



African-American History Month "President Obama and his Secret Service Staff" participated in our annual program. The first African-American Read-In was held to make the celebration of African-American literacy a traditional part of the African-American History Month Activities. 25 community members participated.



Johnakin Middle School has had another great year. We have seen our students grow in a variety of ways as we prepare each young person for high school and beyond. The hard work of our students, staff, and parents has enabled our school to move closer to reaching all of our goals. With a focus on collaboration, data, and relationships, we continue to look for innovative methods and new approaches to teaching, learning, and our daily work. Through our endeavors, it is clear that we are educating the "whole" child, and we are always looking to do a better job every day. Our motto, PUSH – Proceed Until Success Happens, exemplifies our commitment to keep improving and reaching for more awards and positive recognitions.

As we come to the end of this school year, please take time to reflect on the school year. If you have any concerns or input, please let me know. I am always for ways to improve our school and help our students reach their goals.

Jason R. Bryant, Principal

State of SC Annual Report Card Ratings over 5-year Period

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2011	Below Average	Below Average
2010	Below Average	Average
2009	Below Average	Average
2008	At-Risk	Below Average
2007	At-Risk	At-Risk

2011-2012 School Improvement Council

- Marvia Barfield, Chairperson and Parent*
- Marvin Alson, School Resource Officer*
- Debra Avant, Parent*
- Lavern Bell, Parent*
- Malinda Blue, Parent*
- Ricky Blum, Community Member*
- Jason Bryant, Principal*
- Annette Dorman, Teacher*
- Nellie Ellison, Parent*
- Carla Gasque, Parent*
- Budget Green, Parent*
- Randy Johnson, Parent Coordinator*
- Mable McAllister, Guidance Counselor*
- Katherine Smith, Parent*
- Anne Stackhouse, Parent*
- Robert Thompson, Parent*
- Gayle Fiesing, Parent*
- Debbie Woodberry, Parent*

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Mission Statement

The mission of Johnakin middle School is to create and maintain an environment that ensures that every member of the school community reaches a high level of academic achievement as defined by school, local, state, and national standards and goals. We commit to providing a comprehensive system of support to assure stu-

JMS Salutes America's Veterans

Students saw history in action as they witnessed U.S. Army Veteran Hubbard G. Clapper, Sr., now 91, receive his medal for the National Order of the Legion of Honor during our annual Veteran's Day Program. Mr. Clapper received the honor for participating in the liberation of France in World War II. The award, established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, is second only the U.S. Purple Heart. Even though he'd received the award, he had no idea it was going to be formally presented during the program. He thought he was here to see his granddaughter read her winning Veterans Day Essay. Mr. Clapper, along with more than 25 other veterans, was given a standing ovation by teachers, students and guests.



6th Grade Visits Wonder Works

Students were able to use what they have been learning in class during the activities. Some of the activities students participated in involved things like simple machines (pulley seat), lying on a bed of nails (wedge), and the extreme 360 in which they had to peddle in order to make it move which required "WORK", and entering a hurricane shack where winds blew at 86 mph and above. Students also had the opportunity to put math skills to use in different activities like 1 in a million where one yellow bead with 1,000,000 the hallways, able to look at paintings which aligned with their Social Studies lessons. The students had a really good time and learned some valuable information, even though they claim they didn't! All the activities culminated with an ELA writing prompt where they had to name five activities they participated in and how the activities related to what they learned in class.



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JMS participated in the Rural Area Leadership Institute Golf Tournament for the Boys and Girls Club which is located beside our school. Having a safe place for our students to go and hang out when they leave school is so important. The JMS staff, as always, rose to the occasion by sponsoring a hole.

Activities, Awards and Opportunities

- ◆ School Store each Friday during lunch.
- ◆ Marion County Museum Curator shares county history with 8th Grade Social Studies Classes as part of the ongoing Living History Project.
- ◆ 6th Grade Social Studies Classes tell personal stories in cave art to share their family lives, likes, concerns, and interests.
- ◆ JMS students make the Varsity Cross Country Team.
- ◆ Pep Club members support cheerleading squad as they enhance, motivate and boost team spirit during pep rallies, football and basketball home games.
- ◆ Students and staff participate in Box Tops for Education, raising over \$600.
- ◆ Students participate in the 9-11-01 Remember Project.
- ◆ Qualified students take PSAT to identify SC Junior Scholars.
- ◆ JMS Students make the Varsity Tennis Team.
- ◆ Junior Beta meets to make plans for the year. New members are inducted in an evening ceremony.
- ◆ Students recycle aluminum cans to help raise funds for needed art supplies. Art students sponsor "If You Dare!! Spooky Night."
- ◆ 8th Grade Math Teacher Jean Allman is one of the 5 finalists for SC Teacher of the Year and honored by the State Board of Education.
- ◆ Students participate in Marion High Homecoming Parade.
- ◆ Brandon Fryson and Chis Young, members of the Marion High Marching Band, place first in their division in the Beach Band Blast Concert.
- ◆ 8th Grade Social Studies students participate in "The Pee Dee Connection" with Pee Dee Indians in South Carolina.
- ◆ 6th Grade Social Studies Teachers Dr. Cynthia Chambers and John Washington are recognized for having the highest 2011 PASS scores for the past three years.
- ◆ The Beta Club sponsors activities for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month including "Real Men Wear Pink," "Pink Sweet Day," "Pink Day at Fox Field," and "Walking for a Cure."
- ◆ Resource students travel the Intracoastal Waterway.
- ◆ All JMS Students participate in Career Development with JMS Career Specialist.
- ◆ Cheer Squad places 3rd in Viking Cheer Challenge.
- ◆ 6th Grade Science students visit water treatment plant to obtain a "hands on" learning experience. They constructed models of aquifers using ice cream soda and candies to demonstrate how pollution gets into groundwater and how pumping causes a decline in the water table and were able to enjoy eating their projects.
- ◆ Parents can sign up to access attendance and grades online through PowerSchool.
- ◆ Students use real voting machines to select Homecoming Queen.
- ◆ Student Council attends SC Association of Student Councils District 2 Rally.
- ◆ APEX and PLATO Labs recognize high scorers.
- ◆ Keyboard lab recognizes typing speed champs.
- ◆ 7th Grader DeNeisha Livingston is one of the five county Christmas Card Contest winners.

- ◆ Parents/grandparents join students for lunch during American Education Week.
- ◆ Yearbook staff sponsors book fair and doughnut sale.
- ◆ Teachers discuss colleges they attended, the location, major/degree, school mascot and other information with students as part of Career Development Month.
- ◆ PTO showcases Chorus Concert with patriotic and Christmas music.
- ◆ JMS students receive Athletic Awards at the Swamp Fox Booster Club Athletic Awards banquet
- ◆ 8th graders visit Charles Town Landing.
- ◆ 6th grade math classes create histograms and frequency tables using Thanksgiving sales papers.
- ◆ Art students visit the Hudson River School Painters exhibit at the Columbia Museum of Art.
- ◆ Students celebrate academic achievement with Winter MAP Party.
- ◆ Meteorologist Ed Piotrowski visits 6th grade.
- ◆ Spelling Bee held. Winner Breanna Brown competes in the Pee Dee Regional Spelling Bee.
- ◆ JMS hosts REAL (Read, Excel, Achieve, and Lead) reading initiative. 25 community members participate.
- ◆ Damuain Brock and Malik Gaston qualify to participate in the Middle School Wrestling State Championship.
- ◆ PUSH students visit Morris College, taking part in the Early Awareness Program.
- ◆ Select students and their parent attend the *Heart of the Matter* program to connect and bridge the gap between school and our community.
- ◆ Industrial Technology students use Robert's Rules of Order to select and lead their classes.
- ◆ JMS pilots *SuccessMaker* Instructional Technology designed to improve student achievement.
- ◆ Students take CPR and First Aide in PE classes.
- ◆ Students recognized at Awards Day for accomplishments.
- ◆ 7th grade Social Studies students see "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad" at the FMU Performing Arts Center.
- ◆ 150 eligible 8th grade students attend the IGP Celebration to celebrate completed IGP's with the Career Specialist.
- ◆ Students participate in the school and Sandhills Regional Science Fair.
- ◆ Student art work is displayed at the Marion County Museum in celebration with Youth Art Month.
- ◆ ELA teacher Julie Barfield receives grant from donorschoose.org; Social Studies teacher Wallace Foxworth receives grant from the Francis Marion University Center of Excellence and a Target Field Trip grant; Science teacher Tammy Hudson receives FMU Center of Excellence grant, and Career Specialist Amy Sanders receives College Access Challenge Grant.