

School Improvement Council

The School Improvement Council for Wallace Elementary/Middle School has had a vital role in the implementation of programs and academic endeavors. Meeting eight times throughout the year, the council is commended for their commitment to WEMS.

John Davis, Chairperson
David Best (Parent)
Frankie English (Teacher)
Suzy Driggers (Teacher)
Jamie Gould (Parent)
Brooke Johnson (Parent)
Takeisha Harrington (Parent)
Kimberly Gardner (Parent)
Irma Stanley (Community)

Ex-Officio Members:

Alicia Childers (Teacher of the Year)
Marilyn Harrington, Parent Coordinator
Jamie Gould, PTO President
Janice Henson, Principal

SIC Goals and Progress for the 2012-2013 School Year

Goal #1 To promote academic achievement in all core areas by supporting new and current initiatives throughout Prek through 8th Grade.

- WEMS earns two Palmetto Silver Awards.

- Common Core training continues with focus on reading and math shifts targeted.

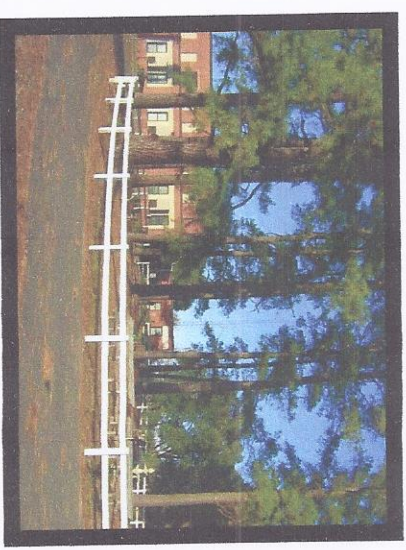
- Continued professional development in best practices.

Goal # 2 To enroll in the SC-SIC Evaluation Initiative for the purpose of strengthening the WEMS SIC.

- Monthly meetings were held with the SC-SIC Evaluation Initiative Liason, Karen Utter.
- A plan has been put in place to pilot a program with the rising sixth grade students and parents to promote better communication and give additional support to the parents in assisting their students.

Wallace Elementary/ Middle School
The Academy of Physical Fitness and
Healthy Living

2013 - 2014
Report to the Parents



3643 Highway 9 West.
Wallace, SC 29596

The School Improvement Council for Wallace Elementary/Middle School's Report to the Parents reviews the progress toward increasing student achievement and the other accomplishments made during the 2013-2014

Our Mission

The mission of Marlboro County School District is to educate and enable all students to achieve their highest potential.

Our Vision

The School District of Marlboro County will partner with families, businesses, and communities to develop the next generation of responsible citizens, lifelong learners, and global leaders.

School Programs

The 2013 - 2014 School Year was the fourth year for the Physical Fitness and Healthy Living Magnet. This year the sixth grade met four days a week (Fit4Life) for one hour participating in physical activity and learning healthy living strategies.

Selected students from the seventh and eighth grade also participated in a class four days a week in the Fit4Life program.

Afterschool Academies were offered to selected students to provide academic assistance and enrichment activities. Children's Defense Fund also offered an afterschool program that provided enrichment and tutorial activities.

Academics

The South Carolina Academic Standards are the driving force behind the instruction at WEMS. Best practices are implemented and reinforced through walkthrough, peer and formal observations. Training continued for the implementation of the Common Core standards in 2013—2014. Other programs that offer support to classroom instruction include Accelerated Reading and other teacher created activities for selected students. The implementation of Fall and Spring Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing which monitors student progress in reading and mathematics continues. Dominie in the PreK—2nd grades is also used as a progress monitoring tool. An added benchmark, Case 21, was given three times during the year to help monitor progress.

Technology

WEMS believes that it is vital to provide the latest in technology tools for our students to be competitive in the future. The school is committed to offering programs using the latest technology in the classroom and the school. The Flex Lab allows more opportunities for all of our students to engage in research and other support activities. iPads were purchased for all teachers in Grades 1—8 and student iPads are being piloted in our Exceptional Children's Resource Room.

Accomplishments

- 2010 Palmetto Gold for Academic Achievement
- 2011 Palmetto Silver for Academic Achievement
- 2012 Palmetto Gold for Academic Achievement
- 2013 Palmetto Silver for Academic Achievement
- 2013 Palmetto Silver for Closing the Achievement Gap

WEMS Teacher of the Year for 2013-2014

Alicia Childers

Successful Service Projects

- Christmas Drive for Local Families
- Canned Food Drive for Pee Dee
- Pennies for Patients

Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart

March of Dimes

100% Highly Qualified Staff

South Carolina Teaching Fellow

Lakeedra Cannon

16 Staff Members with Advanced Degrees