



PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Report to Parents - 2018-2019

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."



Message from Mr. Young

Dear Knighthawk Family,

We have had such a wonderful year at Pleasant Knoll Middle School. I am so honored to be the principal at this wonderful school and that I get to work with motivated students, dedicated teachers and caring families each and every day.



This year, our goal was to build on the positive relationships with our students, and to continue to provide engaging learning opportunities for our students that have helped them grow academically, socially, and emotionally. In addition, we always strive to offer our school community with an inviting and safe school culture. Throughout the 2018-19 school year, we have provided a variety of opportunities for our students and teachers to learn and grow in many areas. As you will see in this report, we have had a very successful year at Pleasant Knoll. I am amazed each day at the success for our students and teachers. They work extremely hard to challenge themselves to be the best they can be.

I am so excited to continue the journey through middle school with your children. Having our parents involved is critical to the success of our students and we hope that we can continue to build a tradition of excellence at Pleasant Knoll.

Together in Education,

Grey Young, Principal

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PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVMENT COUNCIL

- Kurt Merkle - SIC Chairperson
- Grey Young - Principal
- Cori Hustedt - Assistant Principal
- Caryn Scroggs - Assistant Principal
- Michelle Angeldorf - Parent
- Jessy Belue - Parent
- Steadman Boston - Teacher
- Allison Davis - Teacher
- Chuck Hall - Parent
- Mitch Hudson - Teacher
- Carly Huerta - Teacher
- Christine Johnson - Parent
- Kendra King - Community Member
- Pam Martin - Community Member
- Lauren Still - Teacher
- Angela Toms - Teacher



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Academic

- SOAR Intervention/Enrichment time
- High School Credit Courses (Algebra 1, English 1)
- Related Arts Classes (Gateway to Technology, Physical Education, Spanish, Computer Technology, Art, Chorus, Band, Theatre Arts, Family and Consumer Science)
- Technology including SMART Boards, Computer Labs, Google Chromebooks, iPads
- 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
- School Musical "Aladdin"
- Yearbook Club
- Student Council
- Academic Challenge Team
- Science Olympiad Team
- Mock Trial
- Kindness Club
- Service Learning Club
- South Carolina Jr. Book Club
- One School, One Book - "Refugee" by Alan Gratz
- Honors Chorus
- Club time every Friday (30 plus clubs)

Athletics

- 7th and 8th Grade Football
- 7th and 8th Grade Volleyball
- Cheerleading
- Dance Team
- 7th and 8th Grade Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Track
- Baseball
- We also had students participate in Wrestling, Tennis, Swimming, Cross Country, Softball, and Lacrosse at the high school level.

Parent/Community Involvement

- School Improvement Council
- Parent/Teacher Organization
- Making Middle Grades Work
- Chorus/Band Concerts
- School Musical "Peter Pan, Jr."
- Monthly Newsletter "Knighthawk Family News"
- Charity Fundraisers
- Community Spirit Nights
- Family Literacy/STEAM Night
- Open House
- Rising 6th Grade Parent Night/ 6th Grade Tours

2017-18 Test Data

English/Language Arts

Grade	Not Met	Approaches	Meets	Exceeds	Meets + Exceeds
6	4.2%	25.5%	32.2%	38.1%	70.3%
7	5.4%	17.3%	36.7%	40.6%	77.3%
8	7.3%	20.4%	29.1%	43.3%	72.4%
Total	5.6%	21.1%	32.7%	40.6%	73.3%

Math

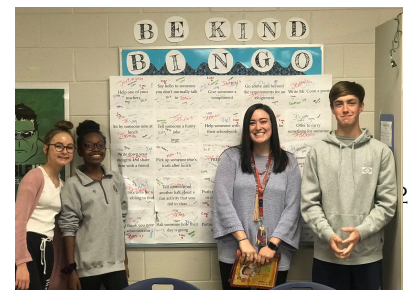
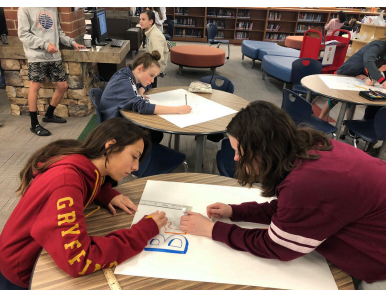
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6	4.9%	13.7%	22.8%	58.6%	81.4%
7	4.3%	13.7%	22.7%	59.4%	82.0%
8	6.2%	24.4%	26.9%	42.5%	69.5%
Total	5.1%	17.2%	24.1%	53.6%	77.7%

Science

Grade	Not Met	Approaches	Meets	Exceeds	Meets + Exceeds
6	3.8%	9.1%	19.6%	67.5%	87.1%
8	0.4%	9.5%	33.1%	57.1%	90.2%
Total	2.1%	9.3%	26.2%	62.4%	88.6%

Social Studies

Grade	Not Met	Met	Exemplary	Meets + Exemplary
7	3.6%	12.9%	83.5%	96.4%
Total	3.6%	12.9%	83.5%	96.4%



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

- Over 100 students were recognized as Jr. Beta Club members.
- 28 new members joined 12 others to form the National Jr. Art Honor Society.
- Science Olympiad Team finished 5th overall at the Regional Tournament at Newberry College
- 8th Grader Hunter Linn won the PKMS Geography Bee.
- PKMS had 178 students take the PSAT.
- Band and Chorus participated in the OrlandoFest Workshop in Orlando, Florida.
- 2 students earned chairs in All-State Honors Band.
- 24 students earned chairs in York County Honors Band.
- 27 students earned chairs in Region Honors Band.
- The PKMS Symphonic Band received a "Superior with Distinction" rating at the Concert Performance Assessment.
- PKMS Band students earned 49 solo and ensemble Superior Ratings at the state assessment festival.
- PKMS 7th Grade Band participated in the Carowinds Music Festival.
- PKMS Band earned a consecutive SC Band Assoc. "Outstanding Performance Award."
- PKMS held it's annual musical production, "Peter Pan, Jr."
- Brandon Sanders, Band Teacher, was named PKMS Teacher of the Year and a Honor Roll Teacher for the Fort Mill School District.
- Shannon Hill, Day Porter, was named PKMS Support Staff of the Year.
- Our 6th grade students participated in a program called "Trout in the Classroom".
- Hosted the 7th Grade Career Fair for the Fort Mill School District with over 75 presenters.
- Participated in One Book, One School with all of our staff and students reading "Refugee" by Alan Gratz
- Implemented our 2nd PKMS Family Literacy/ STEAM Night with over 300 attendees.
- Implemented a ThinkGive Challenge with students and staff.
- Offered a Student Safety Night for parents in February.
- PKMS staff and students held multiple fundraisers for Breast Cancer Awareness, Juvenile Diabetes, Care Center, and Doctors Without Borders.
- Anna O'Brien, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, presented at the South Carolina Conference for the Social Studies and has also been accepted to attend the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Landmark Seminar.
- Our 8th Grade students participated in Job Shadowing Day in November 2018.
- The PKMS Jr. Beta Club and students Kaylee and Alexis Campbell led an effort to collect over 1700 books for a Title 1 school in Charlotte, NC.
- Hosted a Winter STEAM Challenge for all students throughout their core classes.
- Hosted a Veterans Day Breakfast for veterans in the Fort Mill community.
- Tyra Bradley received a Kindle Fire from Imagine Math for her hard work on the program.
- 6 PKMS students participated in the Fort Mill Schools District Spelling Bee.
- PKMS Mock Trial Team finished 3rd in the SC State Competition.
- All PKMS students participated in a Shark Tank STEAM Challenge where they designed products using character traits from the book, "Refugee".
- Successfully implemented WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) transition program for 6th graders.
- Mason Rozcak won the State Championship in "You be the Chemist" competition.
- PKMS athletic teams won Fort Mill Athletic Conference Championships in 7th Grade Football, 7th Grade Volleyball, 8th Grade Football, 8th Grade Volleyball, and Girls Track.
- PKMS Dance Team won two 1st place awards and one 2nd place at the FMHS Invitational and a 2nd place and a 3rd place award at the Dorman Invitational.
- The Cheer Team finished 5th in the state at the Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic.

