

White Knoll Middle School “Where Kids Meet Success”

White Knoll Middle School SIC Report to Parents

The mission of White Knoll Middle School is to provide a safe environment for learning where caring teachers challenge students to excel academically, utilize technology, adopt healthy lifestyles and values, and perform community service. This enables students to develop into independent, creative, critical thinkers who are motivated to become responsible, productive and contributing citizens.



WKMS Achievements

- Palmetto Gold Award for Absolute Achievement on PASS
- Palmetto Silver Award for closing the Achievement Gap on PASS
- Students in all 3 grade levels exceeded the district's expectation on MAP
 - 100% Students passed EOC Tests in English I and Algebra I
 - 35% of Algebra I students scored 100 on the EOC test
- Executive Secretary was named as the Office Professional of the year for the state of South Carolina
 - 19 Junior Scholars
 - 2 Junior Scholars

School Improvement Council

The SIC is an advisory body to the principal that improves student achievement by providing information to stakeholders, and promoting the school's progress in an effort to meet state and district goals.

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2010-2011 was another memorable school year at WKMS. We continue to feel the effects of a struggling economy. Despite the challenges of cutbacks in staff and reduced funding, we see progress and remain optimistic as we do whatever it takes to produce 21st century learners.

We are proud of our accomplishments. WKMS received a Palmetto Gold Award for academic achievement and a Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards. Our Measure of Academic Progress results show that more than 53% of our students met and exceeded their growth targets in all areas at all grade levels.

Teachers developed and implemented common core assessments in all core classes at all grade levels this year. Our science scores on district tests were consistently among the highest in the district in all three grades.

Our performing arts program continues to thrive. The War Hawk athletic program provides great examples of teamwork and a winning spirit. Our Response to Intervention (RTI) program is running smoothly, providing multiple sources of support for our students.

WKMW proudly represents our community at-large with its big heart. We give generously to a number of causes. This year we ranked 4th in the state in fundraising for Pasta for Pennies (American Leukemia Society). Teachers are already planning fundraising strategies for a new project to support women's health next year!

Our PTA worked the canteen for football and basketball games and used the proceeds for staff appreciation and unexpected treats for students. Our School Improvement

School Improvement Council

(2010-2011)

Mrs. Edna Moore, Chair

Mrs. Emma Collins, Parent

Ms. Darlene Jackson, API

Ms. Kelly Metzger, Teacher

Handy Miles, Student

Mrs. Bridgett Mitchell, Parent

Ms. Marlene Neal, Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Tracie Prestigicamo, Community Member

Mrs. Sheila Riley, Parent

Hunter Threlkeld, Student Body President

Dr. Nancy Turner, Principal

Progress:

#1 Improve student achievement

- Implemented Boot Camp and the Zone to provide extra assistance for students
 - Implemented Single-Gender Education
 - Continued Positive Behavioral Support Committee
- Continued the development of common assessments in all subject areas
 - Provided Guided Study Hall for intentional non-learners

#2 Improve parental and community involvement

- Analyzed surveys from parents, teachers and students
- Revitalized the PTO. New president organized a group of parents to volunteer at school functions and conduct fund raisers