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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO PARENTS 2023 - 2024

PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL

WE ARE THOUGHTFUL. WE ARE EMPOWERED. WE ARE CONNECTED. WE ARE PLEASANT KNOLL!

MESSAGE FROM MRS. HUSTEDT

DEAR KNIGHTHAWK FAMILY,
THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BEST YEARS AT PKMS, AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE OF OUR STUDENTS! THIS YEAR, OUR STUDENTS EMBRACED ALL THAT PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL HAD TO OFFER, DISCOVERED THEIR PASSIONS, AND POSITIVELY IMPACTED THOSE AROUND THEM. OUR STUDENTS' HARD WORK, DETERMINATION, AND POSITIVE ATTITUDES DID NOT GO UNNOTICED. WHILE THERE ARE MANY ATTRIBUTES THAT OUR STUDENTS DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THERE ARE TWO CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAKE OUR KNIGHTHAWK STUDENTS EXTRA SPECIAL: PERSEVERANCE AND INTEGRITY. MIDDLE SCHOOL CAN BE TOUGH, BUT THEY PERSEVERED THROUGH THE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES AND WORKED HARD TO ACHIEVE MANY SUCCESSES THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, WHETHER IN THE CLASSROOM, HALLWAYS, THE COURT, THE FIELD, OR COMMUNITY, OUR STUDENTS CHOOSE TO TO BE HONEST, RESPECTFUL, AND RELIABLE WHICH IS IMPRESSIVE. IT IS THESE TWO QUALITIES THAT MADE PKMS A FANTASTIC PLACE TO BE.

WHEN I THINK OF OUR STUDENTS AND OUR SCHOOL, I AM REMINDED OF A QUOTE FROM GENERAL COLIN POWELL, A RETIRED FOUR-STAR GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND RETIRED UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE. HE SAID, "THERE ARE NO SECRETS TO SUCCESS. IT IS A RESULT OF PREPARATION, HARD WORK, AND LEARNING FROM FAILURE." IT IS OUR STUDENTS' TIME TO IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH PERSEVERANCE AND INTEGRITY. I HOPE OUR STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE COURAGE TO FAIL, LEARN FROM THAT FAILURE, NOT GIVE UP, TRY AGAIN, AND FIND SUCCESS. OUR KNIGHTHAWK STUDENTS ARE CAPABLE OF SO MUCH, AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOUR FUTURE HOLDS.

THIS YEAR OUR GOAL 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. THROUGHOUT THE 2023-2024 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

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"



SIC MEMBERS:

EMILY USUKHBAYAR—SIC CHAIRPERSON
CORI HUSTEDT - PRINCIPAL
NICK JANOWICZ - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
HEATHER PECARRO - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
TONY CARICARI - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
KATE NUGENT —PARENT
AMY KEFFER —PARENT
LAUREN BUMGARDER - PARENT
STEVEN JANSEN— PARENT
EMILY SIEMON—PARENT
EMILY TRACY—PARENT
PATTI DAVIS—TEACHER
BRYAN CAUSEY—COMMUNITY MEMBER
THOMAS JENKINS—COMMUNITY MEMBER
AMY ADLDOOST—COMMUNITY MEMBER
ANNA O'BRIEN—TEACHER
KATHY MCQUEEN—TEACHER
MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER—TEACHER/
DENISE BARD—TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2023
VALERIE BECK —PARENT/PTO PRESIDENT

**EVERY DAY IS AN
OPPORTUNITY**



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

ACADEMICS

- 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
- 200 8TH GRADERS TOOK THE PSAT
- PKMS BOOK FAIR
- 1:1 CHROMEBOOK PROGRAM
- SOAR INTERVENTION AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM MONDAY—WEDNESDAY
- FLEX ON THURSDAY
- DAILY DEAR TIME (DROP. EVERYTHING. AND. READ)

ENRICHMENT

- JR. BETA CLUB
- SYMPHONIC BAND
- NATIONAL JUNIOR ART HONOR SOCIETY
- HONORS CHORUS AND HONORS ART
- DIGITAL CITIZEN PROGRAM
- YEARBOOK CLUB
- MOCK TRIAL TEAM
- ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM
- KNIGHTHAWKS GIVE BACK CLUB
- RECYCLING CLUB
- SOUTH CAROLINA JR. BOOK CLUB
- CLUB TIME EVERY FRIDAY
- CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM
- GUEST SPEAKER—CONNOR MCKEMEY
- STEAM/LITERACY CHALLENGE
- STEAM LITERACY NIGHT WITH INTERACTIVE ART STATIONS
- FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING PEP RALLIES
- ARISS PROGRAM/INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION ASSEMBLY
- A VARIETY OF FIELD TRIPS INCLUDING: KNIGHTS STADIUM, NASCAR, CAROWINDS, AND CHARLESTON FIELD TRIP

ATHLETICS

- FOOTBALL
- 7TH AND 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL
- CHEERLEADING AND 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
- PKMS WEEKLY FLYERS
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER “KNIGHTHAWK FAMILY NEWS”
- TEACHER WEBSITES AND WEEKLY EMAILS
- CHARITY FUNDRAISERS THAT INCLUDE: POLAR PLUNGE, PKMS ANGEL TREE, THE HEART FOUNDATION, AND FM CARE CENTER
- COMMUNITY SPIRIT NIGHTS
- BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS
- RISING 6TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- STEP IT UP FUNDRAISER
- VETERANS DAY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH CEREMONY
- 8TH GRADE DANCE
- DODGEBALL DAY/POWDER PUFF GAMES



AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- NICHE #1 MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SOUTH CAROLINA
- PKMS BETA CLUB INDUCTED 174 STUDENTS
- THREE WINNERS AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BETA CLUB CONVENTION
- 42 JUNIOR SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS
- PKMS ATHLETIC TEAMS WON FORT MILL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS BOYS TRACK, 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL, 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL, AND BOYS SOCCER.
- WINTER AND SPRING CHORUS AND BAND CONCERTS
- STUDENT, AHAAN JAIN, COMPETED IN THE REGIONAL SPELLING BEE
- HONORS CHORUS SUPERIOR RATING AND ADVANCED CHORUS EXCELLENT RATING
- BAND SCBDA OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD
- SYMPHONIC BAND EARNED A SUPERIOR WITH DISTINCTION AT CONCERT PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT
- 16 STUDENTS PERFORMED IN REGION BAND
- 12 STUDENT ATHLETES PARTICIPATED IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS
- FSI ALL STAR TEACHER OF THE WEEK WINNER, LAUREN CHANEY
- LITTLE MERMAID JR. MUSICAL PERFORMANCE FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY
- SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, HANNAH COURTNEY, WAS NOMINATED FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR.
- RECEPTIONIST, KRISTIN ZEPPELIN, WAS NOMINATED FOR SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR.
- MONTHLY KNIGHTHAWK STUDENT FLYERS –21 EACH MONTH
- MONTHLY TOP KNIGHTHAWK ATHLETES – 6 PER MONTH
- MONTHLY TOP KNIGHTHAWK TEACHER OF THE MONTH
- PKMS ACADEMIC TEAM COMPETED IN THE OLDE ENGLISH CONSORTIUM LARGE MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP
- 8TH GRADE HONORS CHORUS ORLANDO PERFORMANCE
- MOCK TRIAL COMPETED IN THE STATE COMPETITION
- PKMS DANCE TEAM ORLANDO COMPETITION WINNERS
- ARISS PROGRAM/INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION GRANT RECIPIENT
- PKMS BATTLE OF THE BOOK TEAM COMPETED IN THE FMSD COMPETITION
- FIRST PKMS TALENTS SHOW
- THREE STUDENTS EARNED 3RD PLACE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA FINANCE CHALLENGE
- TWO PARENT UNIVERSITY SESSIONS

