

## Purpose

South Carolina statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires School Improvement Councils to report to parents by April 30 each year the progress the school is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. It is a report unique to each school developed by the council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

## Student Achievement Goal

**Students will score on or above level on all required standardized tests by:**

- \* Implementing rigorous and effective curriculum;
- \* Motivating students to consistently do their best; and
- \* Encouraging parent participation.



## Title I Parental Involvement

**Parents can help ensure their child's success at WMES by doing the following:**

- Participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Read Quarterly School Newsletters, Grade Level Monthly Newsletters, and the District's e-Blast Newsletter
- Attend PTSA and SIC Meetings
- Volunteer
- Use the Parent Portal for Viewing Grades
- Access Teacher and School Websites
- Check Student Agenda Daily
- Attend Family Events: Open House, Fall Carnival, and Academic Night

## Williams Memorial Elementary School

Williams Memorial, located in St. George, was started after the Civil War as an elementary school for African-American children. In 1922, the first Principal of Williams Memorial was the Reverend S.D. Williams, and the school included students in grades one through seven. By 1927, as education was rapidly changing, so was Williams Memorial. In 1942, the school held grades one through twelve and was renamed Williams Memorial School in the memory of its first Principal.



In 1954, the current building was built on nine acres of land. Williams Memorial offered its students academics and extra-curricular activities. In 1970, the school was integrated and housed grades four through nine. The faculty and staff worked tirelessly to give the students an education and life lessons that would help them through the ever-changing world.

By 1993, the school was renovated, and in 1994 renamed Williams Memorial Middle School. The school was reorganized to include grades five through eight. Due to changing State regulations, the middle school was changed to accommodate grades six through eight. During the 1999-2000 School Year, the District reorganized the schools, moving St. George Elementary into Williams Memorial Middle. Thus forming our current Williams Memorial Elementary School, which now serves Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade.

## School Improvement Council Members 2017-2018

Shannon C. Stephens, Principal  
Ruth Mims, Assistant Principal  
Tera Jahn, Vice Chair  
Sherry O'Cain, TOY  
Kendall Runion, RTOY  
Samantha Tobin, Teacher  
Heather Herche, Teacher  
Evan Eadon, Literacy Coach  
Vicky Jahn, Community Member  
Greg Shuler, Business Partner  
Jennifer Quattlebaum, Past SIC Chair  
Leah Owens, PTA Representative  
Misty Mizzell, Parent  
Laneshia Green, Parent



## Williams Memorial Elementary School Report to Parents 2017-2018 Prepared by Administration & School Improvement Council



## Williams Memorial Elementary School

290 South Metts Street, St. George, SC 29477  
Shannon C. Stephens, Principal & Head Start Director  
Ruth Mims, Assistant Principal & CDEP Director  
Shelissa Bowman, Assistant Principal & Curriculum Specialist

### Our School's Mission Statement...

The children, parents, and staff of Williams Memorial Elementary School are unified in their purpose of accelerating the learning of all students through shared decision-making and powerful learning experiences.

### Our School's Belief Statements...

- Students will participate in real world learning opportunities that will move them toward success.
- WMES will be a safe and caring environment that provides a successful and challenging atmosphere through the support of parents, staff, faculty, students and the community.
- All students will demonstrate qualities of good citizenship in order to be responsible members of the learning community.
- Strengths of all stakeholders (parents, staff, faculty, students and the community) will be identified and built upon to enhance our school.

## Clubs and Organizations

- Soccer
- Recycling Club
- Coding Club
- Yearbook
- Birthday Bunch
- Tiger Network Team (TNT News Crew)



## Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year

Media Specialist, Sherry O'Cain, is the current 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year for WMES and for Dorchester District 4. Her educational background consists of a Bachelor of Social Work from Winthrop University and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina. Outside of school, Ms. O'Cain enjoys camping, bird watching, and of course, reading. She loves being able to work with students and staff to promote reading, research, and technology.



Kendall Runion, a Kindergarten teacher, is the current 2017-2018 Rookie Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Runion's educational background consists of a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the College of Charleston. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, visiting the beach, and traveling. Mrs. Runion tries to reach each child where they are, teach them kindness, and encourage them to reach their goals.

## Academic Achievement

### SC Ready English Language Arts 2017

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
School	26.9%	41.3%	40.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	24.4%	38.9%	42.1%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	32.7%	44.2%	40.9%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	22.9%	40.4%	38.3%

### SC Ready Mathematics 2017

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
School	22.1%	52.9%	46.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	15.6%	62.2%	52.5%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	15.9%	61.1%	46.4%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	33.9%	36.7%	40.0%

### PASS Science 2017

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
School	17.3%	59.9%	47.3%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	15.7%	61.7%	48.4%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	18.8%	58.0%	46.1%

### PASS Social Studies 2017

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
School	16.8%	83.2%	75.9%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	15.7%	84.3%	80.8%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	17.9%	82.1%	70.9%

## Programs & Events Highlights



- Afterschool Homework Center
- Red Ribbon Week Activities
- Literacy Day Activities
- *Read Across America* Activities
- Family Events: Open House, Fall Carnival, Academic Night
- Black History Celebration
- Soccer Program
- Afterschool Musical Production
- Artist in Residence
- Spelling Bee
- Math Bee
- Field Day
- Hoops for Heart
- Grade Level Field Trips
- All American Petting Zoo
- Carolina Choo Choo
- Attendance Intervention
- SIT Teams
- School Counseling/Classroom Guidance
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Career Day/Job Shadowing
- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- School Website and Teacher Webpages
- Study Island (Computer Lab)
- Learning.com (Digital Learning)
- USA Test Prep
- Gifted and Talented (G.A.T.E.)
  - Jacob's Ladder
  - M3 Math
- SIC/PTSA Organizations
- Trident United Way Day of Caring
- Rotary Readers

