

REPORT TO PARENTS

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SCHOOL REPORT CARD IMPROVEMENT!!

Our 2013-2014 school report card was released . Our school received an absolute grade of **Good** and an improvement grade of **average**. This was the first time our school received a rating of **Good!** Our scores do reflect improve-

ment in several areas over previous years.

Since our report card grade is based on the statewide test known as PASS much emphasis was given to this test last year (and this year) ,subgroups and specific tar-

get areas that were revealed to us from data we receive from our MAP testing that we give twice during the year.

This year PASS will be given in May and we encourage you to have your child here each day prepared to

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FEDERAL REPORT CARD AND PALMETTO GOLD!

We were very excited to receive of Federal Report Card this year and on it we received a score of 86.7. This was a rating of Above Average

Go Falcons!

We are anxiously awaiting

the release of Palmetto Gold and Silver awards Last year for the first time in the history of Liberty Middle School we were recognized by the state of South Carolina to receive the **Palmetto**

Gold Award! We are

very proud of this honor

and it is a tribute to faculty ,

staff, and students for their hard work and continous pursuit of academic excellence. We hope to improve on this level of excellence in the years to come!

SINGLE GENDER INITIATIVE TO CONTINUE

Our single gender classroom program has completed it's fifth year this year and the results have been outstanding and we are being recognized as a leader in this movement among schools in South Carolina.

We are continuing

to see a reduction in discipline issues and a higher comfort level for our students and teachers.

Our teachers are using instructional strategies specifically designed to meet the needs of boys or the needs of girls. In addi-

tion all of our teachers have been to single – gender training and workshops.

Single-gender at LMS is continuing to be a success . We hope to expand professional development opportunities for our teachers in the coming year.

PTO HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE 2013-2014

Our Liberty Middle School PTO has been very active this year! They have taken on the annual "Cookie Dough Sale" , managed our concession stand for basketball games, dance and movies for our students, provided needed supplies and recognitions for our students and teachers and closed out the year

with the recognition of our teachers at during teacher appreciation week.

We appreciate their support in the move to our new building. There is a lot to do and they welcome your help.

The faculty , staff ,and students appreciate their hard work and efforts to

make our school one the best in Pickens County and South Carolina.

If you were not active this year please consider becoming an active member next year. There is plenty to do and we need

JOIN THE PTO!
WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

LMS SREVES OTHERS.

Our students have participated in several extremely successful charitable activities this year. In December we had Christmas for Kids which provided Christmas gifts for students

throughout our community;

Also in the Fall we held our annual canned food drive for United Christian Ministries We again collected over 1000 cans of food to be distributed

to needy families in our community.

LMS also participated in the Citadel Heroes project which sent items to South Carolina troops overseas.

MAKING MIDDLE GRADES WORK

Liberty Middle School is participating in the Southern Regional Education Board and the South Carolina Department of Education program called ***Making Middle Grades Work***. This is a companion program to the **High Schools That Work** Program

that Liberty High School is involved in.

We began our involvement in this program three years ago and have seen a marked improvement in our test scores, a reduction in retentions and discipline referrals.

This program has also

provided our teachers with professional development opportunities. These have included sessions on the Common Core State Standards which are beginning to be implemented throughout the United States.

ATHLETIC NEWS

At Liberty Middle School we have an athletic program that seeks to meet the developmental needs of our students and provide an outlet for school spirit and community pride!

We field teams in boys football, girls volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, and cheerlead-

ing.

Our students also participate in Junior Varsity sports at Liberty High school. These include boys baseball, girls softball, track, cross country, and wrestling.

Our records this year reflect the hard work and dedication of our coaches

and players. Each team was much improved over the previous year and the future looks bright!

We encourage you to support our teams with your presence at our athletic events and encourage our students to be the best they can be!

LIBERTY
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
FALCONS
ARE FLYING
HIGH!

FINE ARTS NEWS

The Fine Arts program at Liberty Middle School is an important part of our school life.

Band students participate in all of the events sponsored by The South Carolina Band Director's Association. These include All-State Band, Region Band, Solo and Ensemble Festival, and Concert Festi-

val. Our students also participated in the Pickens County All-County Band.

String students participated in similar events including the Pickens County All-County Strings Concert and All-Region Orchestra.

Our Choral Music Department continued to participate in regional and county

programs.

All of our performing arts groups presented outstanding concerts throughout the year!

We are excited to have the new facilities for our Fine Arts programs next year and have added Visual Arts back to our curriculum.

**WE ARE
PROUD TO
BE FROM
LIBERTY!**

Liberty Middle School is a Middle School in Pickens County , South Carolina. We are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the South Carolina Department of Education.. We have a staff of 54 full and part –time employees

CELEBRATIONS

Above Average
Federal Report
Card Grade.

foreign teachers
as part of the
ILEP program.

ing news program
staffed by stu-
dents.

“Good” SC
School report
card grade.

Second place in
the Pickens
County Art
Show

Boys Basketball
made the second
round of the
playoffs.

Football team was
8-0!
LMS hosted four

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Implementation
of a video morn-

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High!**