



# PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL



## Report to Parents - 2017-2018

### 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,

It is hard to believe that the inaugural year at Pleasant Knoll Middle School is coming to a close. 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, in addition to having a successful opening, was to create positive relationships with our students, establish an inviting and safe school culture, and to continue to help our students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Throughout the 2017-18 school year, we have provided opportunities for our students to be challenged and grow in these areas. As you will see in the section 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

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### PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVMENT COUNCIL

- Christine Johnson - SIC Chairperson**
- Grey Young - Principal**
- Cori Hustedt - Assistant Principal**
- Maurice Murphy - Assistant Principal**
- Jessy Belue - Parent**
- Marcea Black - Parent**
- Jennifer Dwight - Teacher**
- Chuck Hall - Parent**
- Mitch Hudson - Teacher**
- Allison Lawrence - Teacher**
- Chris McGann - Parent/PTO President**
- Kurt Merkle - Parent**
- Anna O'Brien - Teacher**
- Caryn Scroggs - 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
- Kindness Club
- Service Learning Club
- South Carolina Jr. Book Club
- One School, One Book - "I Will Always Write Back" by Caitlin Aliferenka and Martin Ganda
- 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 "Aladdin"
- Monthly Newsletter "Knighthawk Family News"
- Charity Fundraisers
- Community Spirit Nights
- Family Literacy/STEAM Night
- Open House
- Rising 6th Grade Parent Night/ 6th Grade Tours
- Staff Appreciation



Pleasant Knoll Middle School  
One School, One Book

I WILL ALWAYS WRITE BACK



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

- Over 60 students were recognized as Jr. Beta Club members.
- 19 new members joined 12 others to form the National Jr. Art Honor Society.
- Science Olympiad Team finished 7th overall and won the Sportsmanship Award.
- The inaugural PKMS Beta Club inducted 160 members.
- 6th Grade Academic Challenge Team finished 4th in the Olde English Consortium Academic Challenge Tournament.
- 7th Grade Academic Challenge Team finished 1st in the Olde English Consortium Academic Challenge Tournament.
- 8th Grade Academic Challenge Team finished 1st in the Olde English Consortium Academic Challenge Tournament and 2nd in the SC State Competition.
- 8th Graders Hannah Fuller and Emily Serafin won the SC Congressional App Challenge.
- 8th Grader Bise Blevins qualified for the SC State Geography Bee.
- PKMS had 177 students take the PSAT.
- Band and Chorus participated in the Disney Performing Arts Workshop in Orlando, Florida.
- 3 students were named All-State in Band.
- 22 students earned York County Band Honors.
- 21 students earned All Region Band Honors.
- The PKMS symphonic band received a superior rating from all 5 judges which is an overall rating of "Superior with Distinction."
- PKMS held its first musical production, "Aladdin".
- Lauren Still, 8th Grade Math Teacher, was named PKMS Teacher of the Year.
- Tammy Fowler, Powerschool Liaison, 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 "I Will Always Write Back" by Caitlin Aliferenka and Martin Ganda.
- Implemented the 1st ever PKMS Family Literacy/STEAM Night with over 350 attendees.
- 9 PKMS students participated in the Fort Mill Schools District Spelling Bee.
- Our SC Jr. Book Club won 1st place in the Banner contest.
- PKMS raised over \$1500 for Breast Cancer Awareness.
- PKMS raised over \$2,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.
- PKMS raised over \$1,000 for an All-Inclusive playground in Fort Mill.
- PKMS raised over \$700 for Hurricane Relief in SC.
- PKMS students brought in over 200lbs. of clothing during our first clothing drive.
- Our 8th Grade students participated in Job Shadowing Day in November 2017.
- PKMS PTO hosted an 8th Grade Dance with over 200 students attending.
- PKMS Mock Trial Team advanced to the SC State Competition.
- All PKMS students participated in a Tiny Home STEAM Challenge where they designed tiny homes using character traits from books they were reading in homeroom.
- Successfully implemented WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) transition program for 6th graders.
- PKMS athletic teams won Fort Mill Athletic Conference Championships in 7th Grade Football, 7th Grade Volleyball, 8th Grade Volleyball, Cheerleading, Baseball, Boys Track, and Boys Soccer.
- PKMS Dance Team finished 2nd place at the Fort Mill High School Invitational.
- The Cheer Team won the Nation Ford Regional Cheer Competition.

