

Faculty and School News

Faculty Honors and Awards

Williams Middle School Teacher of the Year

Ms. Ellisa Baskins

Williams Middle School Support Person of the Year

Ms. Linda Cooper

2011-2012 School and Student Honors

Girls Basketball 2012 Region and Tournament

Champions

WMS Academic Challenge Team PEE DEE

Winners

Jordan Givens Spelling Bee Champion

Josh Clardy Geography Bee Champion

Middles School District Art Winner

First Place: David Jones

Second Place: Tyler Ammons

SHOWCASE is held in February of each year to display student work and parents and community members are invited.

“Tiger Tones” is an all-year chorus class that does not require an audition. Students learn the basic elements of choral music and music composition, develop their choral skills and study music history. Performances during the year include: Veteran’s Day Assembly, Williams’ PTO Meetings, “Music at the Mall”, and “Junior All City Concert”.

Students in the **“Phat Pheet”** dance class learn about the many styles of dance, as well as choreographic techniques, auditions for **“Phat Pheet”** are held in the spring for rising 8th grade students. Performances for the year include: “Performing Arts Center” Opening Weekend, “Pecan Festival”, Williams **SHOWCASE**. Williams PTO Meetings and “Music at the Mall”.

Positive Attitude for Student Success is an initiative begun two years ago to help boost attendance and success on the **Palmetto Assessment of State Standards**.

Each year the **School Improvement Council** of Williams Middle School prepares an annual report for the parents and community highlighting the progress made during the previous year. We are pleased to summarize these exciting accomplishments as well as look ahead to the goals for the coming school year and beyond. Under the leadership of Stephanie Johnson, the SIC has continued its partnership with the National Network to Partnership Schools. Mrs. Johnson has strongly encouraged more parent involvement and participation with the school. More information about these implementations are available upon request from the school’s front desk.

Our Mission

It is the mission of Williams Middle School to establish a strong foundation for lifelong learning by nurturing, challenging, and guiding the social and emotional development of every child.



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From the Principal's desk . . .

The Williams Middle School faculty and staff have been involved in various activities to improve student learning. Teachers have participated in both district and on site staff development activities.

Many students participated in the Extended Day Program. The purpose of the program is to increase academics and PASS scores. Pass the PASS was implemented for students who were very close to making improvements on PASS. Family nights were held in conjunction with the program to increase parental involvement. Family nights afforded the program an opportunity to showcase student knowledge and talent.

The Sixth Annual School Wide Showcase was held in February. It provided all students an opportunity to display their work, present a project, or participate in a performance. The Wax Museum continues to be the highlight of the evening.

The Southern Regional Education Board sponsors an improvement initiative, and since joining the Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) initiative, Williams Middle School continues to refine its programs and improve learning. The goal of the program is to ensure that middle school students are prepared for high school courses. We began utilizing the Redo Café which is an important component of "The Power of the I." This program helps to reduce failures, ensures success, and teaches responsibility.

Williams Middle School continues to seek additional and better ways to improve academic achievement. We are striving for excellence, and we will achieve it. We ask that you assist us in this task.

Leon A. McCray, Jr.

Academic Initiatives

After School Program

Our intensive After School Program offers a variety of academic and enrichment activities to broaden the skills of our students. The program accepts all students with a focus on those who did not meet the standard on the PASS in Math, Reading, Science or Social Studies. The program operates 5 days a week from 3:35 PM to 6:30 PM.

The Jr. Beta Club is part of the National Organization that promotes character, achievement, leadership and service. This year 90 students were inducted along with transfers.

Compass Odyssey

Williams Middle School is using Compass Odyssey software, which gives students assignments in English, Math, Social Studies and Science based on he individual performance levels on the MAP test (Measure of Academic Progress). Compass Odyssey is an interactive, colorful and motivation program that students enjoy while receiving remediation based on individual skill levels. MAP scores are used to assess student's progress, guide instruction and make subject choices fro the student's ninth grade year.

Something to Brag About....

Williams Middle implemented the Breathe Better (B2) Program which educates parents, students and teachers about and the potentially harmful effects of vehicle idling. The Environmental Educational Kiosk has kept parents informed about the school's anti-idling policy and encouraged them to modify their behaviors by turning their engines off while waiting in line to pick up students. It also serves as a vial tool in reaching a broader audience on various environmental issues that affect our state such as open burning and storm water runoff.

Williams Middle was able to achieve the following success:

- Reduced the number of vehicles idling down to zero during after school pick up.
- Reduced air pollution/exhaust emissions in the school zone
- Increased environmental awareness

Congratulations to Sheila Barnes and Williams Middle School as recipients of the 2011 Spare the Air Outstanding School.

GEAR UP: GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS for UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS is a grant awarded to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Learning. Williams Middle Schools one of the 24 middle schools to share in the grant. GEAR UP will provide services to Williams that will help increase the number of middle school students being prepared to graduate high school. Its focus is to improve academic performance; improve the rate of students graduating and succeeding in postsecondary education; and increase the knowledge of postsecondary options for families. GEAR UP has provided 2 Graduation to WMS (Linda Thomas & Pamela Swinney-Johnson), that will work with the entire 7th grade cohort of students, faculty and staff.

JUNIOR SCHOLARS

Andrew Balcerzak	Jordan Bailey
Jessica Bell	Caitlyn Cameron
Joshua Clardy	Abigail Donato
Benjamin Gerth	Raija Haugh
Joseph Hilbourn	Charles Jeffcoat
Blythe King	Kern Kinley-Howard
Christian Kirby	Marion Kirkland
Tiyana Lyles	Joshua McDuffie
Andrew McFadden	Joseph Messier
Pranav Minasandram	Alexis Mitchell
Alex Osterman	Madhura Pande
Ajay Patel	John Pawloski
David Roycroft	Jarrett Russell
Shreya Shankar	Amber Silas

Wyatt Street

2012 DUKE TIP SCHOLAR

Leah Abbott	Annie Abernathy
Neil Dey	Nicholas Firimonte
Tiyler Jackson	Nikitha Jones
Jabarius Jones	Jamie Ousley

Zachary Zhao