



PLEASANT HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2011

660 Rawl Road, Lexington, South Carolina, 29072

Our Mission:

The Pleasant Hill Middle School mission is to provide a safe school climate that promotes students' physical, intellectual, emotional, and social growth in cooperation with educators, families, and the community who share our vision of high expectations, which will produce life-long learners in a global society.

“Enter to learn, leave to achieve”

Message from Donnie Watts, School Improvement Council Chairperson

I want to thank you all for your continued support of Pleasant Hill Middle School. Our students and teachers are extremely fortunate to have the parents and community members that we do. As a Red Carpet School and a Schools To Watch finalist, we are continually looking for ways to improve our school environment. This year, the SIC, focused on improving two specific areas: the communication between home and school and public school advocacy. We are proud of the accomplishments as follows:

- Expanded the use of the School Messenger to highlight clubs, teams, fine arts and extracurricular events on a weekly basis (every Sunday afternoon)
- Continue to produce the school calendar to be distributed to all families (this calendar includes events, as well as things needed to know about middle school)
- With a focus on public school advocacy our team spoke with Scott Price (an attorney with the School Board Association), Kathy Maness (the Palmetto State Teacher's Association), and Todd Atwater (SC House of Representatives)

Again, thank you to the committee members, the staff, parents and business partners for all their time and hard work to make the completion of these projects possible.

Message from Dr. Bill Coon, Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

The School Improvement Council at Pleasant Hill Middle School has prepared this annual school report for you and the community members interested in our school. Pleasant Hill Middle School consists of 1078 students, grades 6 through 8. We are proud to be a state recognized Red Carpet School, a Schools To Watch finalist and one of the top performing schools in the state. Our School Improvement Council (SIC) has also been recognized as an “Honor Roll School” by the state SIC for their work as public school advocates. Like the state's school report card, this school summary report is designed to give a profile of Pleasant Hill Middle School. Pleasant Hill Middle School students have once again earned an Excellent on the state report card and also the Palmetto Gold Award for their outstanding achievements. We recognize that our successes are only possible because of your wonderful support and willingness to serve our school.

School Improvement Council Members

2010-2011

Mr. Donnie Watts - Chair
Mr. Terry Brady
Mrs. Mickey Summerall
Mrs. Cindy McMahan
Mrs. Suzanne Chastain

Dr. Bill Coon
Mr. John Enright
Mr. Scott Adams
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Mrs. Sheryl Williams
Mrs. Kim Blankenbeckler
Mrs. Shannon Canady
Mr. Clay Werner

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Initiatives and Strategies for School Improvement

- PHMS is a Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) school. We work with the Southern Regional Education Board to continually explore school improvement through professional development opportunities, high expectations, challenging curriculum, engaging activities, providing guidance and using data to help make decisions.
- PHMS is organized into teams and grade levels to support our students. These teams create a school-within-a school environment
- Teachers meet regularly with administrators and coaches in the “Think Tank” to discuss methodologies and data, to receive training, chart MAP data and to explore new initiatives.
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is used three times a year to determine a student’s skill level in reading and math.
- Extra help has been a focus with Comprehensive Remediation classes, help sessions before, during and after school, additional time for enrichment and make-up, and/or re-do during the school day.
- Teacher Intervention teams are in place to help identify students with interventions to ensure student success.
- Common assessment continues to be a major focus for PHMS this year and will continue to be a focus next year.
- School-wide literacy is promoted through best practice strategies in all content areas, reading recognition initiatives and professional development.



Awards, Activities and Recognitions

- ✧ Orchestra- “excellent” rating at Concert Festival for all grade levels
- ✧ Two students made Region Orchestra, 4 students were accepted into the Tri-DAC Orchestra.
- ✧ Twenty-Six participants in Lexington One School District Band
- ✧ Band - “superior” rating at SC Concert Festival
- ✧ “Gold” recipient in the Southern Star Music Festival in Atlanta, Georgia
- ✧ Thirty-one students performed at solo and ensemble.
- ✧ Three students made All State Band, twelve students made Region Band, eighteen students were accepted into Tri-DAC Band.
- ✧ Three students were accepted into Governors School of the Arts Summer Program.
- ✧ Eleven students received awards at the South Carolina Speech and Theatre Middle School State Competition.
- ✧ Ten students placed second in the state for Ensemble Musical Theatre.
- ✧ Nineteen students were accepted into Tri-DAC Theatre.
- ✧ Three students were accepted into Tri-DAC Creative Writing.
- ✧ Four students were accepted into Tri-DAC Dance.
- ✧ Six students were accepted into Tri-DAC Vocal.
- ✧ Sixteen students were accepted into Tri-DAC Visual.
- ✧ Participated in the Read to Feed program to feed
- ✧ Countless service hours for LICS and PHES
- ✧ The Musical Theatre Students performed Fiddler on the Roof.
- ✧ Relay for Life raised over \$5000 to help find a cure for cancer.
- ✧ One hundred and thirty-six 8th grade students qualified to take the PSAT.
- ✧ Seventy-six 7th graders chosen to take the SAT
- ✧ Fifteen students were recognized as State Duke TIP qualifiers and three were recognized as a Grand Duke TIP qualifier.
- ✧ Sixty-two Junior Scholars
- ✧ Seventeen National Board Certified Teachers and one National Board Certified Nurse



Awards, Activities and Recognition

- ✧ The PHMS Math Counts Team placed fifth in the state and one student qualified for the National Math Counts Team Competition.
- ✧ The PHMS Robotics placed two teams in the region competition.
- ✧ The Race Team “Celerity Motor Sports” is currently ranked first in the nation and will be competing in Charlotte in May.
- ✧ PHMS students compete in football, cheer, volleyball, basketball, golf, soccer, track, tennis, baseball, wrestling, swimming, softball and cross-country.
- ✧ PHMS was conference champions in volleyball, first place in the state cheer competition and conference champions in girls’ basketball.
- ✧ Palmetto Gold Award recipient
- ✧ Schools To Watch finalist
- ✧ USC teacher training site
- ✧ PHMS participates in Special Olympics as well as project Unify.
- ✧ We have Unified cheerleading, track and tennis sports for our Special Olympic athletes who are paired with non-disabled athletes.
- ✧ Special Education classes run two successful student led enterprises: an embroidery enterprise and a produce enterprise.

Goals

- We will meet or exceed MAP growth targets in both math and reading.
- We will maintain our average student attendance of at least 96%.
- 90% will score exemplary or met in all subject areas included on PASS



Teacher of the Year Mrs. Dianna Deaderick assists a student during her ELA class.



Jenny Johansson works with two students in the S.M.I.L.E. produce enterprise.

Faculty and Staff Honors

- Dianna Deaderick, ELA teacher, was named PHMS Teacher of the Year and a top five finalist for Lexington School District One
- Debbie Lance, was named Support Staff Person of the Year.
- Seventeen members of the professional staff have earned National Board Certification.
- Fifty-nine percent of PHMS teachers have advanced degrees.
- Twenty four teachers have received endorsements for teaching students identified as gifted and talented.
- Sabrina Williams (ELA) serves as the Lead National Board Teacher for Lexington One.
- Dot Hardin (Math) serves as the president of South Carolina Teachers of Mathematics.
- Numerous presenters at state conferences
- Dr. Coon serves as the chair of the SLEI Alumni Group, a group of past winners of the Inez Tenenbaum Award. This group works with administrators from across the state. He also serves on the CERRA board, (Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement).



School Statistics

Overall South Carolina Report Card Rating	Excellent
Enrollment	1078
Gifted and Talented	34.4%
Student - Teacher Ratio in Core Subjects	22.4 to 1
Opportunities in the Arts	Excellent
Character Development	Good
Parents Attending Conferences	96.4%
Teachers with Advanced Degrees	60.9%

Other Indicators of School Performance

PASS % of Students Scoring Met or Above	PHMS 2009-2010	District 2009-2010
English	86.8 %	77%
Math	84%	76%
Science	88.8%	82.2%
Social Studies	86.1%	81%
Writing	89.4%	80.3%

Trends

Category	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Student Average Daily Attendance	96.8%	96.2%	97%	97.4%
Students Enrolled in High School Credit Course	25.8%	27.8%	23%	30%
Teachers Average Daily Attendance	93.9%	94.9%	95.8%	94.1%