

- Ready families and caregivers
- Ready neighbors and communities
- Ready school & educators

Profile of the S.C. Graduate World-Class Knowledge

- Rigorous Standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), art and social studies

World-Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

Integrity Self-Direction Global Perspective
Perseverance Work Ethic Interpersonal Skills

Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year

Special education teacher and native of Sumter, SC, Jocelyn Fludd is the current 2020-2021 Teacher of The Year. Mrs. Fludd earned her Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology and Audiology from South Carolina State University and her Masters of Education in Special Education from Grand Canyon University. At WMES, Mrs. Fludd is also the liaison for the Teacher Supply Closet.

Outside of school, Mrs. Fludd is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. She graciously spends her time volunteering within the sorority, her community, and her church. Mrs. Fludd is married to Shamar Fludd, and they have one son.

Native of Saint George, Kaelah Primus is currently the Rookie Teacher of the year and a 4th grade English Language Arts and social studies teacher at Williams Memorial Elementary. She graduated from the University of South Carolina Aiken, where she earned a Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education. Miss Primus is also a Cheerleading Coach for Woodland High School. In her free time, Miss Primus enjoys shopping, hanging out with her family and friends, traveling, and reading. She also enjoys giving back to her community and her church.

Academic Achievement—No State Testing in 2019-2020

SC Ready English Language Arts 2019

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exceeds	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exceeds
School	27%	63.1% (+15.8%)	47.3%
3 rd Grade	18.8%	51.5% (+1.8%)	49.7%
4 th Grade	28.9%	71.1% (+19.9%)	51.2%
5 th Grade	33.3%	66.7% (+25.7%)	41%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

SC Ready Mathematics 2019

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exceeds	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exceeds
School	22.7%	77.3% (+26.1%)	51.2%
3 rd Grade	12.9%	87.1% (+29.4%)	57.7%
4 th Grade	32.5%	67.5% (+17%)	50.5%
5 th Grade	22.6%	77.4% (+32%)	45.4%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

PASS Science 2019

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
4 th Grade	25.3%	64.4% (+12.4%)	52%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

PASS Social Studies 2019

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
5 th Grade	29.0%	71% (+0.9%)	70.1%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

2018-2019 Overall Rating

Average (42 Points)

Programs & Events Highlights

- Red Ribbon Week Activities
- Literacy Day Activities
- *Read Across America* & Dr. Seuss Day Activities
- VIRTUAL Family Events: Open House, Literacy Night, STEM/Technology Night, Family Fun Night
- Drive Thru Open House and Meet the Teacher
- Black History Celebration
- Spelling Bees (Class, Grade Level, and School)
- *Kids Heart Challenge*
- National Elementary Honor Society Program and Induction
- Attendance Intervention
- SIT Teams
- School Counseling/Classroom Guidance
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- School Website, Teacher Webpages, and PTA Facebook Page
- Odysseyware Computer Program
- Learning.com (Digital Learning)
- Moby Max, Flocabulary, Brain Pop, SeeSaw, Kami, ClassKick, Epic, Tumble Books, Typing Club.com, Unique Learning System, Code.org, Kodable, Social Studies Weekly, ZOOM, Google Classroom and Google Suite, and Quaver
- Gifted and Talented (G.A.T.E.)
 - Jacob's Ladder
 - M3 Math
- SIC/PTA Organizations
- Faculty & Staff Fundraisers (Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness, Low Country Food Bank, Women's Heart Association, and Teachers Forum Scholarship Drive)
- Toys for Tots Drive



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Basketball	Soccer	Cheerleading
Grade Level Field Trips	Job Shadowing	Field Day
Rotary Club Readers	Backpack Buddies	Book Fairs
Afterschool Homework Center	Woodland HS Readers	
Meet the Teacher Night	Open House	
Afterschool Musical Production		
PTA Events: Fall Carnival, Cookies with Santa, Polar Pals Store, No Fuss Fundraiser, and Sweetheart Dance		