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Educational partnerships were developed and continued throughout the year. Waccamaw Middle School Student Council coordinated a community-wide bully awareness walk, and continued to support several projects that assisted people in need. As a school, we continued our humanitarian endeavors by our participation in Relay For Life to support cancer research. Our National Jr. Honor Society and Student Council supported food drives for our local food banks. Each semester, donations of clothing and coats are made to the local Salvation Army and Goodwill.

The guidance department was awarded a Centers of Excellence Grant through Francis Marion University, allowing 25 students to job shadow at Clemson Extension and learn about water quality testing with Waccamaw Riverkeeper. They also completed service learning and participated on a college tour, thus enhancing their abilities to develop postsecondary goals.

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