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*Palmetto Middle School*

**Dr. Regina J. Gilchrist**  
*Principal*

*2020-2021 Report to the Parent*

Grades  
**6-8**

Student Enrollment  
**355**

Faculty & Staff  
**43**

Mascot  
**Bulldog**

Title-I Supported

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Hours of Operation  
**Monday-Friday**  
**8:10-3:10**

**Homework Center**  
**3:15-4:30**

**Motto**  
 Preparing Minds for Success

**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.

**Notable Moments for the 2020-2021 School Year**

- Digital devices such as laptop computers and MiFi hotspots were offered or provided to all students to utilize for virtual or remote learning, which resulted into the 1:1 digital technology integration.
- All instructional staff members were trained and utilized Microsoft Teams as the primary instructional platform.
- PMS successfully hosted a virtual Career Day, Veteran’s Day, and Black History Program.
- Palmetto Middle School received cleaning supplies and safety equipment to support Phases 2 & 3 Face to Face return for students and staff.
- Meals were provided by the school for students during school closure.
- We held Testing After Hours for Virtual Students for the Spring MAP Test.
- Teachers taught in the virtual and traditional platforms, in some cases simultaneously in areas of greater need.
- Early morning and afterschool math tutorials were provided to students.
- All classes utilized Suite 360 to implement Social-emotional lessons during early morning sessions.
- Students participated virtually in Academic Challenge and the Regional Spelling Bee.
- Offered courses for High School Credit

**Expectations for Positive Student Performance**

B- Be Prepared  
 A- Act Responsibly  
 R- Respect yourself and others  
 K- Keep giving your best effort

**Academic Expectations**

Students are encouraged & expected to show quarterly academic growth on grade level standards and strive to earn grades of 80 and above in the content areas.

**What We Value**

Students’ academic growth  
 Family-like climate/relationships  
 Building Partnerships  
 Professional Enrichment  
 Social & emotional well-being



## School-wide Instructional Focus



### Using Data to Inform and Guide the Instructional Process

- School was purposeful and intentional regarding the use of student performance data. Data was shared collectively among staff, parents, and teachers to make adjustments for students based upon data.
- We improved our student goal setting process throughout the quarters and developed Academic Intervention Plans for students based on need.
- We provided In-house professional learning opportunities in data analysis to support school's goal and sound instructional practices.
- Our Career Facilitator revised Individual Graduation Plans for 8th Grade Students.

### Instructional Supports for Students

Clever	Edgenuity MyPath	Edmentum	Jr. Library Guild	Microsoft Teams	Pearson Realize
Practice Makes Perfect	Homework Center	Read-180	Schoology	Suite 360	USA Test Prep

### Extra-curricular Activities

Academic Challenge	Band (Grades 6-8)	Basketball (Grades 7-8)	Career Day	Cheerleading	Chess Club
Distinguished Gentleman	Football	Honor's Band	Ladies of Distinction	PMS Morning News Show	
		Writer's Guild	Yearbook		



Heroes Work, Serve, & Learn Here!



### Palmetto Middle School

#### School Improvement Council 2020-2021

Theresa Cusaac	Gary Gasque	Regina Gilchrist	Octavia Johnson	Kannan Kasi
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**Palmetto Middle School: Moving Forward! Growing Together! Getting Better!**