

Black Water Middle School Annual Report 2013-2014

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A Message From the Principal & SIC Chair

Dear Parents/Guardians and Stakeholders,

This annual report has been prepared for you by the BWMS School Improvement Council. The report reviews the progress made on our strategic plan for increasing student achievement and accomplishments throughout the 2013-2014 school year.

Because of the support of our parents and the hard work of our teachers and students, we have earned the recognition of “Good” on the South Carolina Department of Education School Report Card and an “A” rating on the Federal Accountability Measures (ESEA).

Black Water Middle School strives to achieve greatness in academics and the arts. We offer a strong academic program that offers students the opportunity to earn high school credit in the following courses: Algebra I, Geometry, English I, and Keyboarding/Computer Applications. The school-wide focus is integrating literacy across the curriculum. Our staff development plan has focused on increasing student engagement using Kagan structures and the incorporation of 1:1 personalized digital learning with each student having the iPad device this year. We continue to drive instructional decisions using data to provide the very best learning environment for all of our students. We want our school to be a welcoming center focused on exceptional teaching and learning.

Thank you for investing in our children and supporting our school, we are eternally grateful.

Respectfully,

Candace Lane

Candace Lane, Principal

Jen Loney

Jen Loney, SIC Chair

Initiatives and Strategies for School Improvement

Student Achievement

1. The percentage of students meeting standard on PASS (Met or Exemplary will increase by two percentage points each year for all four academic content areas; ELA, math science and social studies.
2. The percentage of students meeting their growth target as measured by MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) will increase by 5 percentage points.
3. The percentage of IEP students scoring “met or exemplary” on PASS will increase by 5 percentage points.
4. The percentage of African American students scoring “met or exemplary” on Science PASS testing will increase by 5 percentage points.

School Climate

1. The number of student hearings during the 2013-2014 school year will be reduced by 50%.

Academic Highlights

PASS Performance Spring 2013

Percent of students scoring Met or Exemplary

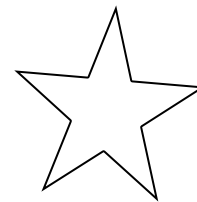
ELA	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies
72%	75%	73%	77%	72%

End of Course Test

	A's	B's	C's	D's	F's	Total #
Algebra I	33	25	8	4	0	70
English I	19	6	0	0	0	25

ACHIEVING GREATNESS IN ACADEMICS AND THE ARTS

CELEBRATE WITH US



- 33 students were designated Explore Scholars by ACT
- 16 students were designated SC Junior Scholars by College Board
- 2 students were designated Duke TIP Scholars
- 1 student was designated a John Hopkins Scholar
- BWM Robotics Team advanced to state competition
- Math Counts Team placed at regional competition and advanced to the state competition
- 4 students won at regional and advanced to the state National History Day Competition
- 11 BWM students placed in the categories of animated design, video editing, programming, digital photography, and creative project at the HCS Tech Fair, and 4 BWM teachers placed in the teacher category
- Student Council sponsored a canned food drive and the Angel Tree Project
- Beta Club members have exceeded 2000 hours of community service and our major philanthropy outreach donated over \$2500 to Relay for Life/American Cancer Society
- BWM Band earned an “Excellent” rating at the SC Concert Festival
- 17 students made All-County Band with 5 students receiving 1st chair placements
- 5 students made All-Region Band with 4 students receiving 1st chair placements
- BWM Orchestra earned an “Excellent” rating at the SC Concert Festival
- 2 students made All-County Orchestra
- BWM 8th grade Choral students and an 8th grade soloist were chosen to perform for *Waves of the Future*, an HCS showcase of talent
- 17 students made All-County Choir
- BWM Dance department, under the direction of newcomer Osagie Ehigie, produced multiple major showcase performances and participated in an outreach program performing all throughout the county
- The drama/choral/dance departments produced *Little Shop of Horrors* in November
- BWM Art department produced 2 art shows featuring designs based on Zentangle Artist Eggs, optical illusion art, Romare Beardon collages, Suminagashi printing, plaster cast hands and large scale still life drawings

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Teacher of the Year

Deanna Zuleg

Ms. Zuleg is an exceptional 7th grade Science teacher who has been at BWM for 3 years. She serves as a grade level chair and is on the PTO executive board. Ms. Zuleg is most proud of the compassion and dedication our staff has for our students and what we stand for at our school.



Support Employee of the Year

Vicki Sylvia

Ms. Sylvia has been a member of the bear family for 3 years and is the school secretary. She keeps our building highly operational with her helpful nature and smile. Ms. Sylvia was named in the top 5 finalists for the Horry County Schools Support Staff of the Year. Ms. Sylvia is most proud of the dedication, determination, and devotion that the students have for their school.



The mission of Black Water Middle School, a diverse student-centered learning community, is to guarantee that all students are fully prepared, successful contributors in a rapidly changing global society through relevant, rigorous, standards-driven, personalized learning, provided in a safe, nurturing environment.