

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.

Clubs and Organizations

- Yearbook
- Tiger Morning Announcements with the Tiger Network Team (TNT Crew)
- Tiger Store Crew
- Book Club Readers
- Basketball and Cheerleading (Spring)
- Library Helpers
- Unified Special Olympics Mentors and Team



*Due to the Pandemic, we were not able to have the following but are hoping to resume them during the 2022-2023 school year

*Soccer *Birthday Bunch *Clubs & Organizations



Title I Parental Involvement & Resources

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

Participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences and IEP Meetings
Read the School's and Grade Level Monthly Newsletters
Attend PTA and SIC Meetings
Volunteer at School and for School Sponsored Events
Use the Parent Portal for Viewing Grades
Access Teacher and School Website, Use REMIND and Class Dojo, and the PTA's Facebook Page for Upcoming Events and Important Information
Check Students' Agenda and e-Mail Daily
Attend Family Events: VIRTUAL Literacy Night, STEM/Technology Night, Family Fun Night, Character Kids Celebrations, Academic Awards Programs, NEHS Induction Program, Picnic with Parents, Open House, and Meet the Teacher

Parental Resources

- PowerSchool Parent Portal • SIC/PTA Organizations
- School Website, Teacher Webpages, REMIND, and PTA Facebook Page

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

2021-2022

Ruth Mims, Principal
Jeremy Wolfgang, Assistant Principal
Erica Misik, Chair
Rachel Ruane, TOY
Emily Horne, RTOY
Seth Phillips, Teacher
Natalie Pandora, Literacy Coach
Alisa Lemon, Instructional Coach
Tiffany Strong-Moorer, Parent
Kimberly Rienzo-Tillson, PTA Representative



Williams Memorial Elementary School

2021-2022 Report to Parents

Prepared by School Improvement Council & Administration



Williams Memorial Elementary School A Unified Champion School

290 South Metts Street, St. George, SC 29477

Ruth Mims, Principal & CERDEP Director

Jeremy Wolfgang Assistant Principal & Head Start Director

Our Vision Statement...The vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence for our students by establishing high expectations and academic rigor, providing effective and innovative educational practices in a safe and supportive environment, and helping our students develop world-class skills and career characteristics that will help to prepare them to graduate with a 21st Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.

Our School's Mission Statement...The children, parents, faculty, 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.

Our Core Values...The core values of Williams Memorial Elementary School encourage a love of learning through the use of differentiated instructional approaches that recognizes the uniqueness of each student. These are our core values: **T**rust, **I**ntegrity, **G**enerosity, **E**xcellence, **R**espect, and **S**uccess.

Profile of the Ready Kindergartener & the S.C. Graduate

Profile of the Ready Kindergartener

The ready kindergartener has developed the skills and abilities necessary to achieve age-appropriate levels. He/she is physically, socially, and emotionally prepared to benefit from a quality kindergarten experience.

The ready kindergartener is surrounded by a support network of...

- Ready families and caregivers
- Ready neighbors and communities
- Ready school and educators

Profile of the S.C. Graduate World-Class Knowledge

- Rigorous Standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), art and social studies

World-Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

Integrity	Self-Direction	Global Perspective
Perseverance	Work Ethic	Interpersonal Skills

Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year

Rachel Ruane is the Media Specialist at WMES and the current 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year. Miss Ruane earned her Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education from Misericordia University in Dallas, PA. Miss Ruane earned her Masters in School Library Media from Marshall University in Charleston, WV. At WMES, Ms. Ruane was a previous Special Education Teacher. She is the webmaster for the school's website, is an afterschool tutor, and helps run the Tiger Town Afterschool Homework Center. In her free time, Ms. Ruane enjoys reading, traveling, being on the beach and spending time with her family and friends.

Academic Achievement

SC Ready English Language Arts 2021

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/Exceeds	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/Exceeds
School	37.3%	32.4% (-10.4%)	42.8%
3 rd Grade	46%	31.0% (-12.3%)	43.3%
4 th Grade	42.1%	33.7% (-12.4%)	46.1%
5 th Grade	23.9%	32.7% (-6.2%)	38.9%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

SC Ready Mathematics 2021

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/Exceeds	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/Exceeds
School	39.1%	28.6% (-13.7%)	42.3%
3 rd Grade	45.9%	24.7% (-22.2%)	46.9%
4 th Grade	47.4%	25.3% (-16.7%)	42.0%
5 th Grade	23.9%	35.9% (-2.2%)	38.1%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

PASS Science 2021

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/Exemplary
4 th Grade	33.7%	36.8% (-6.9%)	43.7%

*+ means above State average; - means below State average

2021-2022 Kindergarten Readiness

Percentage of Students Demonstrating Readiness	24.7 %
Percentage of Students Approaching Readiness	20.2%
Percentage of Students Emerging Readiness	26.8%

Programs & Events Highlights

Events

- Red Ribbon Week Activities
- Literacy Day Activities
- *Kids Heart Challenge*
- Attendance Intervention
- Woodland Readers
- Field Day
- Career Education Week
- Autism Awareness—Unified Champions Week
- *Read Across America* & Dr. Seuss Day Activities
- National Elementary Honor Society Program and Induction
- Spelling Bees (Class, Grade Level, and School)
- PTA Events: Polar Pals Store, No Fuss Fundraiser, World's Finest Chocolate
- VIRTUAL Family Events: Open House, Literacy Night, STEM/Technology Night, Family Fun Night
- Open House and Meet the Teacher
- Black History Celebration
- MUSC Toy Drive
- Veterans' Day Parade & Breakfast
- Monthly Kindness Walks
- Scholastic Book Fair



Community Service Projects & Fundraisers

- Faculty & Staff Fundraisers—Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness, Low Country Food Bank, Women's Heart Association, DD4 Teachers Forum Scholarship Drive, and Autism Awareness
- School-Wide Community Service Projects—MUSC Toy Drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive & Baskets, Autism Awareness—Unified Champions Week, and Low-Country Food Bank Fresh Express Food Distribution

Programs

- SIT Teams
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Library Helpers
- Base SEL Guidance Program
- Tiger Token Incentive Store
- Basketball and Cheerleading
- Tiger Town Afterschool Homework Center
- Gifted and Talented (G.A.T.E.)—Jacob's Ladder & M3 Math
- Moby Max, Flocabulary, Brain Pop, Dreambox, Reading Eggs, SeeSaw, Kami, ClassKick, Epic, Tumble Books, Typing Club.com, Unique Learning System, Code.org, Kodable, *Social Studies Weekly*, ZOOM, Google Classroom and Google Suite, and Quaver
- School Counseling/Classroom Guidance
- *Edmentum* Computer Program
- Backpack Buddies
- Tiger Network Team (TNT)
- Tiger Store Crew
- Reading, Writing, and Gardening Buddies



Emily Horne is a 2nd grade teacher at WMES and the current 2021-2022 Rookie Teacher of the Year for WMES and DD4. Mrs. Horne completed her Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Education in 2019 while she was a teacher assistant at WMES. Last year, Mrs. Horne earned her Masters in Teaching and Learning from Clemson University. Mrs. Horne lives in Saint George with her husband, James, and their two sons, Sellers and Harrison. In her free time, she enjoys shopping, riding the boat on the Edisto River, going to the beach, cheering on her Tigers, and spending time with family and friends.