

Ruckel Rams



C.W. Ruckel Middle School Results of Academic Competitions and Extra Curricular Activities (1988 – February 2009)

MathCounts (approximately 350 middle schools)

Won District Competition for 15 years in a row
Have placed in the top five at State MathCounts competition for 13 of last 15 years

First place in the state 3 of the last 8 years

- 2002 – first in district, second in the state out of 250 schools
- 2003 – second in district, sixth in the state (3 students in top 10 – Kevin Thompson qualified for nationals.)
- 2004 – first in district, fourth in state (1 student in top 10 – Ben Rast)
- 2005 – first in district
- 2006 – second in district, sixteenth in state
- 2007 – first in district
- 2008 – third in district, 2 students in top 10
- 2009 – third in district, 2 students in the top 5 competing at state

Achievement In Mathematics (Okaloosa County)

- 2004 – Placed 6 to 8 students in top 17 (in each grade level) for past 14 years in the written, ciphering, and team round
- 2005 – Placed 6 to 8 students in top 17 again
- 2006 – No AIM competition in county
- 2007 – 6 to 8 students in top 17 in each grade

Florida Math League (approximately 325 middle schools)

- 6-7-8 grades have been regional winners for the past 14 years
- 8th grade has been in the top 10 in the state for the past 15 years
- 2002 – 8th graders placed first in the state with a perfect score of 40: Yahya Mohammed, Benjamin Zivan, and David Arlund.
Ruckel's team placed first in the state out of 81 schools and 6th nationally.
- 2003 – Top five finish in the state
- 2004 – 6th grade – 5th in region; 7th grade – 4th in region, 2nd in state (93 schools), 1 student 5th in state
8th grade – 1st in region, 2nd in state (93 schools), 3 top students in state
- 2005 – 7th grade—17th in state, 8th grade—7th in state, 3rd in region
- 2006 – 6th grade—25th in state, 3rd in region, 1st in county; 7th grade—15th in state, 4th in region, 1st in county; 8th grade—14th in state
- 2007 – results not available

American Mathematics Competition

- 5 top scorers, 1 perfect score by Esther Hsiang
- 2004 – 1 perfect score by Will Karcher
- 2005 – Top in Okaloosa County and over region
- 2006 – 5 top scores, Honorable mention in state
- 2007 – Certificate of Merit, James Yoder

Academic Teams (Okaloosa County)

- 2004 – Varsity Team undefeated all year!
- 2007 – 1st place in 3 out of 4 tournaments, 3rd place in the 4th tournament
- 2008-2009 season – Junior Varsity team is currently undefeated in tournament play, placing First four out of four times.
Varsity has placed First once and Second in two out of four meets this year, and has consistently placed in the top three at more than 10 district competitions over the past three years, including taking Second Place at the OWC county-wide competition in 2008.

Knowledge Masters (6th grade Junior Varsity; 7th and 8th grade Varsity)

- 2002 – Junior Varsity – 2nd place internationally, **1st in state**,
- Spring 2003 – 1st in county, 3rd in state, 69th/421 internationally
- Fall 2003 – **1st in state, 1st in nation, 1st internationally**
- Spring 2004 – 1st in state, 3rd nation/internationally
- Fall 2004 – Junior Varsity 1st in state, Varsity 1st in state
- Spring 2005 – Junior Varsity 6th in state, Varsity 3rd in state
- Fall 2005 – Junior Varsity 4th in state
- Fall 2006 – Junior Varsity 1st in state, Varsity 3rd in state
- Spring 2007 – Varsity 4th in state
- Fall 2007 – Junior Varsity 1st in state, Varsity 8th in state
- Fall 2008 – Varsity 2nd in the state
- Winter 2009 Junior Varsity 1st in state -- **KMO has won 5 straight state championships!!**

Yearbook Staff

- NWFL Press Club & Emerald Coast Public Relations Organization awards:
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| 2001 – 1 st place: General Excellence Award | 3 rd place: Best feature writing | |
| 1 st place: Overall Theme | | |
| 2002 – 1 st place: Best feature writing | 3 rd place: Overall theme | |
| 3 rd place: General Excellence Award | 1 st place: Color photography | |
| 2003 – 1 st place: General Excellence Award | 1 st place: Overall Theme | 2 nd place: Cover Design |
| 2004 – 1 st place: General Excellence Award | 1 st place: Theme | 2 nd place: Cover Design |
| 3 rd place: Writing | 1 st place: Graphics | 3 rd place: Graphics |
| 2005 – 1 st place: Writing | 1 st place: B & W Photography | 2 nd place: Theme |
| 2 nd place: General Excellence Award | 2 nd place: Cover | 3 rd place: Layout & Design |

Tech Bowl

- Students compete against other three-person teams from across the county in an internet scavenger hunt.
- 2007 – Fourth Place
- 2008 – First Place

Cheerleaders (Varsity & Junior Varsity)

Performed at football and basketball games, assemblies, Meet An Eagle night.

Attended county middle school camp. Numerous community service projects. Act as hostesses for school & county events.

Attended UCA Summer camp, conducted 10 themed pep rallies in 2005-06 & 2006-07, 6 in 2007-08.

2005 – Molly Schadenhauffen County All Star, County Top Jumper

2006 – Top Middle School Squad – University of Alabama UCA camp, Peyton Snyder, Molly Schadenhauffen – All Star Campers

2007 – University of Alabama Camp Champions (1st place cheer, 1st place extreme routine, spirit award); UCA All Star Cheerleaders: Jessica Haney & Bronwyn Toombs, invited to National UCA in Walt Disney World after Regional UCA, 2nd place WSA

2008 – 5th place in American Champions State competition

Speech Team

2001 – #1 duo interpretation in state: Tim Norton and Gina Petrucelli

2002 – 10 students won district and qualified to go to state: FSL state speech contest

2003 – 11 students placed at District, 3rd in State, only middle school that qualified for state

2004 – 11 students placed at District; 3rd in Group Interpretation at state competition

2005 – 1st in district

2006 – 1st in Florida Forensic League competition, 1st in group interpretation, 5th in duo interpretation

2007 – 1st in district, 4th in state (against high schools!) in group interpretation

2008 – 1st in district in group interpretation

Art Program

Students provide numerous art displays throughout the school and community. Students excelled in the Okaloosa County Middle School Art Show.

2004 – Won 24 1st place ribbons Holiday 2004 – 2nd place Christmas at the Harbor contest

2004 – Van Porter Artist of the Year – Farren Tuxhorn

2005 – Van Porter Artist of the Year runner up Emily Parsons

Summer Art Program After School Art Enrichment Program Community Service Projects

2006 – Acting Arty for Hurricane Katrina Kids Best in Show: Haley Aull, OCMS Art Show Painted school picnic tables

Silent Auction of painted furniture Artist of Year: Van Porter; Honorable Mention: Haley Aull

2007 – 1st in group interpretation in district, Artist of Year: Kevin Pabst

2008 – 2nd place Geico Seatbelt Poster contest, Original painted chairs will be featured in Southern Living Magazine this year! (who came & interviewed Feb. 2008)

2009 – Wellness Poster Contest, NW Florida Fair, numerous awards from county art show & Van Porter Art

Dance Team (Ruckel Rockettes)

Danced at football and basketball games

Performed at assemblies.

1st place University of Alabama Dance camp

2008 – 1st place at Auburn University dance camp

2009 – Competed at National Dance Team Championship in Disney World, Placed in top 10

Danced in the Niceville Christmas Parade

Performed at OWC basketball halftime

Performed at area elementary schools, Mullet Festival, Destin Commons events

Competing in national competition in Atlanta, February 2007

Band Program

Football Band: participated in all home football games, Twin Cities Christmas Parade, pep rallies and assemblies

All-County: 31 students were selected for the Okaloosa County Honor Band

All-State: 5 students selected for the Florida All-State Band (the most in Okaloosa County)

Solo and Ensemble: 136 students competed in 2009 and received Superior ratings

Jazz Band: earned straight Superior ratings in the District Jazz Festival every year it has entered.

Honor Band: earned Superior ratings in the Florida Bandmasters Association District Concert Festival (for 10 consecutive years) along with the **Ruckel Varsity Band** and received straight superior ratings and won Best in Class awards at the All Star Music Festival in Orlando in May 2006. The Bands present 7 concerts per year, 196 students participate in 2006-07

Ruckel Band was named the **Grand Champion of the 2006 All Star Music Festival in Orlando**

Ruckel Band performed pre-game at the **Orlando Magic basketball game** in April 2008

Chorus Program

180 students participate in chorus classes. All choruses perform for the Niceville Community Christmas events & school assemblies.

All choruses present Fall, Winter, and Spring concerts and participate in District Choral Performance Assessments.

All-County: 30 students were selected for the All-County Chorus.

All-State: 15 students were selected for All-State Chorus.

Solo & Ensemble: 32 vocal soloists and 15 ensembles participated, receiving mostly Superior ratings!

District Choral Festival 2008: 5 choruses participated in this adjudicated event, winning Superior ratings.

Ambassadors entertained at community events during the holidays.

2005 & 2007 – Won highest awards at the Orlando All-Star Music Festival.

2009 – First year of “**Sweet Sounds**” music & dessert event celebrating the preparation of our four choirs for the **District Choral Festival 2009**.

Festival Disney 2009 – National choral competition in Orlando, May 2009

Drama Program

2003 – Performed the play “Stormin’ the Teacher’s Lounge”

2004 – Performed 3 one-act plays: “Judge Julie,” “ Bachelorettes,” and “Survival of Fittest”

2005 – Performed play every nine weeks.

2005 – “The Little Town of Christmas” presented in December, also performed for preschool and at elementary schools

2006 – Performed “Princess & the Pea” at elementary & preschools, “Christmas in Boggyville” dinner theater; “The Secret Life of Teens”

2007 – Performed “Attack of the Giant Grasshoppers” & Niceville Community Christmas, “Christmas in Niceville”

2008-09 – Performed “School Stories” and “Christmas in Boggyville” dinner theater; trip to Orlando for Y.E. S. educational program.

Annual East Panhandle Regional Science & Engineering Fair

2003 – 26 students attended, Grand Prize Winners – 2 students

2004 – 2 1st place team projects at State Science Fair; 2 students won 2nd place at State, 2 Grand Prize Winners

2005 – 2 2nd place projects, 6 3rd place students at Regional Science Fair

2006 – 10 1st place projects, 10 recipients competed at Regional Science Fair

2007 – 26 participants

2008 – 12 participants in Regional Science Fair, 8 participants in State Science Fair (6 awarded recognition in their category)

2009 – 4 2nd place projects, 2 honorable mentions, 4 special awards, and one alternate participant in State Science Fair

Other Science Fair Awards

1999 – 2002 – Yahya Mohammed, State Grand Prize Winner 3 years in a row

2002 – Discovery Channel Young Scientist Talent – Top 40 in nation: Yahya Mohammed

2004 – Discovery Channel Young Scientist Talent – Top 40 in nation: Maryam Mohammed

Multicultural Club

Provides encouragement and a sense of belonging to students (of all cultures) who desire to excel

academically and socially. Activities include: Monthly socials, Field Trip (possibly Ft. Walton Cultural Center

on Eglin Pkwy), Christmas Dinner (Dec.), possible Multicultural Tasting Fair, MLK Activities (Jan. 2009),

Black History Activities (Feb. 2009); celebration of other ethnic group events (such Chinese New Year, Hispanic and Filipino events, etc.), and End of Year Dinner (May 2009)

