

Tapp Middle School 2012-13 Highlights and Accomplishments

- 6th and 7th Grade students showed significant gains in all content areas of the CRCT tests. Reading and Language Arts gained 3 percentile points, Science increased 10 percentile points, and Social Studies increase 10 percentile points in all grade levels.
- Our 8th Grade Writing Test Scores increased over last year's scores, with 89% of our 8th grade scholars meeting or exceeding standards on the Writing Test..
- Tapp PTSA Executive Committee was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award by the 9th District PTSA for the tremendous efforts they have made to impact the lives of children at Tapp.
- Tapp received a \$35,000 Promising Practice Grant to purchase iPads and train a leadership team in Quadrant D instruction.
- Tapp signed 13 new Partners in Education
- The Tapp Pride Character Education & Recognition program was launched in the fall. Over 50 students at all grade levels were recognized for demonstrating outstanding Performance, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. They were presented with a certificate, t-shirt, and enjoyed breakfast with Powder Springs Mayor, Pat Vaughn.
- A Junior Golf team was started in partnership with Dr. Richard Block.
- Ms. Aimee Tait – 8th Grade Math Teacher represented Tapp Middle School as our Teacher of the Year.
- Ms. Lyn Vermilya, Bookkeeper, represented Tapp as our Classified School Employee of the Year.
- Ms. Mary Teren, 7th Grade Science Teacher, secured a Lowe's Tool Kit for Education Grant to start a community garden
- Tapp students, McEachern students, staff, parents and church members participated in a Day of Service in partnership with McEachern Memorial United Methodist Church.
- Our Relay for Life Team, TEAM TAPP, raised over \$3500 for the American Cancer. Our team captain and coach was Ms. Aimee Tait.

- Tapp students participated in the Pennies for Patients fundraiser for Leukemia research. We achieved Bronze level recognition.
- Tapp student, Shardae Simmonds, was featured on 11 Alive and presented a Lifesaver Award for saving her father's life when he suffered a heart attack in their home.
- The combined 7th and 8th grade Concert Band received straight superior ratings from every judge at the District 12 Band Festival.
- The 7th grade Symphonic Band and the 8th grade Symphonic Band received straight superior ratings from every judge at the District 12 Band Festival.
- The 6th Grade Chorus received Superior ratings at Festival.
- The 7th and 8th Grade Combined Chorus received straight superior ratings at Festival.
- The 6th Grade Orchestra received Superior ratings at Festival.
- The 7th and 8th Grade Combined Orchestra received straight superior ratings at Festival.
- Three (3) Tapp Band Students, Andrea Maddox, Jalen Jackson, and Destin Williams, were selected for the District 12 Honor Band.
- Andrea Maddox, 8th Grade, was selected for the Georgia All State Band.
- The following students were selected as Tapp PTSA Council Level Reflection Winners: Rachel Lester (2nd Place, Photography, 1st place Literature); Charlean Scott (2nd Place, Visual Arts); Autumn Edmonston (1st place, Visual Arts).
- 6th Grader, Emma Wilson placed 6th place in the Cobb County Spelling Bee.
- 7th grader, Zahara Banks, was selected for the District Honors Chorus
- 23 Eighth grade scholars received the President's Education Award for maintaining an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher during middle school with no grade less than a "C".
- 8th grader, Autumn Edmonston, placed 3rd in the Cobb County School District Writing Fair.
- Members of the Men of Tapp and Emerging Young Leaders were recognized for their service to the community by the Powder Springs City Council.