

2024-2025 Report to Parents

Pleasant Knoll Middle School

School Achievements

Pleasant Knoll Middle School students are focused on academics but understand the importance of giving back to the community and helping others. The PKMS community raised almost \$2000 during the annual Polar Plunge fundraiser to support Special Olympics. This year, we became an official Unified School which allowed our students to keep half of the money we raised! We also had a PKMS staff team represented in the district dodge ball tournament to benefit the Polar Plunge fundraiser. PKMS had their best showing yet with a semi-final appearance! In addition, we had the amazing opportunity to partner with Servants with a Heart to pack over 50,000 meals for families in Nicaragua and western North Carolina during our day of service! Our annual Hoops for Hearts fundraiser provided a fun day of basketball for our students and raised \$800 for the Owino Heart Foundation. Lastly, we raised just over \$100 for the Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas during our first annual Kidz in Lids day!

We also kicked off our first annual SOAR (Support, Optimism, Act with Kindness, Resilience) Week at PKMS! This included therapy dog visits, wellness popups, staff zumba, yoga at blacktop, and a motivational speaker. We also encouraged extra acts of kindness throughout the week! It was a great success and we are looking forward to growing this week in the future!



Servants with a Heart



Polar Plunge Dodgeball



Hoops for Heart



Yoga at Blacktop



Wellness Popup



Therapy Dogs

Academics

Our PKMS students were very active in academic extra-curriculars this year. Below are some highlights from the year:

- **Science Bowl** - Ms. Booms led our first ever appearance in the Science Olympiad. Our team competed in the state tournament against some very tough competition and showcased their selves very well, we are so proud of them!
- **Spelling Bee** - 8th grader, Ahaan Jain, qualified for the Scripts National Spelling Bee! The national competition will begin on May 27th!
- **Mock Trial** - Our mock trial team placed 3rd in the regional competition, earning them a spot in the state competition! This year, the team placed 6th in the state!
- **Academic Challenge** - The academic challenge team had a great year! They participated in the OEC tournament.
- **Feria Language Competition** - 16 students spoke, read, wrote, and participated in a Spanish spelling bee. They earned superior, advanced, and notable ratings!



Regional Spelling Bee



Mock Trial



Academic Challenge

Athletics

We are so proud of the hard work and dedication that all of our student athletes demonstrated this year. We had some great playoff runs as our football team made it to the championship game in the fall, 3 of our 4 basketball teams made it to the semi-finals in the winter, our girls soccer team made the championship game in the spring, and our boys track teams won the conference meet. We also had several middle school athletes participate in high school sports.



We also introduced a new opportunity for our female athletes with the inaugural season of girls flag football! Our girls battled against some great competition and finished as one of the top teams in the conference!



Visual & Performing Arts

This year, our performing arts department produced Disney's The Descendants. The talent our students showcased was amazing and they worked so hard to offer 4 productions of the show over a 3 day period.

Our chorus program touched 342 students this year and had a year full of events! The honors chorus sang at all home football games and the Baxter Tree Lighting. Both our honors and advanced chorus sang at our Fall Family Night, the Veteran's Day Assembly, the Black History Month Assembly, STEAM Night, and the Carowinds Festival of Music where they achieved a superior rating! 12 students also auditioned and made the ACDA state honor choir and performed with over 200 students from around the state. We are blown away by our student's talent!

Our band program touched 330 students and also had a busy year! They hosted a winter and spring concert for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade programs. The 7th grade symphonic band had their first ever performance at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment and achieved a superior with distinction rating! Similarly, our 8th grade wind symphony also performed at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment and achieved an excellent rating. Our 8th grade also traveled to Orlando to perform at Walt Disney World! Lastly, 22 7th and 8th graders qualified for the SCBDA Region Band and 8 received state callbacks!



Clubs

Pleasant Knoll Middle School promotes inclusion, relationships, and passions through our club program. We offer over 40 clubs almost every Friday for students to be apart of something they are interested in here on our school campus.

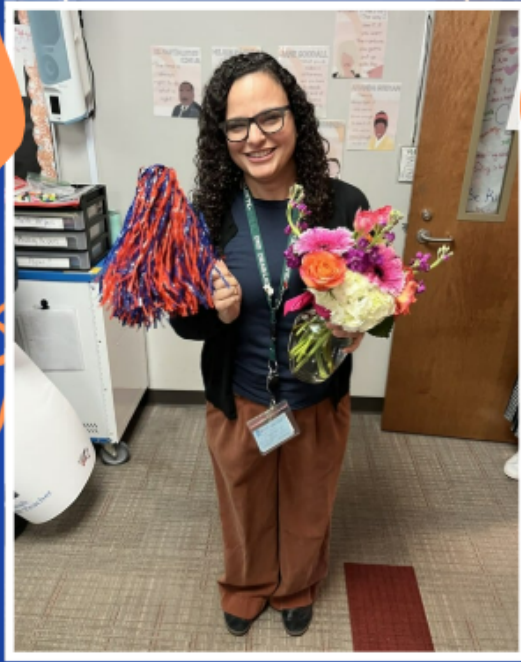
This year, we became an official Unified School and started Club Unify. This club allows our general education and special education students to buddy up and prepare for the Special Olympics!

Beta Club members helped various local organizations including the Fort Mill Care Center, Defend the Fatherless, Isaiah 117 House, and Family Promise. They helped keep our athletic fields clean and served in the concession stands. They also donated several care items to Nothing Pink, assembled wellness bags, and created message jars for the organization.



2024-2025 Teacher and Support Staff of the Year

Pleasant Knoll Middle School proudly recognizes Mrs. Hayat Sabah as the Pleasant Knoll Middle School Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Wendy Longwell as the Pleasant Knoll Middle School Support Staff of the Year.



Congratulations

MRS. SABA H

TEACHER OF THE YEAR



About the Pleasant Knoll Middle School School Improvement Council

The PKMS SIC is a group of educational stakeholders including administrators, teachers, parents, and community members who work together to promote well rounded and successful middle school students. The SIC helps to facilitate meaningful involvement with both parent and community representatives. The SIC meets monthly to discuss ways to support academics, athletics, and school events. We also review policies and and set annual goals to meet specific targeted needs within our school community.

The 2024-2025 PKMS SIC goals included teacher recruitment and retention and continued parent involvement and understanding of school processes. Each month, the parents on the SIC were able to share feedback and ask questions to help us guide our processes throughout the year.

Our Vision Statement

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.

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Pleasant Knoll 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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