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MISSION

In partnership with all stakeholders, Williamsburg County School District will ensure a world class education for all students by utilizing a rigorous, innovative curriculum that focuses on creativity, critical thinking and problem solving.

VISION

Williamsburg County School District will prepare students for college, careers and citizenship.

District Welcomes New Superintendent



Dr. Rose H. Wilder

State Organization Donates Supplies to District Schools

The South Carolina Association of Educational Office Professionals (SCAEOP) donated school supplies to four district schools as a part of its 2017-2018 Community Service Project on March 2, 2018.

Principals of Hemingway Elementary School, Kenneth Gardner Elementary School, W. M. Anderson Elementary School, and Greeleyville Elementary School were pleased to receive supplies that will benefit many district students. "The supplies that we received from SCAEOP were supplies that children use on a daily basis. We distributed bags of supplies to students on 'Literacy Night', and we have been providing them to students, as needed. I am very grateful for the materials that were given to our school," said Mrs. Berlinda Mack, Principal of Greeleyville Elementary School.

The mission of the SCAEOP is to raise the standards of educational office professionals through education, recognition, and networking.

District Student Selected to Attend SC Governor's School

Vaughn Nesmith, a sophomore at Kingstree Senior High School, has been selected to attend the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, Greenville, SC. Vaughn is an honor student, and he has been a member of the district's All-County Chorus for several years.

Vaughn realized at an early age that he was gifted in music. "Many of my family members are singers, and I have been singing since the age of three," Vaughn shared. He has performed on several programs at the school and district levels. His vocal talent is unique, and his voice has remarkable tone quality.

Jennifer Holliday, Director of Fine Arts and Gifted and Talented Programs, is pleased to have another district student to apply and be accepted to this prestigious school. "Vaughn's talent and interest in music along with his commitment to



academic excellence will allow him to be successful in his future endeavors. He always works hard and challenges himself, and I am very proud of him," Holliday said.

Rush Signs National Letter of Intent

C. E. Murray High School's Wide Receiver, Darius Rush, signs his National Letter of Intent to play football with the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

Rush has received multiple awards and recognitions for his performance on the football field, and he was named the Co-Player of the Year for Region 5-A, Sumter TD Club Scholar Athlete Award, Wendy's Heisman School Winner, Sumter TD Special Teams Player of the Year, Mr. Football and HSSR All-State-wide Team. He finished with 863 yards receiving and 17 touchdowns for the War Eagles, and he competed in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas at Wofford College this past December and was one of only 44 seniors selected to represent the state of South Carolina.

Rush was a scholar athlete, Junior Marshal, Honor Roll Student and member of numerous clubs and organizations at C. E. Murray, and he was also enrolled at Williamsburg Technical College and honored to be included on the WTC Merit List.

Rush enrolled at USC in January as a Sports and Entertainment Management major.

Coach Chad Wilkes serves as Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at C. E. Murray High School, and Dr. Gwendolyn Harris is the school's principal.



**Back Row (Left to Right): Coach LeAndrea Montgomery, Dr. Gwendolyn Harris, Coach Chad Wilkes and Coach King Cutter
Seated (Left to Right): Sonja Rush-Harvin and Darius Rush**

Hemingway High Wins SC State Basketball Championship



Hemingway High School won the Class A State Boys Championship at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, SC on March 3, 2018. This victory marked back-to-back wins for the Tigers.



Today more than ever, institutions must prepare their students for careers of tomorrow by fostering and perpetuating enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. AdvancED's STEM Certification provides institutions, as well as, programs within institutions a research-based framework and criteria for their awareness, continuous improvement and assessment of the quality, rigor and substance of their STEM educational programs.

District Students Demonstrate Musical and Artistic Gifts During Annual Event



The 2018 Williamsburg All-County Concert and Superintendent's Art Gallery was held on March 29, 2018, in the gymnasium at Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts. Approximately two hundred district students participated in this remarkable event that is held annually to highlight the musical and artistic gifts of students in Williamsburg County Schools. These talented students performed several selections

as members of the All-County Band, Elementary All-County Chorus, Junior All-County Chorus, and Senior All-County Chorus before an audience of several hundred parents, community members and business partners.

Superintendent Art Gallery winners were honored in the primary, elementary, junior high and high school divisions at

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District Teacher Cadets Visit Local University

On Wednesday, March 14, 2018, twenty-seven members of the Kingstree Senior High School Teacher Cadet class participated in Teacher Cadet Day at Francis Marion University, Florence, SC where cadets networked with other Teacher Cadets from around the Pee Dee area. These outstanding students toured the campus, received financial aid information, and met the SC Teacher-of-the-Year, Erin Fox.



FMU Sponsors Workshops for Math and Science Educators

Several district math and science teachers in grades 3-12 are participating in workshops sponsored by the Coastal STEM Center located on Francis Marion University's campus.

These informative workshops will focus on collaborative professional development sessions on integrating STEM practices and the use of technology within district classrooms. Participants will return to their schools and share with colleagues the knowledge that they acquired from these informative professional development activities.

Sessions that educators will attend include: Productive Struggle in the Math Classroom, Grades 3-12 on March 28th, Technology Tools for Teaching and Learning, Grades 3-12 on April 11th, and Early Childhood/Elementary Education STEM, Grades K-4, April 18th.

Mr. Mark Easterling is the Coordinator of Math, Science, and Physical Education/Health.

UPCOMING Events

May 16

Early Dismissal

District Professional Development

May 28

Memorial Day – No School

June 1

Last Day for Students Half Day

End of 4th Nine Weeks

June 2

Last Day for Teachers

School Professional Development

Report Card Distribution

Musical and Artistic Event

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the school and district levels.

District level winners were Early Brown, a student at W. M. Anderson Primary School, Nadia Pressley, a student at Kenneth Gardner Elementary School, Iyzaha Pendergrass, a student at Kingstree Middle Magnet School and Chris-Ann Bassell, a student at Kingstree Senior High School.

Clinicians for this event were Mr. Mark Powers, SC Baptist Convention Worship and Music, Columbia, SC; Mr. Kamil Cooper, Florence County School District 4, Timmonsville, SC; Mrs. Rebecca Hunter, Florence Darlington Technical School, Florence, SC; and Mr. Rex Hunter, Minister of Music, Florence, SC.

Mrs. Jennifer Holliday, Director of Fine Arts, Gifted and Talented, and Grants, organized and facilitated this event.

2018 Superintendent's Art Gallery School Winners

Primary School Division

W. M. Anderson Primary School - Early Brown

D. P. Cooper Charter School - Kyle Brown

Greeleyville Elementary School - Madison Kelty

Hemingway Elementary School – Adrianna Klakouski

Elementary School Division

D. P. Cooper Charter School - Ebony Whack

Greeleyville Elementary School - Kylee Kelty

Hemingway Elementary School - Konstanse Singletary

Kenneth Gardner Elementary School - Nadia Pressley

Junior High School Division

D. P. Cooper Charter School - Ana Hernandez

C. E. Murray Middle School - I'Yunla Huell

Hemingway M.B. Lee Middle School - Taliyah Browning-Hedgepeth

Kingstree Middle School - Iyzaha Pendergrass

High School Division

C. E. Murray High School - Isaiah Covert

Hemingway High School - Carlos Cooper

Kingstree Senior High School - Chris-Ann Vassell