



Palmetto Middle School

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2014-15 Report to the People

Palmetto Middle School has experienced another outstanding year. We appreciate all of our stakeholders and their contributions to make our school a great place for learning to occur. We believe that a total education takes a committed group of individuals working together to carry out the mission of enabling our students to reach their full potential in a thoughtfully organized setting that promotes academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, and social equity.

This year the staff has focused extensively on successfully integrating technology through the "a1 Digital Innovation" one-to-one iPad initiative, and our results have been outstanding. Palmetto Middle School continued in its status as a National School to Watch, giving presentations at SCAMLE's Middle School Conference and SCASA's Innovative Ideas Institute. Additionally, Palmetto Middle School earned a Palmetto Silver award from the SC Department of Education. These results would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of both our staff, students, and community involvement.

We also strive for success in our athletic and co-curricular programs. Our sports teams enjoyed competitive seasons due the efforts of our coaches and student athletes. Our students are also learning how to become good stewards of their community through our commitment to service learning, as our students compiled more than 18,000 hours of service to our school and community. Our BETA Club was recognized at the state BETA Club Convention with first place in the technology competition and also raised over \$1,200 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Two of our newer programs, THRIVE and P3, gave even more of our students an opportunity to plug in to our school and experience personal and academic growth. We rebuilt our PALS program to provide students a designated time and place to explore the values and characters through whole and small group lessons and activities.

We will continue striving to make Palmetto Middle School a family-friendly school. Upon leaving the middle school, we want all students to be prepared for their high school experience; therefore, the focus of our efforts will continue to be on the academic, social, and extra-curricular development of our students. Our efforts to instruct and support the whole child. Thank you for your support, and we are looking forward to another great year together.

Barry Knight, Principal