

Mount Pleasant Academy Annual Report to Parents

2020 - 2021

Dear MPA Parents,
This Annual School Report is prepared for you and our school community. SC Ready and SC PASS is not available for the 2019 – 2020 school year because the tests were not administered due to the spring 2020 school year COVID-19 shut down. Therefore, report shows fall 2020 data and gives an overview of the goals and initiatives found in our School Renewal Plan. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Jackson, Principal or Suzanne Zais, School Improvement Council Chairperson at 849-2826.

The mission of Mt. Pleasant Academy Elementary School, working in partnership with families and the community, is to assist each student to excel academically, to act responsibly, and to expand talents and social skills by providing diverse learning experiences in a nurturing environment.



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Our History

In 1809, the SC General Assembly incorporated Mount Pleasant Academy to educate the children of Christ Church Parish. Funded by a legacy and a lottery, a schoolhouse was built, but its site is uncertain. At times, classes were held in private homes, the village church, and the courthouse. In 1860, the academy, at 140 Hibben Street, offered foreign languages and the classics. In 1908, the academy was built at the corner of Pitt and Venning Streets. In 1938, a modern two-story public school building was constructed on Boundary Street and Hwy. 40 (now Simmons and Coleman). The old academy building on Pitt Street later became the first Moultrie High School. The present academy, on Center Street, was completed in the 1960s.

Town of Mount Pleasant Historical Commission, "Mount Pleasant Academy," Mount Pleasant Historical, accessed February 18, 2021, <https://mountpleasanthistorical.org/items/show/37>.

Our Goals

Performance Goal 1:

Mt. Pleasant Academy will increase the percentage of third through fifth grade students scoring meets and exceeds in English/Language Arts.

- Analyze SC Assessment scores
- Implement Readers' and Writers' Workshop
- Use benchmark assessment data to inform instructional decisions
- Provide ongoing learning opportunities through Professional Learning Communities (PLC) meetings
- Use NWEA Learning Continuum to ensure academic growth for each child.

Performance Goal 2:

Mt Pleasant Academy will increase the percentage of third through fifth grade students scoring meets and exceeds in Math.

- Analyze SC Assessment Scores
- Adjust and improve instructional program to address areas of need
- Support teacher participation in Ongoing Assessment Project (OGAP) training and professional development
- Implement Bridges Mathematics curriculum
- Use NWEA Learning Continuum to ensure academic growth for each child.
- Use adaptive digital content (Dreambox) to provide individualized supports to all students

Performance Goal 3:

The level of technology at Mt Pleasant Academy will be improved to meet the needs of all students and staff.

- Provide technology training for teachers
- Use adaptive digital content (Dreambox & Lexia) to provide individualized support to all students
- Provide classrooms one-to-one technology as devices become available



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 3RD-5TH GRADE STUDENT COUNCIL



- Spanish program K - 5 students receive classes weekly.
- Stellar parent participation and support
- State test scores among top schools in the state
- Student led community involvement opportunities - Little Lending Library
- Professional development opportunities by and for our teacher
- After school sports - basketball and tennis
- Monthly Positive Behavior Supports & Intervention (PBIS) Pep-Rally events
- Therapeutic Experiences- Music Therapy
- Student Garden
- Career Exploration Day



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School Improvement Council Members

Suzanne Zais, Chair
 Kim Jackson, Principal
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 Jennifer Garris
 Kate Wenger
 Barbara Smith
 Stefanie Beals
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