

We at Andrew Jackson Middle School take pride in our teaching and the care and guidance we give our students. We strive to move forward with our academics but do find it a challenge when our state constantly changes things pertaining to our curriculum, state standards and testing. Our school for the past two years has received a “C” (Average, meeting state standards) on our state report card; but yet when we compare our school to schools like us, we are doing just as well or better in some areas. When looking at our Algebra 1 honors class and their end of course testing, 97.2 % of the students taking the test scored above 70. We continue here at Andrew Jackson to embrace the ideology of teaching and learning together in and through the Arts. Our signature programs in the arts reach many students and give the community and school a point of common interest that touches all facets of our daily lives. Our Veterans Day program has become a tradition where we honor our Veterans and their service for our country. We also recognize the importance of African Americans in the history of our community, state and country through our Black History Month celebration. Our goal with our academics and our art programs are to create lifelong learners. Academically we continue to challenge our students and provide opportunities for them to receive additional help and make up any missed work by incorporating “volunteer time” into our school schedule. We continue to tweak the use of volunteer time to make it worthy of the time commitment.

Our school improvement council has begun making plans for next year as we seek to reach out to our community more. In the month of September, our school will have its first “AJ Color Run”. This will be a 5k run with much fun and activities that will be promoting our school. Our school improvement council also works hard during the teacher appreciation week in May to ensure that our teachers are shown that their hard work and efforts are appreciated. As we continue to work together, we will find success in our efforts to create lifelong learners and prepare our students for the rigors of high school.