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Palmetto Middle School

Dr. Regina J. Gilchrist
Principal

2021-2022 Report to the Parent

Grades
6-8

Student Enrollment
348

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 2021-2022 School Year

- We safely attended school and avoided school closure due to the pandemic.
- Palmetto Middle School received/renewed accreditation based upon the successful Cognia Review.
- ELA and math teachers provided instruction according to the district framework for the core subjects.
- Dr. Craig Drennon provided professional development for ELA Teachers in Balanced Literacy. Students responded to assessments featuring Text Dependent Analysis (TDAs) using the RACE Writing Strategy.
- Sixth and seventh ELA classes were combined to allow for continuity in Balanced Literacy Instruction.
- We used ELEVATE as a teaching platform for eighth grade ELA.
- We administered District Writing Benchmarks and Text Dependent Analysis Assessments quarterly.
- Brooke Kirkland was hired as an interventionist to provide support to students in mathematics.
- Afterschool tutoring was provided to students and funded by the Original Six Foundation.
- ProTeam, was an elective offered to eighth grade students. It is a pipeline to the education profession.
- Abia Falak finished seventh overall in the Regional Spelling Bee.
- We had an 83% passage rate on the Algebra-I End of Course Exam.
- The Boy's Basketball Team was undefeated this season.
- Palmetto Middle School students placed in all categories in Middle School Division of the Annual Marion County School District Art Show.
- Mr. Eric Troy received sizable donations in support of the Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative.
- Mr. Eric Troy and Nurse Caroline Baxley were named Teacher and Support Staff of the Year.

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



Problem of Instructional Practice (POIP): Common Planning

- Teachers met weekly to discuss and generate lesson plans, assessments, and analyze student performance data to improve the instructional process.
- We provided In-house professional learning opportunities in Balanced Literacy, the math framework, and data analysis to improve instructional planning and support our school-wide goals and current practices.
- We were targeted and intentional regarding the use of student performance data. Student performance data was shared among staff members, students, and parents to make adjustments for students based upon data.
- We continued with goal setting and student conferences each quarter and provided Academic Interventions for students based on need.

Instructional Supports for Students

Clever	Edmentum	Lexia	Microsoft Teams	Pearson Realize	Practice Makes Perfect Homework Center
		Read-180	Schoology	Suite 360	USA Test Prep Zearn

Extra-curricular Activities

Academic Challenge	Band (Grades 6-8)	Basketball (Grades 7-8)	Career Day	Cheerleading
	Distinguished Gentleman	Football	Ladies of Distinction	



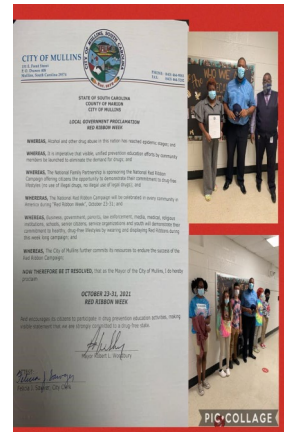
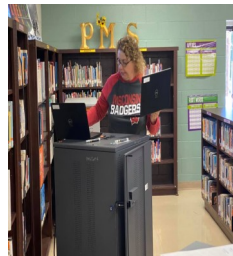
Heroes Work, Serve, & Learn Here!



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School Improvement Council 2021-2022

Shawn Ceo	Tiffany Gerald	Regina Gilchrist	Octavia Johnson	Kannan Kasi
Brooke Kirkland	Meliah Littlejohn	Krissy Martin	Will O'Connor	Prashanth Paspula



Palmetto Middle School: Moving Forward! Growing Together! Getting Better!