

Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, Aaron Riley Rucker Middle School focused on our theme Ubuntu (oo-BUUN-too). Ubuntu is bringing people together. People think of themselves as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole world. Ubuntu is we Not me! We have attained Palmetto Silver three of the last four years. Our school and many of our students also received recognition for their outstanding performances in academics, sports, arts, and much more. The implementation of our Making Middle Grades Work Program has helped our students prepare for High School courses and career and college readiness after High School. More importantly, students discovered how their unique talents, when developed, become pipelines for future careers. Teachers, administrators, counselors, and all other staff members worked together to create a culture that breeds success. We concentrated on learning activities designed to address multiple learning styles and achievement or developmental levels. Although there is still plenty of room for improvement and much work remains to be done, the positive trends in achievement for our students give us greater confidence and serve as a motivating factor to stay the course in our commitment to continuous improvement.

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