

Whale Branch Middle School
School Counselor's Newsletter
September/October

Welcome New Teachers



From left: Karen Tooman, Pamela Rhode, Kelly McNulty, Portia Daise, Tracy Campbell, and Tamekia Ford

Bottom: Derial Anderson



10 point scale		7 point scale
90-100	A	93-100
80-89	B	92-85
70-79	C	77-84
60-69	D	70-76
0-59	F	Below 69

South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy

Students will be graded on a 10-point grading scale this year. What once was a "B" will now be an "A". Due to South Carolina financial assistance to students, the state adopted the above grading policy for the best interest of students.



The PSAT/NMSQT test will be administered on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. Identified 8th graders will have the opportunity to qualify for the South Carolina Junior Scholars Program and qualification for national scholarships.

Upcoming Events

September 12

PTO Meeting @ WBES
5:30 p.m.

September 16

Progress Reports

October 19

PSAT/NMSQT Testing

Visit our school webpage at
wbm.beaufort.k12.sc.us



Parents, school begins promptly at 8:45. Students will be marked tardy right at 8:45. Remember, 3 tardies = 1 Unexcused Absent.

Students may not be picked up after 3:15 p.m.

School Uniforms:

Tops: White, Royal Blue and Black
Bottoms: Khaki, Navy Blue and Black

Don't forget your Belt!!



Parents, be sure to update your child's Immunization Record yearly or as directed by your Physician.



WBMS has new courses for the 2016-2017 school year. Fifth grade students will transition through 4 Related Arts courses throughout the school year. Students in grades 6-8 may choose between Intro to Careers and Gateway Design & Modeling, a Project – Lead – the - Way course. Eighth grade students may earn a high school credit in Spanish I.



Students will be nominated each month by teachers and staff and one student will be chosen. Each school will then nominate their student to the school district office for a district wide recognition. Character trait for September is Acceptance and October, Courage/Tolerance.

October 14th

October 21st



Help Whale Branch Middle earn cash. Collect box tops from all your favorite brands and bring them in.



In 2015, the SC Legislature passed a bill making "Robo Calls" illegal. If you would like to receive phone calls to your home or cell, please sign up today.



District issued Dell Tablets have been distributed. Students will not bring their tablets home this year. Parents and students who wish to bring tablets home must complete the *Connect 2 Learn Mobile Device Form* and pay the \$20 technology fee.

Monday, October 3, 2016

PTO/SIC Meeting

5:30 pm @ WBMS

