



# PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## REPORT TO PARENTS 2019 - 2020

*“Every day is an opportunity!”*

### Our Vision...

“As a community of learners at Pleasant Knoll Middle School, we strive to create a safe environment focused on high achievement through a rigorous curriculum and student/teacher engagement. We work to instill a sense of community and positive citizenship while encouraging our students to SOAR in STEAM initiatives and college/career readiness”



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#### Message from Mr. Young

Dear Knighthawk Family,

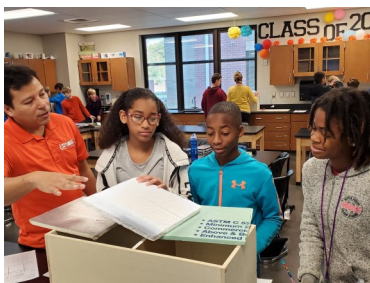
It is hard to believe that another year at Pleasant Knoll Middle School has already taken place. I am so honored that I am the principal and that I can share this experience with our wonderful staff and fantastic Knighthawk families.



Our goal this year was to create positive relationships with our students, establish an inviting and safe school culture, and continue to help our students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Through out the 2019-2020 school year, we have provided opportunities for our students to be challenged and grow in these areas. As you will see in the sections of awards, honors, and events, we had a very successful year at Pleasant Knoll Middle School.

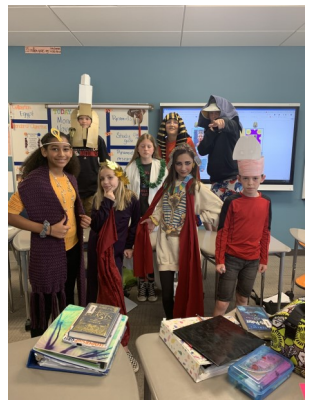
I am excited to continue the journey through middle school with your children. Your involvement during this time is critical to the success of your child and we hope that we can continue to build a tradition of excellence at Pleasant Knoll’.

Together in Education,  
 Grey Young, Principal



#### PKMS School Improvement Council

- Kurt Merkle—SIC Chairperson**
- Grey Young —Principal**
- Daniel McCallum—Assistant Principal**
- Cori Hustedt – Assistant Principal**
- Jessy Belue—Parent**
- Amy Keffer—Parent**
- Christine Johnson—Parent**
- Kendra King—Parent**
- Suzy Sibert—Parent**
- Jackie Hanson—Parent**
- Lynn Mudrey– Parent**
- Heidi Finley– Community Member**
- Tommy Jenkins- Community Member**
- Pam Martin– Community Member**
- Joel Key– Community Member**
- Angela Toms—Teacher**





# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Academic

- SOAR Intervention/Enrichment time
- High School Credit Courses (Algebra 1, English 1)
- Related Art classes (Gateway to Technology, Physical Education, Spanish, Computer Technology, Art, Chorus, Band, Theatre Arts, Family and Consumer Science)
- Technology including SMART Boards, Computer Labs, iPads, and 1 to 1 Google Chromebooks
- Learning Commons with over 11,000 selections of books
- Gifted/Talented Classes in Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies
- Teachers provide time for extra help during lunch and before/after school

## Enrichment

- Jr. Beta Club
- National Junior Art Honor Society
- Yearbook Club
- Student Council
- Academic Challenge Team
- Science Olympiad Team
- Kindness Club
- Service Learning Club
- South Carolina Jr. Book Club
- One School, One Book—*Restart* by Gordon Korman
- School Wide STEAM Challenge
- Club time every Friday (30 plus club)

## Athletics

- Football
- 7th and 8th Grade Volleyball
- Cheerleading
- Dance Team
- 7th and 8th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Track
- Baseball

## Parent/Community Involvement

- School Improvement council
- Parent/Teacher Organization
- Making Middle Grades Work
- Chorus/Band Concerts
- Monthly Newsletter “Knighthawk Family News”
- Charity Fundraisers
- Community Spirit Nights
- Mr. Donnelly’s BBQ
- Open House
- Rising 6th Grade Parent Night
- Staff Appreciation
- Soaring to the Knoll





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

- PKMS Beta Club inducted 203 students
- Successfully continued our WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) transition program for 6th graders
- PKMS athletic teams won Fort Mill Athletic Conference Champions in Football,
- 20 Your County Honor Band Members
- 20 Region Honor Band Members
- 6 All-State Honor Band Members
- Honors Chorus participation in the Star's Performance Program in Orlando
- Frozen Junior sold out audiences!
- Robbie Sluder, 6th grade Science teacher, was named a Honor Roll Teacher for the Fort Mill School District.
- Kristin Zeppelin, Front Office Receptionist, was named PKMS Support Staff of the Year.
- Our 6th grade students participated in a program called "Trout in the Classroom."
- Hosted a STEAM Career Day for our 6th grade students.
- PKMS staff and students held multiple fundraisers for Breast Cancer Awareness, Juvenile Diabetes, Special Olympics, and Mr. Donnelly's Lung Transplant
- Our 8th grade students participated in Job Shadowing Day in November 2019
- Hosted a Veterans Day Breakfast for veterans in the Fort Mill community
- All students participated in a Restart STEAM Challenge where they designed inter-generational events using the themes from the novel.
- Won the Chef's Award in the District Chili Cook-Off that raises money for the Foundation of Fort Mill Schools.
- 6 PKMS students participated in the Fort Mill Schools District Spelling Bee
- Stephanie Pecarro, FACS teacher, was named a South Carolina Financial Literacy Master Teacher.
- 9 PKMS students participated in the FMSD Geography Bee, and the winner was Dylan Psaroudis.
- Implemented a ThinkGive Challenge with students and staff.
- PKMS Dance Team won a 1st place award and a 2nd place award at the Fort Mill Invitational. They also won a 1st place award and 3rd place award at the Dutch Fork Invitational.

