### Home of the Wildcats

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#### Wright Middle School Goals

- Students will demonstrate effective problem solving skills.
- Students will act responsibly in an ethical and respectful manner.
- Students will demonstrate a commitment to creating quality work through the use of varied techniques and evaluations of learning skills.

### Wright Middle School Mission

The mission of Wright Middle School is to promote student learning by challenging and guiding students toward a successful transition to a higher level of learning.

## Wright Middle School

# Abbeville County School District

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## **Report to the Community**

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### An Excellent Rated School Palmetto Gold Recipient

**Success in Unity** 

## Our Number 1 Goal: Academic Excellence

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1) Host a "Meet the Teacher" night prior to the first day of school. Students completed their registration and were able to go to their classrooms and meet their teachers for the 21-22 school year.

2) Start a mentoring program for students. Utilize successful role models in the community that will meet weekly with their students to reinforce behaviors, grades, and social skills. (See the School Highlights section for more information)

3) Provide daily appreciation to our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week in the form of meals and/or gifts.



#### Dear Parents and Community,

With all that has transpired over the last couple of years, the primary goal of WMS has shifted to that of a growth mindset. We are very aware of the learning loss that has happened due to COVID, and we are working as a team to counteract that loss by meeting students where they are in their learning. In this approach, our school has devoted efforts to identify where each child is in their learning progression so that we can support them to grow from that point forward. While we know that the learning loss will not be corrected in one year, we also know that we have to start somewhere. We have pushed that the most important thing right now is to keep them growing, so that has become our target goal. Through the continued efforts of all staff members and teachers in our building and our dedicated efforts to the "whole child" approach, WMS will continue to produce students who are sufficient and productive members of society.

Sincerely,

Brandon Burdette,

Principal

# **GO WILDCATS!**

#### Highlights from 2021/2022

Wright Middle School was honored to have two students recognized as Junior Scholar's for their score on the PSAT. Congratulations to Cole Driggers and Troy Le for this outstanding accomplishment.

Mrs. Milford's 7th grade GT class and Mrs. S. Temple's 8th grade English I class partnered with Westwood and Long Cane to share some Christmas joy in December. Our middle school students worked together in small groups to write and illustrate children's books. They worked so hard to create physical books as well as online versions, and they were able to all read to the younger children.

#### Mrs. Renee McCaslan was awarded \$2,500 for the grant that she wrote to STEM's. This grant will award three 3-D printers and three laptops to Wright Middle School.

WMS I.M.P.A.C.T. (Improving My Perspective and Changing my Thinking) is a newly introduced mentoring program whose goal is to focus on the African American male students in an effort to help them focus on building essential skills needed to be productive and successful and seeks to impact our school and, in turn, our community one student at a time. Mentors from the community will work to encourage, motivate, guide and support our young men during their educational journey and it is their help these young men to develop positive selfconfidence and self-respect, establish and pursue life-long goals, promote healthy personal and family relationships, economic empowerment, and encourage excellence in education and leadership skills.

#### **School Fundraiser**

WMS partnered with the American Fundraising Group this spring for our cookie dough fundraiser with additional items from American Made.