## Faculty Honors and Awards

Williams Middle School Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Dolores Johnson

Williams Middle School Support Person of the Year

Mrs. Laverne Mackrey

**School Foundation Grant Recipients** 

**James Brown** 

Jacquelin Weaver

2013-2014 School and Student Honors

WMS Academic Challenge Team

PEE DEE Winners

STATE Runner-up

Simran Singh Spelling Bee Champion

Sarah Park Geography Bee Champion

Middles School Art Winner

Emma Emery

Sand Hills Regional Science Fair Winners

Amelia Abernathy Vickey Brown

Emily Bonds Amanda Brown

Katelyn Franck Jessica Gard

Myleiah Gainey Hannah Griffin

Charlotte Messier Adam Nunnally

Raeanne Smith Payton Smith

Ada Smolen-Morton Annie Kate Watson

## Faculty and School News

**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 SHOW-CASE. 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 William Ervin the SIC has continued its partnership with the National Network to Partnership Schools. Mr. Ervin 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.



## Williams Middle School

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# From the Principal's desk....

Dear Williams Family;

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.

Twenty-nine students were recognized at Francis Marion University for meeting the criteria to be named South Carolina Junior Scholars. To qualify, students had to score a 50 or above (80 is the highest score possible) on either math, verbal or writing portion of the PSAT.

The Eighth 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.

Williams Middle School's students participated in the Sand Hills Regional Science Fair which was held at Francis Marion University. Students from Williams received five first-place, three second-place, one third -place and five honorable mention awards.

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. Principal

William Ervin SIC Chair

**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 the individual performance levels on the MAP test (Measure of Academic Progress). Compass Odyssey is an interactive, colorful and motivational 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 for the student's ninth grade year.

**Duke TIP** 

2013-2014

**Reed Bausmith** 

Parker Denton

**Emma Emery** 

Daniel Hilbourn

Kaylie Kilpatrick

Elizabeth King

Alice Lee

Simran Singh

**Annie Kate Watson** 

PSAT Highest Scores (Pee Dee)

Sarah Park Overall & Reading

Etash Guha Math

Amanda Brown Writing

#### **JUNIOR SCHOLARS**

Alek Baker

Joel Baslot

Amanda Brown

Courtney Brown

Grant Burleson

Tyler Crosby

Dhanawn Fullard

Jessica Gard

Rondel Garguilo

Etash Guha

Jacob Hinsch

Alice Huang

Stephan Kasper

Kevin Li

Allen Lin

Jacob Lookadoo

Justice Long

Jacob McFadyen

Morgan McManus

Charlotte Messier

Rvan Nelson

Sarah Park

Gabriel Phillips

Jailyn Pigatt

Charn Pitiranggon

Payton Smith

Raeanne Smith

Ada Smolen-Morton

Mia Williams