

From the desk of the Principal, Synetria L. Hawkins

Estill Middle School Report To The People

“Home of the Junior Gators”



APRIL

2015



“Success and Nothing Less”
“Community, Collaboration”

EMS MOTTO:

EMS, a school, where we are educating every child by any means necessary.

Our Mission

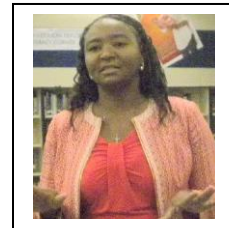
Our mission is to prepare students to be successful, healthy and responsible citizens by providing challenging educational experiences in a safe and positive environment.

Dear Parents and Community Members,

At Estill Middle School, we value the home-school partnership as a very important element in the education of our children. We understand that all aspects of a child’s education centers around the family and community. Research shows that there is a direct relationship between parental involvement and student achievement. Meeting the needs of all of our students, their families, and our community is vital to the quality of education in our school and the academic success of each student. The EMS family thanks you for your support and participation in our school activities throughout the year. By forming a strong partnership, we can all work together to educate and inspire all of our students to succeed. Please make every effort to get involved today. We recognize that we’re always a work in progress, and will continue to strive toward excellence at all levels.

Thanks again for your continued support of our school!

Synetria L. Hawkins, Principal
Synetria McGuire, SIC President



HAMPTON 2 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

GOAL 1: INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Look Out! Look Out! Hampton County School District 2 has passed new vision and mission statements. The new Mission and Vision Statements set forth an academic direction informed by our values and strengths, the changing context of higher education, and a paramount commitment to meeting the needs of 21st-century students. It was developed over many months with participation and feedback from students, faculty, and staff members in our community. It has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

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GOAL 2: SAFETY 1ST

Drills and trainings were conducted during the 2014-15 school year with the faculty and staff at EMS that involved agencies from all across South Carolina.

- ◆ (OCTOBER) A bomb threat drill was held so that staff members know what to do and how to react in a crisis situation.
- ◆ (FEBRUARY/APRIL) Active Shooter Training
- ◆ (APRIL) Suicide Prevention Training
- ◆ School Level monthly fire drills with students and staff

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New Vision Statement

Hampton County School District 2 will become a world class rural school district. Demonstrating our BEST

Behaving Responsibly

Exceeding Expectations

Putting Scholarship First

Demonstrating Teamwork ALWAYS

New Mission Statement

The mission of Hampton County School District 2 is to provide a rigorous personalized environment of academic excellence that prepares Each child, Each day, and in Every classroom to be college/career and citizen ready with no excuses.

DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR – MR. BERNARD SANDERS



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GOAL 3: CULTIVATE ENGAGEMENT

Volunteers and Partnerships

- ◆ Parents and community members served as classroom helpers, chaperones, testing monitors, and School Improvement Council. (SIC) members. Thanks to all of our parents that volunteered.
- ◆ Workers from all over Hampton County and throughout South Carolina came and met with students from all grade levels for “College/Career Day”.
- ◆ Speakers Mr. Green and Mr. White with “DJJ/C.H.O.I.C.E.S” came on campus and worked with students on a six week curriculum. The focus of the curriculum was to help students make the right choices, follow rules, and citizenship. The curriculum consisted of ten weekly sessions lasting for an hour.
- ◆ Members from the “Operation Get Smart” team came and visited students. The team consisted of inmates from the state prison. They spoke with students about staying on the right track and the types of things can lead them to time behind bars. They told their own personal stories about the lives they lived prior to being sent to prison.
- ◆ EMS partnered with Hampton1 on a math and science grant. Teachers received professional development in those areas.
- ◆ Eighth grade students had the opportunity on February 28, 2015, to go out and job shadow. Other eighth graders and sixth and seventh graders participated in virtual job shadowing. They went online and researched jobs that were of interest to them.
- ◆ The Low Country Food Bank’s School Pantry Program

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GOAL 4: IMPROVE HUMAN CAPITAL

- ◆ Teachers met weekly in Professional Learning Communities to collaborate, plan, and assess student learning.
- ◆ Teachers used PD360 as a tool for professional development.
- ◆ Professional development sessions focused on curriculum development, deconstruction and implementation of standards.
- ◆ Science and Math teachers partnered with Hampton 1 for professional development as part of a math/science partnership (MSP) grant.
- ◆ Math teachers attended professional development sessions at USC Aiken.
- ◆ EMS participated in an Academic Assessment along with EES and EHS during the month of November in order to determine strengths and weaknesses of programs and school procedures.
- ◆ Teachers and administrators attended the Middle School Conference in Myrtle Beach in March.
- ◆ Teachers and administration attended the South Carolina International Reading Conference.
- ◆ Teacher submitted Goals Based plans as documentation of individualized professional development documentation.



MRS. JARRELL



MRS. MONROE



MS. HOUSEY

Staff

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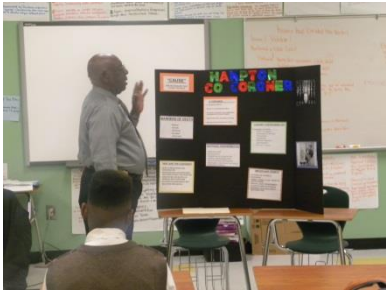
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was here at EMS this year. Each month the food bank delivered food as part of their mission to help alleviate child hunger in America through the provision of food to children and their families at school. The school based pantry was intended to provide a more readily accessible source of food assistance to low-income students and their families.

- ◆ Parents and students participated in the Box Tops for Education program.

CAREER DAY PICTURES



Family Involvement

Prospective parent meetings were held with the Guidance Counselor as well as on Parent-Teacher Conference days to share information, encourage conversation among parents, and answer questions about the new district Promotion & Retention Policy.



MR. SANDERS



MS. MIXON



MS. JOHNSON



MR. SINGLETON



MR. THREATT



MS. GREER



MRS. LING



MRS. HOPKINS



MRS. POLITE

Dates to Remember

- ✚ MAY 6TH – INTERIM REPORTS
- ✚ MAY 7-8TH – SCPASS TESTING
- ✚ MAY 25TH – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
- ✚ MAY 27TH – EOC TESTING
- ✚ MAY 29TH – FIELD'S DAY
- ✚ JUNE 5TH – 8TH GRADE PROMOTIONAL EXERCISE
- ✚ JUNE 9TH – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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“EDUCATIONAL THOUGHT”

“Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.”-Maya Angelo

**I ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO HAVE FAITH IN YOUR STUDENTS BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT ALL OUR STUDENTS HAVE A
DESIRE TO LEARN, CAN LEARN, WILL LEARN, AND DO LEARN.**



PLEASE JOIN HANDS WITH ME AND LETS WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE.



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