

WHITE KNOLL TIMBERWOLVES WOLF TRACKS

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE 2010-2011

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ANNUAL MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL JO MAYER AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CHAIRS BILL MCCARTER AND LESLEY REESER



The 2010-11 year included great strides for the White Knoll High School community. In the areas of academics, fine arts and athletics, our students and staff have risen to the challenges of the 21st century and are moving into the second decade of Timberwolf Pride.

During the first 10 years of its existence, White Knoll High has grown from an enrollment of more than 1,200 to almost 2,000 students. Those students select from more than 200 course offerings including Advanced Placement courses, Dual Credit opportunities, Honors and College Preparatory classes, Career and Technology classes, and Exceptional Education classes. More than half of our students are enrolled in classes dedicated to the visual and performing arts. Thirty-two percent participate in our athletic programs. At the end of last school year, 65% of our graduates enrolled in a two- or four-year college or university.

With a focus on preparing our students to be successful as they move toward their future careers, White Knoll High School offers 48 career majors to our students. Each of these majors requires students to successfully complete at least four credits in an area of concentration. In 2010, 178 of our students earned at least one career major upon graduation.

As a member of the *High Schools That Work* network, we set high expectations for our students and aim for continuous improvement and research-based best practices for our faculty and staff. White Knoll

students who join us as freshmen enter our Ninth Grade Academy. The Academy is designed to effectively transition students from middle school to high school. This transition process begins with Pack Prowl before school actually starts, providing the opportunity for Huskies and War Hawks to come together as Timberwolves. Students become familiar with the building, the staff and the culture in an environment that focuses on freshmen needs before other students return to the campus.

To provide a rich learning environment to all our students, the instructional staff of White Knoll High School employs a variety of tools and strategies—standards-based lessons, differentiated instruction, hands-on learning, school-to-work opportunities, innovative technology, formative assessments, and benchmark testing. Our dedicated and talented staff members participate in weekly staff development sessions. They work in collaborative Professional Learning Communities established for the sole purpose of improving our students' chances of being successful learners. We continue to have high expectations for student success while providing the necessary support to assist students in meeting those expectations.

A key contributor to the successes of White Knoll High School is the strong community that surrounds us. Our students are supported at every turn by loving parents and a network of extended family and friends. Strong booster clubs contribute moral and financial support to co-curricular activities in athletics, arts and NJROTC. Our TE-PAIC and School Improvement Council provide guidance and direction. Together, all our efforts enable the students of White Knoll High School to reach their potential. With such a supportive community, the sky is the limit for our students.

Mission Statement

The mission of White Knoll High School is to graduate students who are capable of thinking critically and who possess the attitude and character traits necessary to be productive citizens and life-long learners.



Goals for Student Learning

Students will seek, expand, and integrate knowledge.
Students will demonstrate thinking and reasoning skills.
Students will demonstrate social and personal responsibility.
Students will demonstrate interpersonal skills.

School Improvement Council Members 2010-2011

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WHITE KNOLL HIGH TE-PAIC 2010-2011

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Second Year Parents

Mary Belton, Elizabeth Crawford,
Starke Ward

One Year Students

Tahjaneik Collins-Williams
Ayana Crawford
Kristin Lucas
Roni Maybin (Treasurer)
James Moore (VP)
Molly Moore
Maria Rivas (President)
Jaimie Rivera
Harrison Siakor
Sierra Small
Nora Williams

Congratulations, WKHS Baseball Team

WKHS Baseball Team won the 2010 State Championship for 4A Baseball, the first state championship for any team sport in WKHS history. The Team also won the 2011 Region Championship and had one student chosen for the North-South All-Star Game.



World Special Olympic Games in Greece



Demi Hiepner, a WKHS student, will participate in the World Special Olympic games in Greece this summer.

WKHS Honors and Awards

SCHOOL-WIDE HONORS

- 2011 Palmetto Gold Closing the Achievement Gap Award
- 2010 Palmetto Silver Closing the Achievement Gap Award
- 2008 Red Carpet Award
- Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School designation in 2009.
- Guidance Department – named a Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program in 2010.

ACADEMIC HONORS

- Seventy-seven percent of the 2010 class planned to continue their education at post-secondary institutions.
- The South Carolina High School League recognized sixteen 2011 seniors as Scholar Athletes.
- The 2011 senior class earned more than \$10 million dollars in scholarships. Sixteen 2010 students received Palmetto Fellows Scholarships, 27% earned LIFE Scholarships, 19% earned four-year LIFE Scholarships and 18% earned HOPE Scholarships.
- One student was named a National Merit Scholarship Competition 2010–2011 Finalist.
- Fifteen 2011 students were awarded Columbia Urban League Young and Gifted Awards.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

- WKHS Baseball Team won the 2010 State Championship for 4A Baseball, the first state championship for any team sport in WKHS history.
- WKHS Baseball Team won the 2011 Region Championship and had one student chosen for the North-South All-Star Game.
- The All-State Football Team chose two students.
- The South All-Star Football Team selected one student athletic trainer.
- WKHS Wrestling Team won the 2011 Region Championship.
- Two wrestlers participated in the North/South All-Star Wrestling Match.
- WKHS Wrestling Team claimed the title of 2011 State Runner-up. Two wrestlers became lower state champions, two wrestlers were state champions, one was state runner up and one was fourth runner up.
- One student earned All-State honors in track.
- The South All-Star Volleyball Team chose one student.
- One student was chosen to participate in the World Special Olympic Games in Greece.
- The State newspaper selected two students as Athlete of the Week.
- WKHS Varsity Cheerleading Team placed fourth in our region and qualified for the state competition.

CAREER & TECHNOLOGY HONORS

- Lexington Medical Center Partners Program chose one student to participate.
- WKHS Beta Club won third place in the science competition at the State National Beta Club Convention.
- Thirty-two of 37 WKHS Marketing Education students won at the DECA Regional Competition; eight students won first place; six students won second place; six students won third place and 12 placed in the top ten. All 32 qualified to represent White Knoll High School in the State Career Development Conference in February.
- Twenty-nine students won at the SC State DECA competitions. Twelve students won first place, seven won second place, eight won third place, one won fifth place and one was chosen as a finalist.
- Two DECA students won five gold metals at the International DECA Competitive Events Conference. They placed in the top 20 of the nation.
- WKHS DECA was recognized as a Diamond Level Chapter Award winner, which is the highest level of achievement a chapter can receive, at the International DECA Competitive Events Conference.
- A student was chosen as State DECA President for the 2011-2012 school year.
- WKHS Architectural Design Team, known as DNA (Dynamic National Architecture) Residential, was named 2011 Mock Firms National Champions after winning the eastern division of this competition. WKHS' other team, known as DNA Commercial, was named 2011 Mock Firm Eastern Division runner up. (In 2010, the WKHS Architectural Team won the SC Mock Firms National Skyscraper Design competition for the second time and was named South Region winner and third place overall in the United States.)
- One Architectural Drafting student won the 2011 SC SkillsUSA State Architectural Drafting Championship. This is the third consecutive SC SkillsUSA State Championship for WKHS.
- Twelve students placed in the SC HOSA State Leadership Conference. One student won first place in nutrition, eight students placed in the top six places, and three students placed in the top 20% for the Kaiser Permanente Exam.
- One student was elected SC HOSA Reporter.
- WKHS HOSA won the State Theme Contest and will go to the national level of competition. They also have the largest membership for a 4A school.
- WKHS Virtual Enterprise Executive Board won second place at the State Business Plan competition. They were semi-finalists for Web Design at the National Virtual Enterprise Youth Business Summit Competition and won honorable mentions in Catalog and Sales Pitch competitions.

FINE ARTS HONORS

- Three visual art students won awards at the SC State Fair in 2010. Two won Merit awards and one won third place for 3-D design.
- Two photography students had their work selected in Winthrop's SC Schools Photography competition exhibit in January. White Knoll was one of six schools to have multiple entries selected out of the 26 schools represented in the show.
- Three art students have had work selected for display in the "Art of Healing" juried exhibit at the Columbia Museum of Art. They were among only 29 Lexington County high school students included in this show.
- Five students had artwork selected for exhibit in the Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit at Lander University in Greenwood, SC.
- One student won second place in the Picasso Project. Her artwork will be auctioned off to raise money for the South Carolina Children's Trust.
- Seven students qualified for the Regional Orchestra. One was selected as an alternate.
- Nine students qualified for All-State programs: three for Chorus; two for Orchestra; and four as Band alternates.
- WKHS Concert Band and the WKHS Wind Ensemble received overall Excellent Ratings at the SCBDA State Concert Festival. Bands are graded on a prepared concert performance, and on their sight-reading ability; to play a piece from start to finish that they have never seen before, without practicing it ahead of time. Both bands received straight Superior ratings in sight-reading.
- WKHS Marching Band earned the 4A Lower State Championship. They were the state champions of the 2010 SC Band Directors Association 4A State Marching Championship. The 136 members of the WKHS Marching Pride wowed competition judges with their performance and received a score of 95 out of 100.
- The SC Theatre Festival recognized two drama students as All-Star Performers.
- WKHS drama students won the Excellence in Play Performance Award, the Superior Comedic Performance Award and the Thespian Spirit Award. The students were selected as first alternate for Chapter Select Showcase in the PDA/SCITS Secondary School Festival for their performance of "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza." One student received a Superior Acting rating and three received an Excellent Acting rating for their performance of the one-act play. Three students were ranked Superior and nine were ranked Excellent in their individual performances.

Timberwolf Pride

- WKHS Junior Classical League placed first in the state at the SC Junior Classical League Fall and Spring Forum.

STAFF HONORS

- Lisa Rose was chosen as WKHS Teacher of the Year for the school year 2010-2011 and Lexington One District Teacher of the Year.
- Cathy Loy was chosen as WKHS Staff Member of the Year for the school year 2010-2011.
- Jonny Thompson was named 2010 SC Baseball Coaches Association 4A Coach of the Year.
- Angel Clark was chosen as 2010 SC HOSA Secondary Advisor of the Year and Officer.
- WKHS employs 33 National Board Certified Teachers.
- Jo Mayer was named 2010-2011 Administrator of the Year for the Lexington One Association of Educational Office Professionals.
- Marion Mason had two sculptures selected for display in the Professional Division of the State Fair Art Show. He received the Merit Award for one of them.
- Jim Cooke received the 2010 Horace Mann Lexington One Educator Fellowship. This fellowship recognizes a teacher who is working toward an advanced degree at an accredited institution.
- Howard Bissell was given the Educator of Distinction Award from the South Carolina Council for Social Studies. The award recognizes Bissell's success in the classroom and acknowledges the work he does outside of the classroom to promote higher standards in social studies instruction.
- Matt Schnabel received The Golden Apple Teacher Award. Mr. Schnabel will use the funds to purchase equipment for field students for his AP Environmental Science class. He also was awarded the Palmetto Pride Litter Trashes Everyone Grant.
- Jill Hnat and Josh Kieper were recognized as Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars.
- Sheila Gordon was named 2010-2011 Athletic Trainer of the Year by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Board of Directors.
- Anna Duvall was given the Higher Education Awareness Readiness Transition (HEART) Award by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and South Carolina Department of Education.
- WKHS Wolf Tracks (WKHS's parent newsletter) was recognized by the SC Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association two years in a row. Paula S. Miller edits the publication.

- Rick Counts led the HOWL (Habitat Opportunity for Wolves to Learn) Project this year and received a \$5,000 grant from Lowes. He also received a \$5,000 grant from Wal-mart whose employees also donated 250 hours of community service. Mr. Counts has collected more than \$50,000 in grants and donations for the HOWL project.
- Craig Wheatley was accepted into the prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute.
- Angel Clark was chosen as a HOSA internship participant in the Office of the Surgeon General (OSG).

STUDENT GROUPS

- WKHS Navel Junior ROTC Unit was selected as a Unit Achievement Award winner by the NJROTC Area Manager for the second year in a row. They were chosen based on their inspection this spring, which included an evaluation of pass in review, community service and competition teams.

OTHER RECOGNITIONS

- WKHS HOSA raised \$1300.00 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and received a bronze medal at the SC HOSA Conference. They also donated items to homeless veterans during the 10th annual Vets Christmas Charity Ride.
- WKHS students collected 1499 items of food for LICCS (Lexington Interfaith Community Services) during their annual Winter Days Celebration over the Holidays.
- Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Sports Marketing raised \$1220.13 for MDA.
- WKHS students raised \$2507.29 for the 2011 Pennies for Patients Campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- WKHS employees raised 3690.60 for Relay for Life.
- WKHS employees collected \$10,643 for the Lexington Employee Assistance Program. WKHS had the highest percentage increase in donations among Lexington One High Schools.

Congratulations, to the WKHS Marching Band



WKHS Marching Band was recognized at the State House as 2010 South Carolina AAAA State Marching Band Champions.

ACCREDITATION

White Knoll High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and South Carolina Department of Education.

2010 SAT Average Composite Score: 1532

Critical Reading: 510
Math: 531
Writing: 490

2010 ACT Composite Score: 209

Reading: 21.1
Math: 20.7
English: 19.9
Science: 21.3



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WKHS Wind Ensemble performs

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ADMINISTRATORS

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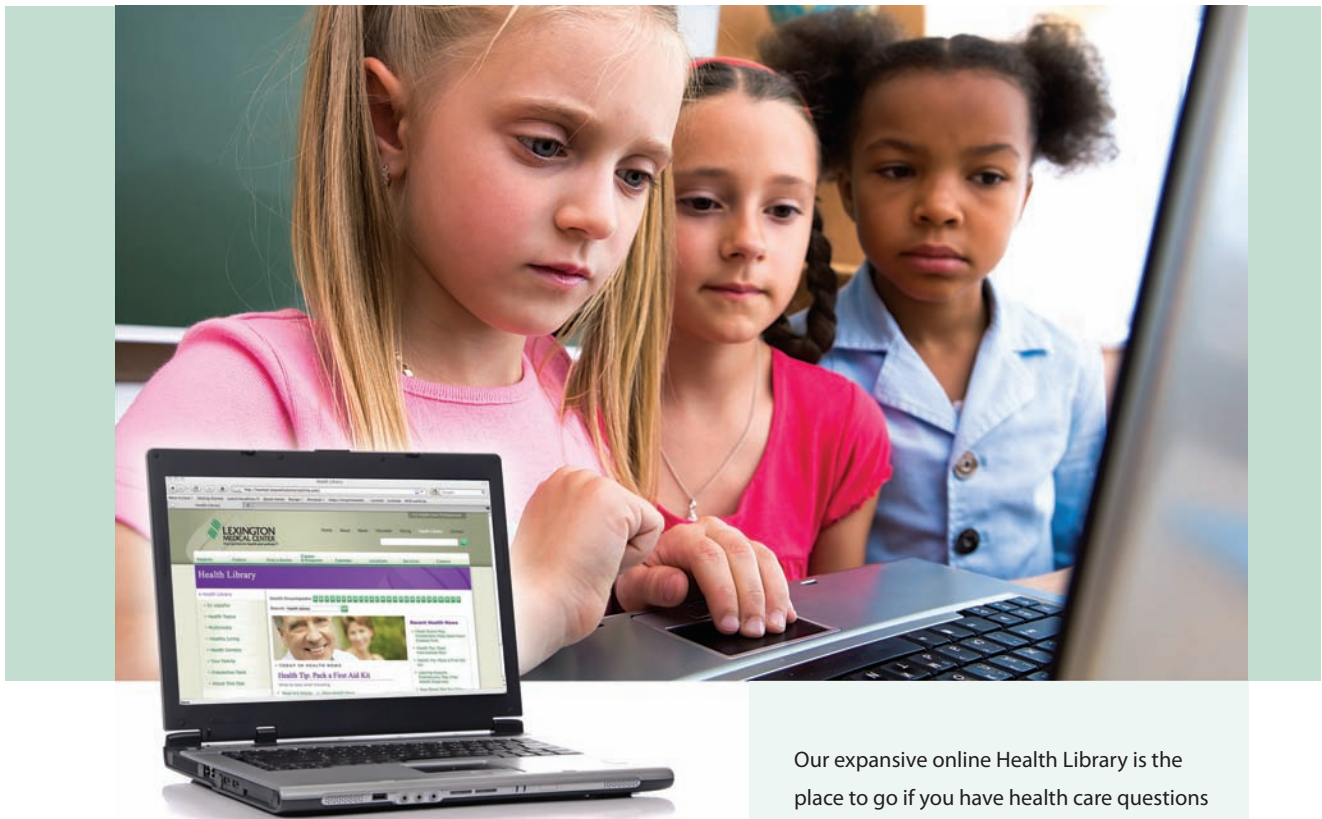
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