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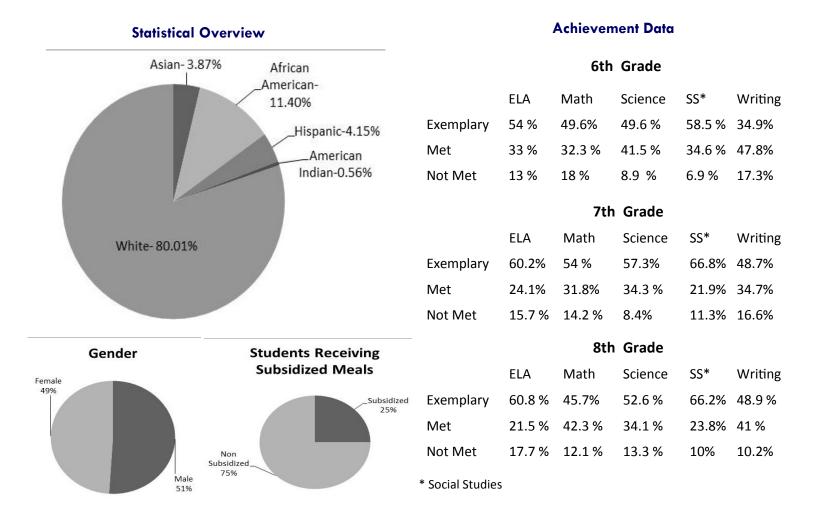
Lexington Middle School

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This year at Lexington Middle School, we have had the opportunity to create exciting new experiences for our students while building on strong traditions. LMS continues to evolve and meet the needs of an ever changing and growing community. On behalf of the 2013-2014 School Improvement Council and the LMS faculty, we want to share our gratitude to all who make Lexington Middle School great. Most important among these groups, the students of LMS continue to bring pride to the community through their academic and extracurricular achievements. The charts below provide a statistical overview of our student body, along with achievement results from the 2013 administration of PASS. Our performance once again places LMS among the highest achieving schools in the state, earning recognition as a Palmetto Gold recipient. Consistent with previous years, our students were rated "Excellent" in overall performance by the State Department of Education, and earned an "A" on our state report card. Beyond test scores, our students demonstrate excellence in countless ways. Some of our students' achievements are listed on the reverse side of this report, including an impressive number of Palmetto Junior Scholars and Duke TIP Award winners. Our Math Counts team placed fourth at their regional competition, while an LMS student won the individual championship. Our students continue to demonstrate artistic talent through their performances and showcases, earning superior ratings at local and international venues, and through the Tri-District Consortium. Our students competed in middle school and high school league athletics, showing determination and sportsmanship at every event. Our volleyball team won the league championship, going undefeated again. Excelling in the classroom and in athletics, our students also come together to impact their community. Lexington Middle School was the largest donor Relay For Life team in the district and county for 2013. Our students and faculty organized can drives, coat drives, and collections supporting Sistercare, Samaritan's Well, the LexOne Education Foundation, and the United Way. We are proud of our caring and courageous Wildcats. While maintaining our traditions of excellence, we also adapt to the new needs of our students. This year we continued to support the one-to-one computing initiative, started our first online student newspaper, and built a ropes challenge course. Students learned to be creative, collaborative problem solvers using 21st century technology skills in our new Digital Literacy and Global Connections courses. We also initiated "Leadership Day," a whole-school effort promoting specific desired traits among our students and faculty based on the model provided by the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. We have been accepted as a candidate school with International Baccalaureate for 2014-2015. We are excited about the increased opportunities for our students and teachers that are awarded through the IB. Whether through the continuation of tradition, or progressing to succeed in a changing world, Lexington Middle School is excited about the amazing year we have had, and about the future ahead. It is indeed our privilege to serve the best students and community around!



<u>AWARDS & HONORS:</u>

- •Palmetto Gold, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-2013, 2013-14
- •5 Year Ratings: 2011 Excellent, 2012 Excellent, 2013 Excellent
- •RAMP Award, 2011-12

ACADEMICS:

*2013-14 Duke Tip Awards State Finalists: 8 *Palmetto Junior Scholars 2011-12: 84 2012-13: 46 2013-14: 53 *Creative Writing Tri-District Arts Consortium: 2 students *2013-14: Geography Bee Winner - Brandon Wavne *Sertoma Club National Heritage Essay Winners: *2012-13: Erin Gobbi, Roberta Moran, Aleigha Pound *National Latin Exam 2013-14 Maggie Lampl, Silver Maxima Cum Laude Cassidy McQuatters and Adam Lopez, Magna Cum Laude Mary Cate Baker and Luke Mondeel, Cum Laude *2013-14 Relay for Life- \$20,040; RFL Lexington County Team Traveling Trophy *2013-14 Teacher of the Year: Margaret Nichols

ATHLETICS:

*2013-14 Football PAC: 8th West Division
*2013-14 Boys Basketball: 5th
*2013-14 Girls Basketball: 6th
*2013-14 Volleyball: PAC Champions

<u>ARTS:</u>

*Band

2013-14 Region: 7 Students, 2013-14 All State Band - 1 Student Tri- District Consortium: 7 students SCBDA Concert Festival –Superior Rating Participation in the "You're Instrumental" Studio *Chorus 2013-14:Superior ratings at State Festival -Superior ratings for all three grade at Carowind's Festival of Music 1st Place in division and 1st place overall for middle school at the Dollywood Music in the Parks Festival 1st place in the Middle School Concert Choir Division - Grand Champion Overall OrlandoFest, Orlando Florida *Orchestra 2013-14: Lexington School District One's District Honors Orchestra: 16 students (17 accepted; 16 participated) Midlands Region III Orchestra: 5 students Concert Festival Ratings: Superior rating for the 7th& 8th Grade Orchestra, Superior rating for 6th Grade Orchestra Tri-District Consortium: 6 students (2 returning and 4 newly accepted) S.C. Solo and Ensemble Festival: 19 Superiors and 7 Excellences Other Events: Disney Performing Arts "You're Instrumental" clinic on Thursday, May 15th in Orlando, Florida. Disney Performing Arts clinics are recognized by the National Association for Music Education. *Visual Arts Tri-District Consortium 2013-14: 8 Students participating. Greyson Love was accepted into the Tri-District program in Visuals Arts this year. 2013 SC State Fair, Jackson Hilton won an Honorable Mention Award in Student Art Exhibit 2013-14, LMS is #1 in SC Middle Schools on Artsonia.com (Top middle school in SC in overall website activity, including artwork, comments, fan clubs, and fundraising.)

<u>ARTS:</u>

2013-14 Estelle McKee was accepted into the Summer Program at The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities in the Visual Arts *Drama Tri-District Consortium: 2 students * Madison Willard was accepted into Governor's School this summer for the Discovery

CLUBS:

Program for Drama

*Student Council: 2013-14: 12 Members *SC Junior Classical League LMS - Overall 3rd place in state JCL Spring Forum (highest middle school) ACADEMIC and ARTS Contests Basic Latin Grammar: 1st Luke Mondeel, 2nd Adam Lopez, 4th Sophia Washburn Roman History: Sean Dedmon, 5th Mythology: 3rd Sophia Washburn, 4th Luke Mondeel Jewelry: 2nd Sophia Washburn Impromptu Art-Novice: 3rd Sophia Washburn, 5th Madison Brabham, 5th Heather Brabham **OLYMPIKA** First place Olympika Winners: Sophia Washburn, Brandon Wayne and Luke Weigand *MathCounts 2013-14 -- 5th Place 1 Competitor placed 1st in the Countdown Round and in and Advanced to State Level Competition. Scored 4th in the State Competition. We had 8 total members of the MathCounts Team. *Archery Club 2013-14 Alex Boozer - 3rd Place National Archery Tournament *Boys on the Run 2013-14: 1st place Jacob Wong - 6th Grade, 1st place Ian Hendley - 7th Grade, 1st place Shaka Coleman - 8th Grade

2013-14 District Teacher of the Year: Kimberly Freeman 2013-14 LMS Teacher of The Year: Margaret Nichols

2013-14 LMS School Improvement Council

<u>Members</u>: Mr. Matthew O'Hara, Mr. Anthony Buzzetti, Mrs. Lisa Loftis, Mrs. Stacie Bartlett, Mrs. Karen Utter, Mrs. Jamie Fite, Mrs. Tara Carroll, Mr. Neil Nadkarni, Mrs. Mararget Anne Gaffney, Mrs. Laura McCombs, Mr. John Sease, Mr. Fran Halloran and Mrs. Jane Waters

Teachers: Mrs. Kimberly Freeman, Mrs. Ivey Homer and Mrs. Karen Morris