

## Purpose

South Carolina statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires School Improvement Councils to report to parents each year by April 30, 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

- Soccer and Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Recycling Club
- Yearbook
- Chorus
- Art Club
- Birthday Bunch
- Tiger Network Team (TNT News Crew)
- Tiger Token Store Crew



## Title I Parental Involvement

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

- Participate in parent-teacher conferences
- Read grade level news, and the District's e-Blast newsletter found on school's website
- Attend PTA and SIC Meetings
- View the PTA's Facebook Page for current events
- Volunteer
- Use the Parent PowerSchool Portal for viewing grades
- Access teacher and school websites for upcoming events and important information
- Check student agenda daily
- Attend Family Events: Open House, Fall Carnival, Supper with Santa, and Polar Pals Store

## 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 as well as life lessons that would help them through the ever-changing world.

By 1993, the school had been 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 2018-2019

Shannon C. Stephens, Principal  
Ruth Mims, Assistant Principal  
Greg Shuler, Chair  
Leah Owens, Vice-Chair  
Tera Jahn, Past SIC Chair  
Alisa Lemon, TOY  
Ja'Kima Carter, RTOY  
Sarah O'Neal, Teacher  
Julie Osterhout, Teacher  
Evan Eadon, Literacy Coach  
Brandi McGhie, Business Partner  
Kimberly Rienzo-Tillson, PTA Representative  
Vicky Jahn, Community Member  
Erica Shaffer, Community Member  
Jennifer Quattlebaum, Parent  
Dana Abols, Parent



## Williams Memorial Elementary School Report to Parents 2018-2019 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 & CERDEP 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.

## 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

Fifth grade Science teacher and native of St. George, Alisa Lemon, is the current 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Lemon received her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Winthrop University and has an Elementary Education certification and Gifted and Talented Endorsement. She received her Master's Degree in Educational Studies in Teacher Leadership from Claflin University and an Educational Specialist degree in Teacher Leadership from Liberty University. Outside of school, she volunteers with the Lowcountry Food Bank, Girl Scout Troop 590, and is the Youth Director at her church, Bethel AME.

Ja'Kima Carter, a Kindergarten teacher, is the current 2018-2019 Rookie Teacher of the Year. Miss Carter is from Williston and received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Lander University. Outside of school, Miss Carter loves spending time with her family, shopping, and volunteering with her sorority sisters, the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated. Miss Carter loves the motto her older sister taught her- "Love first, and teach second". This is the way she reaches all of her students.

## Academic Achievement

### SC Ready English Language Arts 2018

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exceeds	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exceeds
<b>School</b>	24.4%	48.5% (+5.8%)	42.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	10.6%	64.6% (+19.2%)	45.4%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	28.7%	43.7% (-0.2%)	43.9%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	33.9%	37.1% (-1.8%)	38.9%

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

### SC Ready Mathematics 2018

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exceeds	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exceeds
<b>School</b>	23.4%	52.3 (+2.6)	49.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	11.5%	67.3% (+11.6%)	55.7%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	26.4%	46.0% (-2.1%)	48.1%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	32.3%	43.5% (-1.7%)	45.2%

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

### PASS Science 2018

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10.3%	64.4% (+15%)	49.4%

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

### PASS Social Studies 2018

	Percentage Scoring "Not Met"	Percentage Scoring "Met"/ Exemplary	State Average Percentage Scoring Met/ Exemplary
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	29.0%	71.0% (+2.4%)	68.6%

\*+ means above State average; - means below State average  
for additional information, please go to <https://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/>

**2017-2018 Overall Rating  
Below Average (34 Points)**

## Programs & Events Highlights



- Afterschool Homework Center
- Red Ribbon Week Activities
- Literacy Day Activities
- *Read Across America* Activities
- Family Events: Open House, Fall Carnival, Supper with Santa, and Polar Pals Store
- Black History Celebration
- Soccer, Basketball, and Cheerleading Programs
- Afterschool Musical Production
- Backpack Buddies
- Artist in Residence
- School Bees: Math & Spelling
- Field Day
- *Hoops for Heart*
- Grade Level Field Trips
- All American Petting Zoo
- Attendance Intervention
- SIT Teams
- School Counseling/Classroom Guidance
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Career Week/Job Shadowing
- PowerSchool Parent Portal
- School Website, Teacher Webpages, and PTA Facebook Page
- Computer Programs: *Study Island* (Computer Lab), *Learning.com* (Digital Learning), *USA Test Prep*, *Google Classroom*, *ClassFlow*, and *Renaissance Place*
- Gifted and Talented (G.A.T.E.)  
    Jacob's Ladder  
    M3 Math
- SIC/PTA Organizations
- Trident United Way Day of Caring
- WMES Pageant
- Government Speakers
- Rotary Readers Program

