

Faculty Honors and Awards

Williams Middle School Teacher of the Year

Ms. Maria Davis

Williams Middle School Support Person of the Year

Ms. Anieta Black

2012-2013 School and Student Honors

WMS Academic Challenge Team

Pee Dee Champions

Spelling Bee Champion

Tyler Jackson

Geography Bee Champion

Neil Dey

Middle School District Art Winner

First Place: **Aareil Jamison**

Second Place: **Blake Blaskowski**

SIDEXO Foundation/ YSA Grant Winner

Daniel James II

Sand Hills Regional Science Fair Winners

Annie Abernathy

Sanjana Beeraka

Ashni Bhojwani

Priya Chokshi

Hannah Griffin

Etash Guha

Sarah Hilliard

Philip Jeffcoat

Kylie Kennedy

Emily Ouyang

Angel Parker

Mackenzie Shannon

Katherine Watts

Sonora White

Faculty and School News

SHOWCASE is held in February of each year to display student work. 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 four 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 Ken Jackson, the SIC has continued its partnership with the National Network to Partnership Schools. 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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Mrs. Carrie Ann Brigman, Assistant Principal

Mr. Ken Jackson, SIC Chairperson

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 academic 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 Seventh 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, ensure success, and teach responsibility.

This is the last year of the Gear Up grant. Its purpose is to increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in postsecondary education for Gear Up students (class of 2017).

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.

Compass Odyssey

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

GEAR UP

GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS for UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS is a grant awarded to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Learning. Williams Middle School is 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 two Graduation Coaches to WMS (Linda Thomas & Pamela Swinney-Johnson), that will work with the entire 8th grade cohort of students, faculty and staff.

Something to Brag About....

Williams Middle School received a \$5,000 grant from CSX. The grant money was used to purchase iPad minis that will allow teachers to differentiate instruction through tablet technology (apps) and engage students through creative projects like creating multi-media productions. We are extremely grateful to CSX for awarding us the funds .

2013 DUKE TIP SCHOLARS

Courtney Brown

Alice Huang

Allen Lin

Charlotte Messier

Sarah Park

2013 JUNIOR SCHOLARS

Leah Abbott

Margo Averitt

Tristan Baker

Blake Blaskowski

Priya Chokshi

Neil Dey

Kira DuBose

Nicholas Firimonte

Sarah Hilliard

Dylan Huang

Tejash Jivan

Jabarius Jones

Kylie Kennedy

Nicole Malin

Thomas Marshall

Dylan McKenzie

Donald Mincey

Bryan Myles

Hailey Nguyen

Emily Ouyang

Vershelle Peterson

Andrew Raines

Tucker Richey

Vishnu Santosh Menon

Sarah Spence

Daniel Stone

Katherine Watts

Sonora White

Jared Willing

Annie Abernathy

Austin Bailey

Sydney Belt

Benjamin Bonds

Faruk Cruz-Fatuly

Travis Dias

William Ervin

Jacob Frierson

Ting-Yu Hsu

Tyler Jackson

Nikitha Jona

Zachary Junkins

Frances Lee

James Mann

John McCown

Edward Milligan

Dominic Monti

Gwyneth Navey

Jamie Ousley

Tyler Parker

Emily Pope

John Rampey

Derek Ross

Mackenzie Shannon

Olivia Spencer

Mikayla Suggs

Gabriel Welch

Sara Wilkerson

Zachary Zhao