



PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL

REPORT TO PARENTS 2021—2022

*We are thoughtful. We are empowered. We are connected.
We are PLEASANT KNOLL!*

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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PKMS School Improvement Council

Kendra King —SIC Chairperson

Cori Hustedt —Principal

Daniel McCallum—Assistant Principal

Nick Janowicz – Assistant Principal

Brandon Shelton —Parent

Malayka Klimchak —Parent

Sarah Ramsden —Parent

David Miller—Parent

Suzy Sibert—Parent

Amanda Burns—Parent

Darla Cheski—Parent

TC Fuller—Community Member

Thomas Jenkins—Community Member

Amy Adldoost—Community Member

Jon Mahon —Teacher

Margaret Causey—Teacher/Parent

Jill Torrence—Teacher

Heather Pecarro—Teacher of the Year 2021

Jillian Miller —Parent/PTO President

Dear Knighthawk Family,

The 2021-2022 school year has been such a great reminder of why middle schoolers are the best. Having a building filled with students, teachers, and parents has allowed us to make new memories and friendships. Seeing our hallways filled with smiles, classrooms filled with hard working students, and athletic games filled with cheering fans has brought me so much joy and was much needed. Thank you students for making our school so special. Your laughter, your conversations, your differences, your similarities, your strengths, your growth, your personalities, your talents, your ideas, your character, your passions, and your service have made PKMS a fantastic place to be.

While we still had our challenges this year, we were able to conquer them together. We showed each other the power of unity and the need to support and encourage each other. Remember - *“Somewhere along the way, we must learn that there is nothing greater than to do something for others.”* - Martin Luther King Jr. During this school year we encouraged our students and staff to do small acts of kindness for each other, lift each other up, give each other grace, and see the best in each other. We all are capable of making an impact on our community and making our world a better place.

Every year our goal is 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. Throughout the 2021-2022 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 about the future at PKMS. We appreciate the collaboration and communication we have with all of our families. Let's continue to work together for our students and continue to build a tradition of excellence at Pleasant Knoll.

Go Knighthawks,
Cori Hustedt, Principal





STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Academic

- Six period daily schedule
- 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)
- Instructional Technology including SMART Boards, Chromebooks, and iPads
- Learning Commons with over 11,000 selections of books
- Gifted/Talented Classes in Math and Language Arts
- Special Education Classes (resource and inclusion)
- Teachers provide time for extra help during lunch and before/after school
- 176 8th Graders took the PSAT
- PKMS Book Fair
- 1:1 Chromebook Program
- SOAR Intervention and Enrichment program Monday—Thursday
- Daily DEAR Time (Drop. Everything. And. Read)
- Honors Art and Chorus



Enrichment

- Jr. Beta Club
- Band
- National Junior Art Honor Society
- Honors Chorus
- Honors Art
- Digital Citizen Program
- Yearbook Club
- Student Council
- Academic Challenge Team
- Kindness Club
- Service Learning Club
- South Carolina Jr. Book Club
- Club time every Friday
- Character Education Program
- March Madness: College Exploration Door Competition
- Career Development
- Tiny Home Challenge
- STEAM Night with Caitlin Alifirenka
- Education=Hope



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
- Multiple PKMS students were members of high school teams that included: wrestling, tennis, cross country, lacrosse, softball, and swimming



Parent/Community Involvement

- School Improvement Council
- Parent/Teacher Organization
- Chorus/Band Concerts
- PKMS Weekly Flyers
- Monthly Newsletter “Knighthawk Family News”
- Teacher Websites and Weekly Emails
- Charity Fundraisers that include: Polar Plunge, The Heart Foundation, Care Center, Homeless Bags, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Community Spirit Nights
- Back to School Nights
- Rising 6th Grade Night and Tours
- Staff Appreciation
- Virtual Veterans Day Ceremony
- Virtual Black History Month Celebration
- 8th Grade Dance
- Carowinds and Charleston Field Trip
- Dodgeball Day



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

- PKMS Beta Club inducted 115 students.
- PKMS athletic teams won Fort Mill Athletic Conference Champions 8th Grade Girls Basketball, 7th Grade Boys Basketball, and 8th Grade Boys Basketball.
- Winter and Spring Chorus and Band Concerts
- Seussical Performance for School Community
- 7th Grade Science Teacher, Alison Coyne, was nominated for Teacher of the Year.
- Teacher Assistant, Jen Kiser, was nominated for Support Staff of the Year.
- Monthly Knighthawk Student Flyers —21 each month
- Monthly Top Knighthawk Athletes — 6 per month
- PKMS Academic Team competed in the Olde English Consortium Large Middle School Conference
- 8th Grade Honors Chorus Orlando Performance
- PKMS Dance Team Orlando Competition Winners



KNIGHTHAWK NATION

