

FMMS 2021-2022 Report To Parents

FORT MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am honored to serve as the new principal for this fantastic school community. Here at Fort Mill Middle, we expect our students to strive for excellence in everything they do, but we also understand that the middle years are a time to try new things, learn from missteps, and to grow socially and emotionally. We are here to help foster their development during this time, while also assisting them to pursue their goals, explore their interests, and refine or discover their skills.

My goal is to support our FMMS students in their journey to attain the knowledge, skills, and life & career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. In order to do this, we will provide rigorous coursework based on the SC state standards, experiences in our related arts classes & extracurriculars, and a focus on collaboration, perseverance, critical thinking, and integrity. We have a variety of clubs, sports teams, and organizations for our Jackets to take part in. I encourage all of our students to make the most of their middle school experience by getting involved.

Parents and the community are vitally important to our school. I look forward to partnering with you in your child's education, as parent involvement is crucial to our children's success. Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement.

Dr. Emily H. McQuay



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Many students improved their STAR testing score from the fall and even grew multiple grade levels this school year!

SWARM is our after school academic support that met throughout fall and spring on Tuesdays & Thursdays after school. FMMS teachers created supplemental lessons for students needing assistance in the areas of Reading & Math.

As a celebration and culmination of reading our One Book One School title, Flying Lessons, all students participated in a literacy day event where students rotated among all grade levels in the building to participate in presentations and activities that were all designed, planned and taught by students.

ONE BOOK, ONE SCHOOL ACTIVITY



EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS

The 7th and 8th Grade Football team made it to the last game of the finals and lost a hard fought game to Indian Land.

The 8th Grade Girls Basketball team made it to the last round of the finals losing a well fought match against Pleasant Knoll.

Soccer - The girls soccer team made it to the finals and then lost to GHMS. The Boys' Soccer team won in the finals naming them conference champions.



EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS & CAREER EDUCATION

Art students were selected and honored for their work in the Fort Mill District Art Show.

Band and Chorus performed a joint Holiday program in December.

Band- Earned superior ratings at this year's CPA Festival and Carowinds Music Festival.

Chorus - 7th Grade chorus earned superior rating at Carowinds Music Festival, 8th Grade chorus performed for two local Assisted living facilities in April, 7th & 8th grade choruses performed a Holiday Program at Kingsley in December and will present a Spring Concert at Catawba Ridge High School in May.

Virtual Veterans Day Program from the Band, Chorus, and Theater Arts that included two speakers from the community and enrichment activities during Related Arts Classes.

Elf Jr. (1st full length "live" school show post COVID)- Students attended Broadway Junior Celebration in Charlotte, NC through Blumenthal Performing Arts, Two students recognized by Broadway Professionals as Standout Performers.

Black History Month- Student led Black History Month assembly for 6th and 7th Graders with a guest speaker and performances by our Chorus Department.

8th Grade students participated in a field trip to Step Afrika Drumfolk.

Daily facts on the morning announcements highlighting prominent African-Americans from SC.

Various enrichment activities in both academic and related arts classes throughout the month of February.

The Hour of Code event at FMMS was created in an effort to ensure that all students, despite their current classes, would receive an hour and a half of coding experience. During this time, students also get an opportunity to connect with professionals who code in both traditional and nontraditional settings.



EXCELLENCE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The FMMS Math counts team placed 3rd in state on Sunday at the state competition. This is an amazing accomplishment- no other team from the Catawba chapter has ever placed at state.

Academic Challenge team were named conference runners-up.

Battle of the Books team placed 3rd against all York County middle schools and 2nd against all other District FM middle schools in their January competition.



NEW SCHOOL WIDE CLUBS

STEM BMX Club introduced at FMMS this year!

Students use BMX racing bikes to explore the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Professional BMX Racers from Team Mongoose visited FMMS for the USA BMX Foundation's Motivational School Speaking Program.

Jacket News Network presented two programs during the Spring Semester



ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

7th Grade Career Fair:

The 16 Career Clusters were represented and students had a chance to ask questions of representatives of the various clusters and learn more information.

6th Grade Career Day

Students had the opportunity to hear about professional careers from individuals doing that job for a living. Presentations included explanations, slideshows, videos, real-life examples and Q&A about the career.



BUILDING UPDATES

We have added new, vinyl flooring in all the hallways. We also updated the front door with graphic vinyl coverings which are attractive but also provide safety because you can see out from inside the building but now outsiders cannot see in. FMES/FMMS flags were added to the parking lot. There was a concession stand added to the baseball area, and it should be completed soon. Over the summer, the gym is being repainted, the floors in the gyms are being re-painted and then restrained, and the doorways leading into classrooms will be repainted (they get hit with shoulders, binders, and bags day in and day out, so they are scratched up).



ABOUT THE FMMS SIC

Parent Members

Kristin Arnold

Alissa Carpio

Christi DeWaele

Elizabeth Hargrave (Vice-Chairperson)

Araceli Papke

Sonya Schwede

Louis Southern

Tevis Vandergriff

Gail Wade

Faculty Members

Elisa Chwialkowski (Chairperson)

Jill Cronin

Matt Mallery

Lacinda Mapp

Emily McQuay

Lisa Torre

Jennifer Wilson

[Link to 2021-2022 SIC Agendas](#)

TEACHER OF THE YEAR, ELISA CHWIALKOWSKI, AND SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR, LORI LESLIE



THE MISSION OF FMMS

The administration, faculty, student council, and school improvement council all took part in revising the mission, beliefs, and core values this school year. These had not been updated since 2010.

Revised Mission

Each day at FMMS we nurture and educate our students to value life-long learning and positively impact the world.

Revised Beliefs

We believe:

- School must be a nurturing place to learn. All people must feel respected and safe academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.
- All students are capable of learning and experiencing success.

- Each student is a valued individual whose uniqueness should be celebrated.
- Collaboration is essential for effective teaching and learning to take place.
- A challenging curriculum leads to critical thinking and high expectations for student growth both academically and behaviorally.
- The school, home, and community all have the responsibility of providing a supportive learning environment. All must work in partnership and support each other.

NEW Jacket Creed

Jackets act with kindness and tenacity.

We value safety and communication.

We engage in a caring community and

We demonstrate support and respect for all.



PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT


This report is issued by the Fort Mill Middle School School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

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