

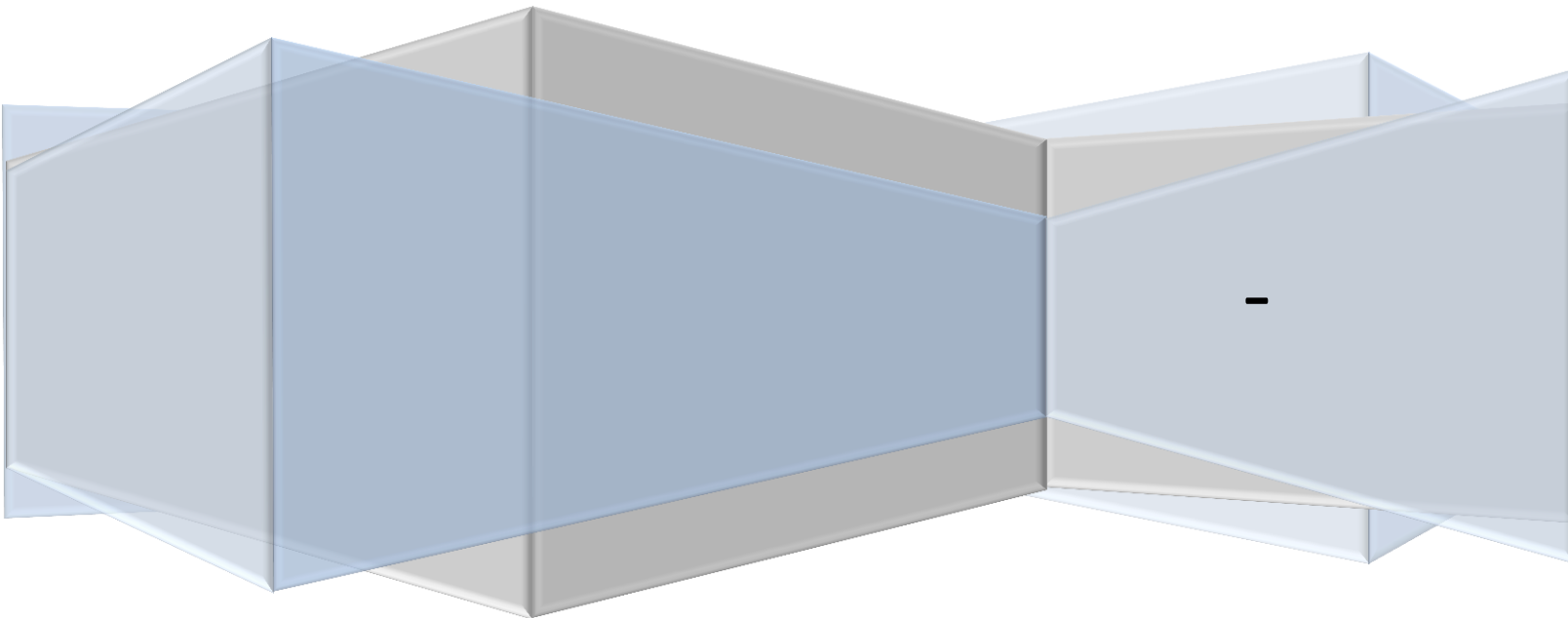
Marion County School District 10



Palmetto Middle School

SIC Annual Report to Parents

Rechel M. Anderson, Principal



Principal Anderson's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

On behalf of the Palmetto Middle School faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2013-14 school year. The mission of Palmetto Middle School is to create an environment in which all students are academically and socially prepared to be successful in education, valued members of the workforce and productive members of our society. **Our motto is “Excellence at its BEST...NO EXCUSES!”**

I am excited to begin our journey together and celebrate our achievements in the upcoming year. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the student handbook and the ongoing activities at Palmetto Middle School. I encourage you to stay involved in your child’s education by joining the Palmetto Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Volunteer, and participate in other parent groups of interest. By supporting one another and remaining involved, Palmetto Middle School will continue to make huge positive strides.

As we begin our work together, let’s remember that it will take ALL of us! I am committed to EXCELLENCE and I invite you to join me as we move forward. Education is a joint venture between school and home. As we work with our students to help them learn about the world around them through the prescribed curriculum, we very much appreciate the support that parents give their children at home as they strive to reach their learning goals. The foundation of a successful school is the cooperation between the students, staff, parents and community.

I look forward to working with you this year as we EXCEL to the Highest!

Sincerely,

Rachel M. Anderson

Rachel M. Anderson, Principal



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OUR SCHOOL

Mission Statement

The mission of Palmetto Middle School is to provide every student with the opportunity to become socially mature and academically productive citizens for life.

About The School

Who We Are and What We Believe?

Vision Statement

Palmetto Middle School faculty believes that all students who apply themselves to the learning environment will become productive citizens who can develop positive relationships and continue to achieve academically and socially.

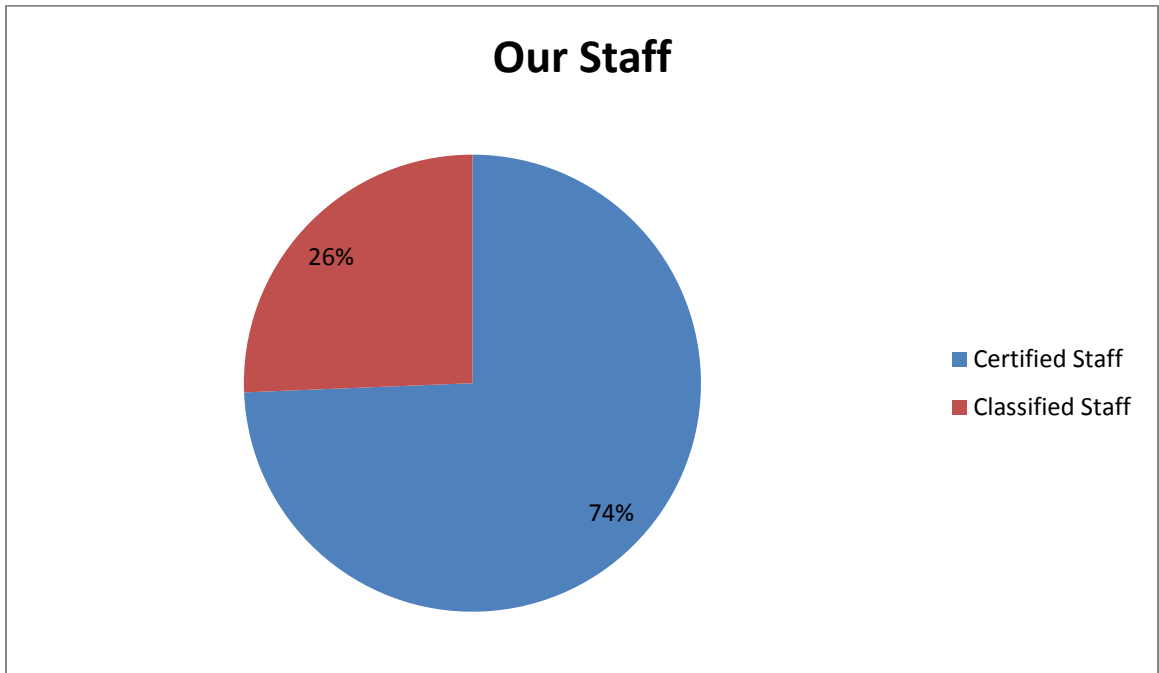
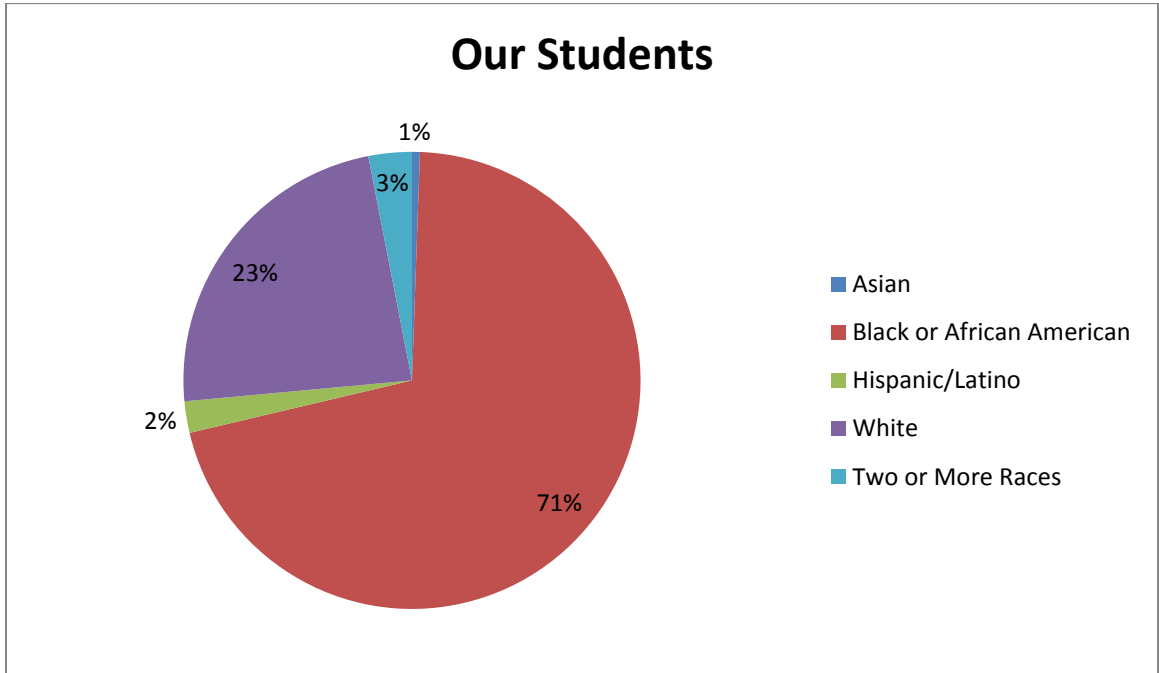
Our Beliefs

- All students have the ability to learn and be academically successful.
- All students need to be nurtured toward productivity.
- All students need true character to develop socially.
- All students are unique, worthy of respect, and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
- All students deserve a safe, positive, and secure learning environment.

Quick Facts

- Serves a approximately 360 students in grades 6th –8th
- Active Palmetto Alumni Association Sponsors
- Distinguished Gentlemen Club
- Elite Math Members
- Academic Challenge Team
- National Junior Honor Society
- Sports for 7th and 8th graders(Basketball, Football and Cheerleading)
- G&T Art
- Dance Squad
- Bulldog Marching Band
- NetLead Grants for African-American Male Initiative and Literacy Initiative
- It's Your Game: Keep It Real Grant, sponsored by the SC Campaign-Prevent Teen Pregnancy

PALMETTO MS DEMOGRAPHICS



OUR FACULTY & STUDENTS



The Elite Math Members sponsored a community service event in honor of Camron Robinson and to raise funds and donations for the local children's homes and shelters.



OUR FACULTY & STUDENTS



MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES PRESENTS

Tempo54

HTC Center
Saturday, March 22
5:30 p.m.

FEATURING

Drumlines	Dancers
North Carolina A&T State University	Cool Mist
Winston - Salem State University	Scarlet Lace
South Carolina State University	Champagne Dancers
Benedict College	Sweet Sensation

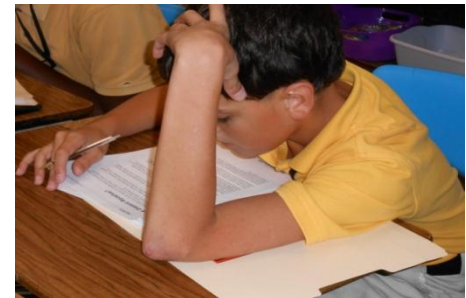
Tickets Available at Wheelwright & ticketreturn.com
CCU Students \$5 General Admission \$7

Co-sponsored by: Golden Corral
Office of Student Activities and Leadership
Residence Hall Association

Office of Multicultural Student Services
coastal.edu/multicultural
843-349-2863



Palmetto Middle School's Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative had the opportunity to take a trip to Coastal Carolina University to participate in the Tempo54 Drumline Showcase. Prior to the showcase, the DG attended the meet and greet with the collegiate drumline participants.



OUR STUDENTS



Students at Palmetto Middle School have worked extremely hard to improve and achieve academically. We received an “average” growth rating on the State Report Card. We are working diligently to

improve our overall academic success and move our school to at least an average rating. Under the leadership of Principal Anderson, we have adopted and upheld the motto, “Excellence At Its Best! No Excuses!” We continue to promote academic excellence and student success daily.

At Palmetto, some 8th grade students are able to attain high school Algebra I credit upon successful completion of the course. At this time, Algebra I is the only high school level class that we offer. Our Algebra I students completed the course at an 88% passage rate for the 2012-2013 school year, a gain of 9% from the previous school year (79%). We had one junior scholar this year, William S. Rogers.

Palmetto has developed many new initiatives this year after receiving multiple grants. Our initiatives are focused on helping our subgroups improve academically. They include but are not limited to the Elite Math Members, Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative, Literacy Awareness Program, It’s Your Game: Keep It Real (focused on pregnancy prevention in teens), etcetera.

Palmetto Middle School students were actively engaged with their Academic Challenge team and in the regional spelling bee and science fair. We are excited about what our school, and most importantly, our students are doing.



Teacher of the Year 2013-2014



Tenika Evans-Pee is a seventh and eighth grade math teacher at Palmetto Middle School. Selected by her peers as Teacher of the Year, she competed against others teachers within her school.

Mrs. Evans-Pee earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in mathematics from Francis Marion University. Afterwards, she earned her Master of Arts degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University. She was accepted into South Carolina's Program for Alternative Certification to Education where she earned her professional teaching certificate for middle level mathematics. She has been with Palmetto Middle School since she began teaching in 2009. She is married to Shawn Pee with two boys.

Since being employed as a teacher, she is a certified mentor to first year teachers. Mrs. Evans-Pee has served on the Calendar Committee, Student Intervention Team, Professional Learning Community Committee, and Common Core Curriculum Team. Currently, she is the Team Leader for her team and is one of the coaches for the newly formed Elite Math Members Math Club.

2013 State Report Card



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Palmetto Middle School
 Marion County
 Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 398
 Principal: Coleman D. Barbour
 Superintendent: Dr. Dan Strickland
 Board Chair: Dr. Shawn Johnson

PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Below Average	Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2012	Below Average	Average	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2011	At-Risk	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI

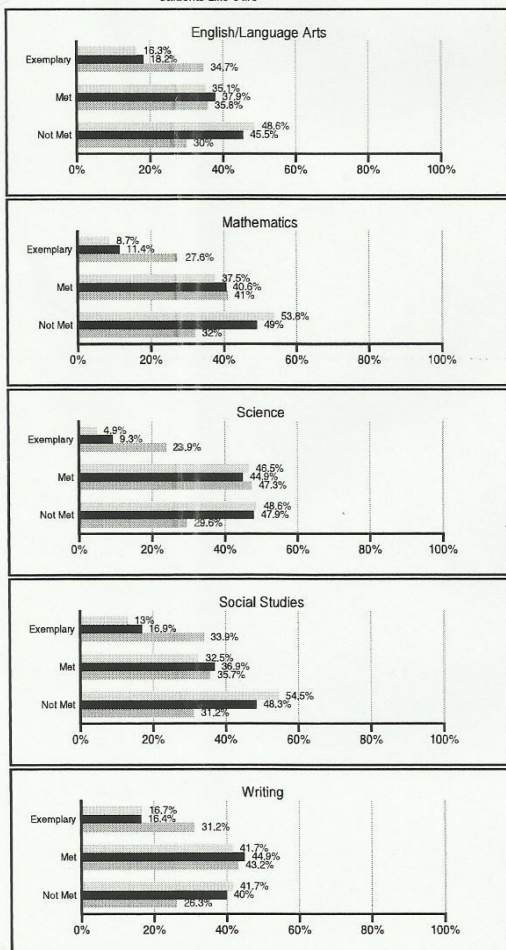
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	24	22	15

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/15/2014. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

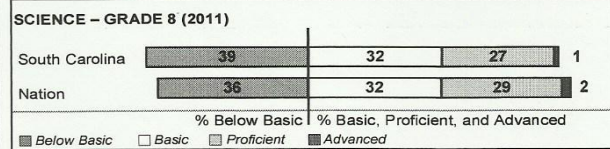
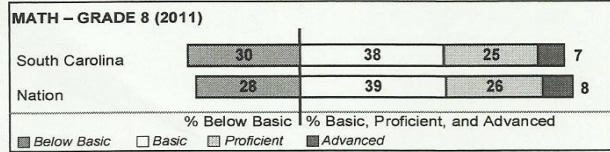
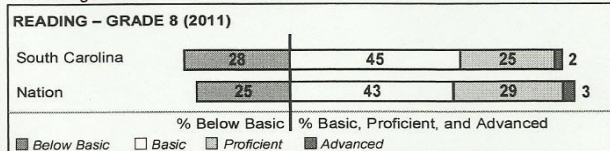
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	87.5	88.0
English 1	N/A	85.3
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	87.5	88.5

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

2013 State Report Card (conti.)

Palmetto Middle School [Marion County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=398)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	0.0%	Down from 17.2%	14.3%	24.6%
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	0.6%
Attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.5%	95.5%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.2%	N/A	7.0%	18.5%
With disabilities	19.3%	N/A	16.0%	13.0%
Older than usual for grade	6.2%	N/A	7.7%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.5%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=27)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	74.1%	Up from 53.8%	59.6%	61.5%
Continuing contract teachers	44.4%	Down from 61.5%	66.8%	77.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	70.5%	Down from 79.9%	78.0%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	N/R	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$40,419	Up 1.8%	\$44,380	\$47,313
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.5%	Up from 5.0%	2.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	5.8 days	Down from 47.5 days	9.3 days	10.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.5 to 1	N/R	18.5 to 1	22.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.3%	N/R	89.4%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 85.3%	98.5%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,376	Down 1.7%	\$9,665	\$7,239
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0%	Up from 60.8%	60.0%	63.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.0%	Up from 58.8%	54.0%	61.0%
ESEA composite index score	47.5	Down from 58.1	58.4	83.5

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	24	101	68
Percent satisfied with learning environment	62.5%	59.4%	70.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	69.5%	74%	74.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	65.2%	83.7%	76.1%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The School Improvement Council at Palmetto Middle School was very active in reviewing, discussing, and making recommendations to the school administration on the academic data each month. The desire of the SIC, school faculty and the administration was to move forward on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) at a minimum of one absolute rating and at least one improvement rating this year. Each student would need to earn met or above on the test as well as make grade level positive progress without regression. The faculty and staff took this effort as their task for the year. Based on preliminary data such as MAP scores, district benchmarks, pupil academic reports and attendance we believe this year's academic results may be exciting to the SIC, faculty and the school community.

We were impressed with the academic work effort from our students this year. They wanted to use their teaching and learning to improve their individual performance on the state test and other standardized tests. Even though there are no life guarantees of academic results, based on diagnostic data, we believe students improved in their academic achievement this year. However, the real results are based on this year's 2013 PASS results.

Coleman D. Barbour
Principal

Tawashia Mullins
SIC President

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NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status



School Leadership Team:

Rechel M. Anderson, Principal

Kelvin Edwards, Assistant Principal

Tracey Campbell, Curriculum Facilitator

Octavia Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Eunice Shipman-Campbell, Guidance Counselor

Sandra Coombs, Career Facilitator

School Improvement Council:

Elected Members

Amy Graham

Prashanth Paspula

LaMeeka Woodberry

Kevin Miller

Alishea Mullins

Tawashia Mullins

Appointed Members

Jackie Graves

Barry Hemingway, **Chair**

Rosemarie Holmes

Ex-Officio Members

Rechel Anderson

Kelvin Edwards

Octavia Johnson

Gladys Williams-Ceo

Tenika Evans-Pee

At Palmetto Middle School, we truly promote “Excellence At Its Best,” and there is no room for any “excuses!”

Palmetto Middle School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.