

Waccamaw Middle School 2013-2014 Celebrations

Academics

- 150+ members of the WMS student body are active members of the National Jr. Honor Society.
- Two WMS students achieved Duke Tip Scholar status.
- 25 members of the WMS student body achieved SC Jr. Scholars status.
- WMS Received a "B" Rating by the SC State Department of Education.
- Academic Team placed 1st in GCSD Junior Academic Bowl for the 5th consecutive year.
- Jacob Alvarez won the WMS Spelling Bee.
- Ryleigh Carnahan won Regional VFW Patriot's Pen Award Essay Contest Winner, received a check for her accomplishment and advanced to compete at the state level.
- Noah Feeney won 8th Grade Geography Bee.
- Georgia Ann Matter placed 8th in the state competition after winning the 7th grade Geography Bee.
- WMS Robotics Team exhibited their robots at the GCSD Academic Fair.
- Six WMS teachers hold National Board Certification.



Members of
the WMS
Robotics Team

Athletics

- B-Team Boys' Basketball Team placed 2nd in the GCSD Tournament, Girls' team placed 3rd.
- Ali Despain was selected by the South Carolina Coaches Association as the AA High School Tennis Player of the Year.



Connor
Heimberger

The Arts

- Hunter Cline achieved *Excellence in Musical Accomplishments* from the Pawleys Island Optimist Club.
- Seven 8th grade students march with the Waccamaw High School Band. The band qualified for state finals.
- Thirteen students qualified for Region V Honors Band and five students earned All-State Callbacks.
- Bradford Thompson's Artwork is being featured in the Economic Concept Calendar, sponsored by BB&T and SCE.
- Emma Gaskins won the school-level in the National Career Development Poetry Contest.
- WMS Social Studies Department raised \$2,500 toward sending 5 WWII Veterans on the Honor Flight.
- Dylan Howard won the GCSD Superintendent Art Award—1st Place 2D "Still Life", and the *Carolyn Greene Award Winner* was Katherine Kopplin.



WMS Band

WMS School Improvement Council

Elected members:

- * Chair—Whitney Hewitt
- * Vice Chair—Randall Williamson
- * Secretary—Jonella Davis
- * Teacher—Kathie Rasheed
- * Richard Gehrman—WMS Teacher of the Year
- * Parent—Helen Jones

Appointed Members:

- * Parent, PTSA President—Carrie Dear
- * Principal—Jamie W. Curry
- * Ex-Officio—Richard Kerr



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2013-2014 WMS School Summary Report



WMS Mission: To ensure that every student has the skills to build a strong academic, athletic, and artistic foundation by providing a rigorous, standards-based curriculum that meets individual needs and is delivered in a safe environment by a dedicated, caring staff.

WMS Vision: To provide diverse and challenging educational opportunities that prepare all students to be responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners.

To WMS Parents and Community Members

In a collaborative effort with the WMS School Improvement Council (SIC), the School Summary Report has been developed in order to inform all of our stakeholders of the many academic, athletic, and artistic celebrations we have had throughout the 2013/2014 school year. Within this report you will find many accomplishments of our students and staff, as well as goals and plans we hope to put into place for the upcoming school year. Please see our past and current test scores and the strategic plan we have in place to increase our scores. We plan to add to our long list of accomplishments. We want to thank you for all you do to support our students and staff. Without you none of these celebrations and honors would be possible!



Ms. Cindy Crisp—
WMS 2014/15
Teacher of the Year

Jamie W. Curry,
Principal WMS,
Whitney Hewitt,
WMS SIC President

New Additions to our Campus:

- ⇒ Metal benches, plant holders and plants at the front entrance courtesy of WMS PTSA.
- ⇒ Installation of a sound system in the gymnasium, courtesy of GCS and the WMS PTSA.
- ⇒ Hall signs identifying teacher rooms—courtesy of WMS PTSA.
- ⇒ Benches in front lobby, courtesy of a WMS parent
- ⇒ Summer 2014 installation of a security system in the main entrance of the building.
- ⇒ Painting of the gymnasium and the auditorium.
- ⇒ FloCabulary Technology Program.
- ⇒ Two additional laptop carts—extended WMS total carts to seven. Arts with 30 laptops each.
- ⇒ Eight Dell Tablets.

WMS Performance Goals

Performance Goal 2012	Status for 2012/2013	Goal For 2013-2014	Projections For 2014-2015
The percentage of ELA students scoring MET and ABOVE on the PASS will increase from 83.9% to 85.9 % by 2014.	7th Grade: 85.6% 8th Grade: 82.2 % Average: 83.9%	7th Grade: 87.6% 8th grade: 84.2% Average: 85.9%	7th Grade: 89.6% 8th grade: 86.2% Average: 87.9%
The percentage of ELA student scoring EXEMPLARY on the PASS will increase from 53.2% to 55.2% by 2014.	7th grade: 54.2 % 8th Grade: 48 % Average: 53.2%	7th Grade: 56.2% 8th grade: 50% Average: 55.2%	7th Grade: 58.2% 8th grade: 52% Average: 57.2%
The percentage of mathematics students scoring MET and ABOVE on the PASS will increase from 79.7% to 80.7% by 2014	7th Grade: 83.2 % 8th Grade: 76.2 % Average: 79.7%	7th Grade: 85.2% 8th Grade: 78.2% Average: 80.7%	7th Grade: 87.2% 8th Grade: 80.2% Average: 82.7%
The percentage of mathematics students scoring EXEMPLARY on the PASS will increase from 39.4% to 40.4% by 2014	7th Grade: 49.1 % 8th Grade: 29.7 % Average: 40.4%	7th Grade: 50.0% 8th Grade: 30.7 % Average: 40.4%	7th Grade: 51.0% 8th Grade: 31.7 % Average: 41.4%
The percentage of Science students scoring MET and ABOVE on the PASS will increase from 82% to 83% by 2014	7th Grade: 85.4 % 8th Grade: 78.6 % Average: 82%	7th Grade: 86.4% 8th Grade: 79.6% Average: 83.0%	7th Grade: 87.4% 8th Grade: 80.6% Average: 84.0%
The percentage of Social Studies students scoring MET and ABOVE on the PASS will increase from 85.2% to 87.2% by 2014	7th Grade: 83.8 % 8th Grade: 86.5 % Average: 85.2%	7th Grade: 84.8% 8th grade: 88.5% Average: 87.2%	7th Grade: 85.8% 8th grade: 89.5% Average: 88.2%
The percentage of instructional professionals who are highly qualified will remain at 100% through May 2014	100 %	100%	100%
The percentage of parents satisfied with home-school relations will increase from 89% to 91% by 2014	85.7 %	87.7%	89.7%

Strategies for Improvement:

- ⇒ Math Enrichment Class—Through analysis of MAP and PASS Data, and according to the WMS School Improvement Plan, students were chosen to participate in this class with hopes of increasing to the next level, i.e. from not met to met, met to exemplary, etc.
- ⇒ Professional Learning Teams—School and District Office. Content area teachers meet bi-weekly at the school level and monthly at the district level in order to increase teaching and learning for all stakeholders.
- ⇒ STEM After School Enrichment Class—To enable students to see the relationship between middle school courses and STEM careers.
- ⇒ Implementation and utilization of USA TestPrep—To provide students with extended and varied practice for specific content concepts and skills.
- ⇒ Miss Ruby's Kids—Community resource that provides enrichment opportunities and gives individual attention to our students.
- ⇒ WMS Mentor Program—Community members forming meaningful relationships with our at-risk student population.
- ⇒ WMS ProTeam—Students who exhibit the potential for success working toward the skills needed to complete college and consider education as a viable career option and to expand the pool of minority and male teachers available to the public schools of SC.