

## School Achievements

Girls' volleyball and soccer won their region.

Mrs. Michelle Cain was named Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Michelle Collier was named Support Staff of the Year.

Brantson Kulp was the MMS Spelling Bee Champion and the Edgefield County School District Champion.

## Myschool SIC Members

*Chair: Mrs. Dana Morris, Parent  
Mrs. Ramona Jackson, Parent  
Ms. Kimberly West, Teacher  
Mrs. Tonia Thompson, Parent  
Mrs. Aretha Tarver, Teacher  
Mrs. Amanda Barnes, Community  
Mr. Curt Barnes, Community  
Ms. Susan Vines, Community  
Mrs. Mindy Clark, Asst. Principal  
Mr. Derek Forrest, Principal*

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## Merriwether Middle School

### Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2017-18



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### Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by the Merriwether 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.”*

### Mission:

To engage, empower, and enrich today's students for tomorrow's world.

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## SIC Annual Goals

We continue to make it a priority to focus on technology and make it more available to students in the learning environment. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students now have access to one-to-one Chromebooks. The school plans to continue upgrading technology and offering new technological learning opportunities to the students. Merriwether Middle School uses staff email accounts, the PowerSchool online grade-book, and district/school web pages for communication with parents.

The faculty, staff, and administration at Merriwether Middle School are committed to providing the best educational experience for all students. Our commitment to increasing student achievement and the overall development of our students to become productive, life-long learners will be made possible by a collaborative effort of all stakeholders.

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## Student Achievement

The collaboration between our community, teachers, students, and administration has proven to be an excellent recipe for success. Eight eighth grade students were recognized as S. C. Junior Scholars. The Merriwether Middle School Honor Band had another banner year. As part of their many accomplishments throughout the 2017-2018 school year, the band program received an Outstanding Performance Award. This award is only given to the most outstanding bands in the state of SC. Of our students enrolled in Algebra I classes, 100% passed the end-of-course Algebra I exam. In addition, 100% of students enrolled in English I passed the English I end-of-course exam. Twenty-three sixth graders and thirty seventh graders were involved in the gifted and talented programs at their respective grade levels. Thirty-one eighth graders were inducted into the National Jr BETA Club.

## Additional Information

Merriwether Middle School seeks to develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing opportunities for students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students are also provided with learning opportunities that allow for teamwork and collaboration.

Beyond academic achievement, our students consistently excel in other areas, such as fine arts and athletics. Forty-two band students earned either an Excellent or Superior rating at South Carolina's Solo and Ensemble competition. Our music department also allows for students to participate in chorus, honor choir, and to learn piano and guitar. Drama is also available to students. Through Project Lead the Way, Merriwether Middle School continues to offer project-based learning classes that allow students to develop work class skills by creating, building, and designing.

The Merriwether Middle School PTO and School Improvement Council are successful in bringing the school and community together. Both groups support the vision and mission of Merriwether Middle School through their input and feedback on a variety of school related issues.

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