From the Principal

My vision for Lugoff-Elgin Middle School is one filled with promise, possibilities, and potentiality for EVERY child. Every child who walks through the doors



of LEMS was created for a purpose. Every student is "at promise" and is at the brink of a future full of possibilities. Every student has potential waiting to be developed and groomed. Our charge is to grow the children of Lugoff-Elgin Middle School into who they were designed to be. Working together, we can instill in them a desire to reach their potential and to dream of a future.

With Leopard Pride,

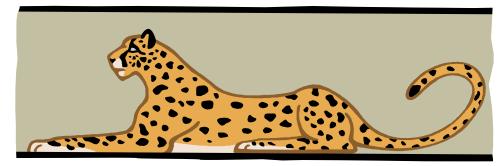
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The mission of Lugoff-Elgin Middle School, in partnership with parents and community, is to prepare all students to excel; to encourage self-discipline, which will promote student self-worth; and to develop thinking skills by providing a challenging, safe and caring school climate in which students can become productive citizen who can succeed in society.



School Summary Report

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Lugoff-Elgin Middle School Goals for 2011-2012:

- 1. Improve PASS ELA scores with an emphasis on literacy.
- 2. Improve performance of students with special needs in all academic areas.
- 3. Increase professional learning through development of common assessments in like core subjects.
- 4. Improve parental involvement.

Grades	6-8 Middle School
Enrollment	668 Students
Principal	Karen S. Bullard
Superintendent	Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair	Mara Jones

What is LEMS doing to improve academic achievement?

- LEMS is using four member core instructional teams and coordinated team meetings to discuss students who are struggling and other pertinent topics
- Teams are meeting with the principal every month to discuss individual students and team needs to help remove roadblocks to instruction.

- The chorus performed at the Turkey Supper annual fundraiser, Band/ Chorus Christmas Concert, Morning Side Assisted Living Home, We Are the Dream (6th Grade Play), Fine Arts Center, Spring Band/Chorus Concert. Over \$1,100 was raised for the Leopard Chorus this year to purchase new performance outfits.
- The art program holds an annual art gallery opening that is open to the community. We have local musicians and artists, USC faculty and students involved in the art program and our general community. Student work is also displayed in the annual Fine Arts Center student show in Camden.
- The PTO and student body together raised approximately \$12,000 for our school through the cookie dough fundraiser. Through this effort, LEMS will bring an author to our school after book studies are complete.
- Lugoff-Elgin Middle School strives to instill in our students the motto: "Understanding Hearts and Positive Attitudes Make a Great School". LEMS students participated in service learning projects including adopting families at Christmas, sponsoring a coat drive, a canned food drive, and raising money for Relay for Life. LEMS raised over \$7,000 for Relay for Life.

These activities along with many other help our students give back to our community which has given so much to us. Lugoff-Elgin Middle School is successful because of the combined efforts of our faculty/staff, students, and community.

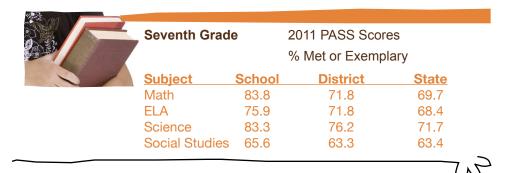


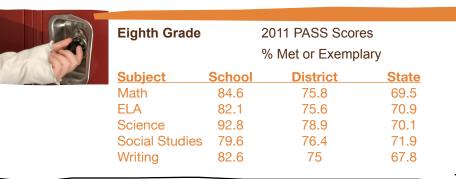
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- · 4 seventh graders were selected to be Duke Tip Scholars.
- On the both Algebra 1 and English 1 End of Course tests, 100% of students passed the state test.
- Four students were placed in the Lugoff Optimist Oratorical Contest and two placed in the zone competition.
- · Mrs. Gayle Todd was named our Reading Teacher of the Year
- Mrs. Kari Meldrum was named our Teacher of the Year and also named one of the top five teachers in the school district.
- The wrestling team went 19-1 and won both the Leopard Duals and the prestigious Carolina Duals, including a duals victory over the eventual State Champions, Dutchman Creek of Rock Hill. At the state tournament, the team finished 5th out of 75 schools represented.
- Individually, one wrestler had won the state championship in his class. Also, two girls participated in the first female only version of the Carolina Invitational. One finished as a state runner-up in her weight class, and the other finished third in her weight class.
- The Lugoff-Elgin Middle School Band performed in a Winter Concert. Many students auditioned, and four were selected to participate in the SC Region Band. One student was eligible to audition for the SC All-State Band after receiving a high score during his Region Band audition. An 8th grader is an alternate for the All-State Band and will be participating in the clinic and band performance. The Genesis Winterguard is a program affiliated with the LE Band Program. It is a visual performing ensemble that consists of all middle school students from LEMS. They have received 1st place at both of their competitions. Honor Band, consisting of 8th and 7th grade band students, will be performing in the SC Concert Festival. Two students auditioned for the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities summer program for music. Numerous students in grades 6-8 will be participating in the SC Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Sixth Grade		011 PASS Scores 6 Met or Exemplary	
Subject	School	District	State
Math	75.3	74	72.5
ELA	69.7	73	70.2
Science	76.8	72.3	64.9
Social Studies	85.9	81.6	77.6







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- Content Recovery is offered for quarters 1, 2, and 3 to students with grades between 61 and 69. This program is offered through the A+ Learning System and a certified teacher to help students master deficient standards and in turn their grade will translate to 70.
- Homework Center is run by certified teachers Tuesday through Thursday for any student needing additional homework support.
- Each teacher was given a list of his/her current students' PASS score. Additionally, teachers were given a list of students who were on the cusp of the Not Met and the Met cutoff score and will monitor these students with extra care.
- Teachers meet with every student to discuss how close they were to the next level. Students then develop a goal for the current school year and an action plan detailing how they intend on accomplishing their goal.
- Teachers give a MAP test at the beginning of the school year and near the end of the school year to gauge student's progress and to identify areas of deficiency.
- Lugoff-Elgin Middle School uses grade-level MAP data to identify weakness in students' prior learning and adapt future instruction.
- Teachers are using KCSD pacing guides and SC Curriculum Standards to guide and coordinate instruction. Additionally, common subject teachers share lesson plans and have common assessments to ensure consistency throughout each grade level.
- Teachers hold regular conferences with parents to inform of students' academic progress.
- LEMS ensures that Parent Portal is available for parents to stay informed of students' progress. Grades display and are updated into Parent Portal as soon as grades are entered in the teachers' grade book.
- The LEMS PTO meets monthly to discuss fund-raising ideas and teachers' requests to aid in providing the school with some extra resources that district cannot afford.

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- LEMS has developed an enrichment period at the end of each day. During the first nine weeks, students returned to homeroom to learn about school wide procedures and rules and complete the school wide read aloud on bullying. During the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th nine weeks, students were placed into enrichment classes based on their individual needs in reading. Every teacher in the school teaches an enrichment class.
- LEMS core subject teams are using cross-curricular instruction in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
- The Student Support Reading program targets students who need improvements in reading comprehension. Similarly, Student Support Math targets students who were "Not Met" on last year's PASS assessment and will use the A+ learning program.
- LEMS offers extra-curricular activities such as chorus, FCA, Club Cure, Beta Club, Spirit and Pride Club, Student Council, Yearbook, Art Club, Science Club and honor band, in addition to sports, to increase ownership at LEMS.
- LEMS Ambassadors are students who serve as leaders to the school during school events, such as open house and sixth grade orientation. These students guide our visitors and help where ever needed to develop their leadership skills.

Lugoff-Elgin Middle enjoyed another year of academic and athletic success. We were awarded the Palmetto Gold Award in 2011. We achieved "Good" as an absolute rating and an "Excellent" as our school's growth rating from the State Department of Education. For AYP, our school met 18 out of 21 objectives.

These are a few of our accomplishments in the past year:

· 21 eighth grade students were named Junior Scholars.

