



Williamsburg County School District

Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy

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Dear Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

It is with much joy and excitement that I bring greetings on behalf of the KGLA Administration, Faculty and Staff.

I am excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope the summer provided you opportunities to read with your child(ren), occasions to enjoy the beaches, fun in the sun, amusement parks, and just some great family time together or perhaps you are like me, wondering what happened to the summer?

We are eagerly awaiting our new and returning scholars and we are looking forward to a great school year together as we begin our journey of academic excellence and leadership.

Below are a few areas that I would like to highlight for this school year.

- ✓ This year all students will wear uniforms. (Please See uniform policy)
- ✓ KGLA will be participating in an international i-Lead Leadership cohort. (Please see the iLead informational handout)
- ✓ This year we will continue our focus on student leadership and engagement.
- ✓ We will create an environment where our scholars are **R**esponsible, **O**rdery, **A**ccountable, and **R**espectful.
- ✓ We will continue Anti-Bullying initiatives and the implementation of the STOP-IT digital reporting APP.
- ✓ We will continue our character education, PBIS, and SEL initiatives.
- ✓ Students will engage in instructional activities and assessments aligned to the SC State Standards.
- ✓ We will continue to address the SCDE 3rd grade Read to Succeed mandated requirements.
- ✓ We will continue to implement interventions to improve our School Culture and Climate in efforts to decrease classroom disruptions and office referrals.
- ✓ We will continue to address individualized student needs (academic, social and emotional) to improve student achievement and test scores.
- ✓ We will increase efforts to improve attendance and decrease tardiness.

Please check our school and district website, like and join our Kenneth Gardner Leadership Academy Facebook page, stop by the office or contact me at 843-355-7233 or via email at bnmack@wcsd.k12.sc.us.

With Jaguar Pride,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Berlinda N. Mack'.

Berlinda N. Mack, Principal