

FMMS 2024-2025 Report To Parents

Fort Mill Middle School

PROFILE OF THE South Carolina Graduate

WORLD-CLASS KNOWLEDGE

Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness

Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences



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

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Principal's Message

As we come to the end of this incredible school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have accomplished together.

This year has been filled with growth, learning, and memorable moments. From the first day of school to the final bell, we have watched your children thrive — academically, socially, and emotionally. Their resilience, curiosity, and enthusiasm have been inspiring, and it's been a joy to witness their progress every step of the way.

We could not have achieved this success without you — our amazing parents and guardians. Your support, partnership, and trust have been essential in creating a strong, connected school community. Whether you volunteered at events, supported your child at home, or simply cheered them on, you have played a vital role in making this year a success.

I also want to thank our dedicated teachers and staff, who have gone above and beyond to provide a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment for every student. Their passion and commitment are the heartbeat of our school.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage you to enjoy time with your families, celebrate your child's achievements, and keep the love of learning alive. We look forward to welcoming you back next year, refreshed and ready for another year of growth and discovery.

Thank you for being part of our school family. Here's to a fantastic year behind us — and an even brighter one ahead!

With gratitude,
Dr. Emily McQuay



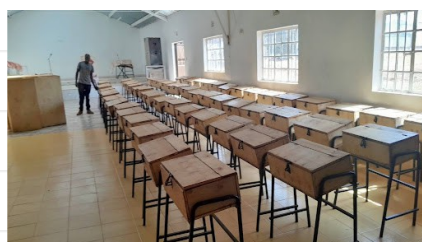
For the second consecutive year, Fort Mill Middle School (FMMS) has proudly partnered with our sister school, City of Light, located in Kitale, Kenya, for a meaningful outreach initiative. These ongoing efforts are part of our school's broader commitment to global citizenship and service learning.



Last year, through the generosity and dedication of our students, staff, and families, we successfully raised funds to provide essential water filters to the City of Light community. These filters have had a lasting impact by improving access to clean drinking water for students and staff, promoting better health and well-being.

Building on that momentum, this year our school community came together again to support a new and equally impactful project. We are excited to share that we raised enough funds to fully furnish a classroom at City of Light with 30 desks. What makes this achievement even more special is that the desks were locally sourced and constructed on-site in Kitale. This not only supported the educational environment of the school, but also contributed to the local economy and empowered local craftsmen.

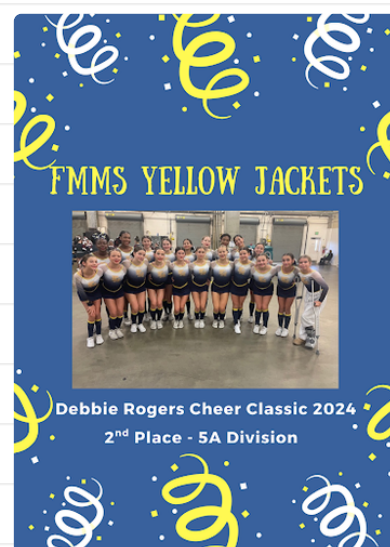
These service projects have provided our students with a deeper understanding of global needs and the power of collective action. We look forward to continuing our relationship with City of Light and exploring new ways to foster empathy, cultural exchange, and service in the years to come.



Excellence in Athletics

The 2024–2025 school year was a tremendous year in athletics at Fort Mill Middle School. Our student-athletes, coaches, and supporters contributed to a season filled with pride, perseverance, and outstanding accomplishments. We proudly added two championship banners to our collection—congratulations to the 7th grade girls basketball team and the girls track team on their incredible seasons and well-deserved titles! Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork set a powerful example for all FMMS students.

This year also marked an exciting milestone with the introduction of a new sport—girls flag football! Under the leadership of Coach Hall, our inaugural team represented FMMS with enthusiasm and excellence in the area flag football league. Their performance on the field and sportsmanship off the field laid a strong foundation for what we hope will become a lasting part of our athletic program.



In an effort to promote health, safety, and accessibility for our athletes, we were thrilled to offer a free physical night this spring. A heartfelt thank you goes to Dr. Lake for generously providing this opportunity and supporting our student-athletes' wellbeing.

Additionally, we were honored to host a Leadership seminar for our female athletes earlier in the school year. This empowering event focused on leadership, confidence, and character development in sports. Thank you to Mrs. Cori Hustedt for leading such an impactful session and inspiring our young women to lead both on and off the field.

As we reflect on a year of remarkable growth and achievement, we are more energized than ever for what lies ahead. FMMS Athletics is already preparing for an even more exciting and successful 2025–2026 school year, with a focus on expanding opportunities, building strong character, and continuing to foster a positive and inclusive sports culture.

Go Yellow Jackets!



**2024-2025 7th Grade
Girls Basketball
Champions**



**2024-2025 Girls Track
Champions**



**2024 Bearcat Invitational
Champions**

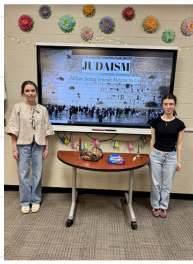
Cultural Offerings

FMMS hosted the 2nd Multicultural Night Talent and Fashion Show celebrating the diverse cultures and countries represented in our school population. Students and families from across grade levels participated in the talent performance, fashion show, and hallway display.

Guest speakers from the Catawba Cultural Center taught 8th grade students about the history of The Catawba Nation as well as how they are still actively present in our modern community.

8th Grade students participated in The Fort Mill History Museum's People and Places, Past and Present program to learn about Fort Mill connections through several time periods in US History

Queen's University Stan Greenspon Holocaust and Social Justice Educational Center representatives presented to 8th grade students about the Jewish life cycle, Sabbath, Jewish dietary practices, the Hebrew language, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, and Israel as part of our World War II studies.



Excellence in Career Education

With the assistance of our Career Development Facilitator, Mrs. Kati McFadden, all 7th grade students participated in the District Career Fair. Students took a career interest inventory (SCOIS) to determine their top career clusters and also learned about soft skills and how to interview the vendors. We had over 40 vendors from all 16 career clusters represented at the Career Fair.

Our 6th grade students participated in a Career Day this year. Each students took a career interest survey and were placed in 3 sessions that aligned with their interest results. Some students were selected in have lunch with our presenters to ask questions about the profession.

8th grade students in FACS and Computer participated in mock interviews with members of our school building and District Office. This experience helped prepare our students for job interviews as they move into high school and beyond.



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Positivity

Be the best version of yourself.

Respect

Be kind and listen.

Integrity

Be honest and take responsibility for your actions and words.

Dedication

Be committed to achieving your goals.

Engagement

Be prepared and actively involved.



Excellence in Arts

Several of our students won awards for creative writing. One 8th grader placed first for the FMMSD in the Fort Mill Optimist Club essay contest and two other students placed 2nd and 3rd. This same 8th grader won 1st place in both the poetry and short story categories in the York County Arts Council Literary Competition.

Our band earned the South Carolina Band Directors' Association Outstanding Performance Award this year, and a Superior rating at the State Concert Performance Assessments.

FMMS 6th-8th grade students performed *The Little Mermaid Jr.* in December as a school-wide Musical Theatre Production with 96 student participants. These students also participated in the Musical Theatre International: Broadway Junior Celebration at the Knight Theatre in Charlotte. This marks the 7th consecutive year of participation in this arts education field trip. Students performed on-stage at the Belk Theatre, took a class from Broadway professionals, and two all stars selected from our school.



Excellence in Extracurricular Activities

The FMMS Academic Challenge team, under the leadership of Mrs. Ankenbruck, won the State Championship this year.

Four of our students represented FMMS at the district spelling bee.

FMMS Mathcounts earned second place team overall in the Catawba Chapter Competition in February. Two students were selected to participate in the State Championship in March.

Professional BMX racers from Team Mongoose visited 8th grade students for the USA BMX Foundation's STEM Motivational Speaking Program.



About the FMMS SIC

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Link to 2024-2025 SIC Agendas

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Teacher of the Year, Rebecca Reiter - Support Staff of the Year, Krysten Lawson



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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