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## Clubs and Organizations

National Junior Beta Club  
Student Council  
Science Club  
Bengal News Staff  
Monthly Book Club  
Yearbook Staff  
Builder's Club  
International club  
Cheerleaders  
Gospel Choir  
Tiger Tones  
Phat Pheet

### WMS Academic Challenge

2011 Pee Dee Middle School Champions  
Boys and Girls Basketball  
Boys Football Team

### The School Improvement Council Newsletter

**Beta** The Jr. Beta Club is part of a National Organization that promotes character, achievement, leadership, and service. This year, we have 58 eighth grade and 76 seventh grade candidates.

**Phat Pheet** has done a number of performances and received excellent reviews.

Positive **A**ttitudes for **S**tudent **S**uccess is an initiative begun last year to help boost attendance and success on the **P**almetto **A**ssessment of **S**tate **S**tandards. The committee featured this year **"Together Everyone Accomplishes Much."**

**Showcase** is held in February of each year to display student work and invite the community.

**Career Day**– The Fourth Career Day for eighth graders proved to be inspiring and very educational for the students. A number of professionals were available to brief students on their occupations.

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## Williams Middle School Mission Statement

**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.**

## Faculty Awards

### Williams Middle School Teacher of the Year

**Ms. Tameko Wilson**

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 Daisy Timmons, the SIC has continued its partnership with the National Network to Partnership Schools. Mrs. Timmons 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.



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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 continued for students that 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 Fifth 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 a component of "The Power of the I," to ensure that failure is not an option and that students become responsible for the work. Williams' Absolute Rating remains Average. The Growth Rate improved to Average.

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. One hour each day is spent with certified teachers on remediation and one hour each day is used to complete homework assignments.

Family Night meetings are held. Parents, guardians, and the community are encouraged to attend. This year's focus has been on Parenting.

### Benchmark Testing Program

Testing and analysis of results determine student progress toward mastery of state curriculum standards. Tests measure the mastery of the standards identified to be taught by course scope and sequence and pacing guides each quarter. Data serves as a baseline to measure performance and is used to determine whether the school is accomplishing its instructional goals.

### 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 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 in high school.

### Making Middle Grades Work

On March 14, 2011, a Technical Review Team visited Williams and commended us on our commitment to support the MMGW goals. Our Focus Teams were established and active. Extra help was offered to assist students in completing assignments, re-doing work, and clarifying learning. The school was aware of the importance of data to facilitate instructional decisions. Evidence of student writing and project work was present throughout the school.

The team found many examples of students actively engaged with technology. A variety of instructional strategies was observed. Students actively participated in class discussions. Cooperative and group learning was evident.

The school employed multiple data sources. Teachers held conferences with students to review progress and set goals. In addition, administrators held conferences with teachers about student progress.

A school-wide focus on literacy was apparent and many examples of student work were posted in the classrooms and hallways. Williams Middle School continues to offer high school credit courses.

### Junior Scholars

Chanon Amphan	Jordan Bailey	Daniel Beasley
Katherine Bishara	Stephen Bishop	Cliff Chen
Richard Clark	Hixon Copp	Phillip DeVault, Jr.
Natalie Ellis	Nathan Fields	Matthew Gamble
Katherine Graham	Andrew Halus	Adam Herbert
Hakeem Hunter	Colton Hutchinson	Bryce Jensen
Cainon Johnson	Niklas Kraemer	Robert LaFrance
Maggie Letki	Bradford Lorenz	Angelina Mantone
Roshan Mathi	Jennalee Moore	Olivia Ouyang
Annie Park	Mason Park	Kishan Patel
Taylor Powell	Jennifer Price	Megan Register
Michael Roberts	Carolinda Rodriguez	Ramsha Shams
Ryan Space	Leander Stevano	Amanda Stevenson
Alexis Wacker	Sydney White	

### Duke Tip Scholars

Pierce Berry	*Rhyli Burke	*Caitlin Cameron
*Joshua Clardy	*Raija Haughn	Tsung-Wei Hsu
Daleon James	Blythe King	Joshua McDuffie
*Joseph Messier	*Madhura Pande	John Pawloski
Shreya Shankar	Wyatt Streett	Courtney Turner
Patrick Woodrum	Meredith Worthington	

### \*State Recognition

