



PLEASANT KNOLL MIDDLE SCHOOL

REPORT TO PARENTS 2022—2023

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We are PLEASANT KNOLL!*



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Message from Mrs. Hustedt

Dear Knighthawk Family,

The 2022-2023 school year has been one of the best years at PKMS, and the reason is because of our students! Over the last year, we got to see our Knighthawk students making new memories, serving each other and our community, and making new connections. While the road in middle school is not always smooth and straight, we were able to navigate the bumps and turns together and ultimately find success as one school family.

Our school theme at PKMS is “We are thoughtful. We are empowered. We are connected. We are PLEASANT KNOLL!” Every day, we wanted to encourage our Knighthawks to remember the power of connection. At Pleasant Knoll, we treat each other with respect and understanding, and we work together to make a positive change in our world.

When I think about what made this year different, the word “togetherness” comes to mind. While we are all different with different perspectives, we also have a lot in common that has united us. Chris Singleton said to our entire school - “Love is stronger than hate.” This year, we challenged students to do small acts of kindness for each other, lift each other up, give each other grace, and see the best in each other. This year, our students have proved that they are capable of making an impact on our community and making our world a better place.

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 2022-2023 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”

PKMS School Improvement Council

Lauren Bumgardner —SIC Chairperson

Cori Hustedt —Principal

Tony Caricari—Assistant Principal

Nick Janowicz – Assistant Principal

Kendra King —Parent

Amy Keffer —Parent

Jackie Hanson— Parent

Kim Guelcher— Parent

Katie Dykhuis—Parent

Darla Cheski—Parent

Patti Davis—Teacher

Bryan Causey—Community Member

Thomas Jenkins—Community Member

Amy Adldoost—Community Member

Abbi Green—Teacher

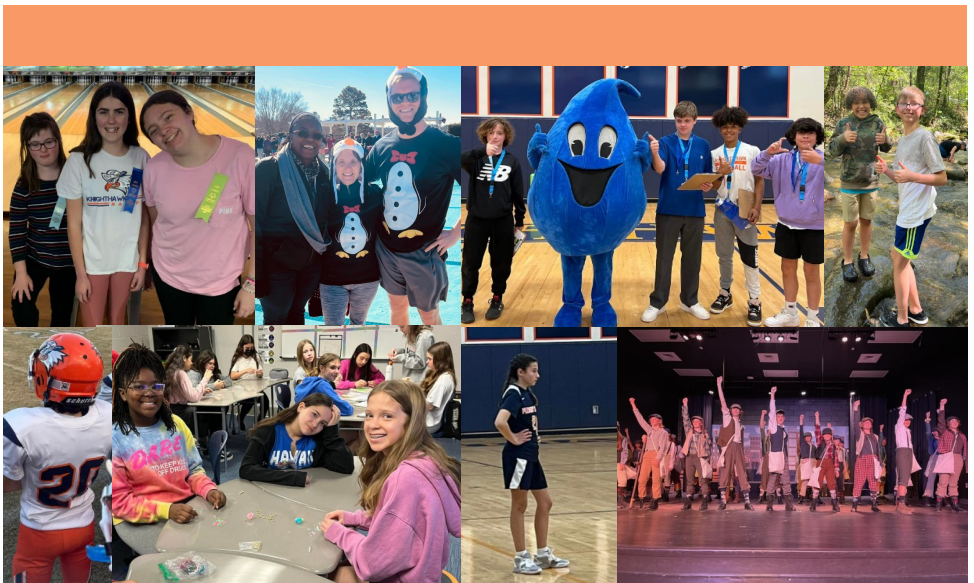
Mariel Izquierdo—Teacher

William Castilla—Teacher/Parent

Jill Torrence—Teacher

Alison Coyne—Teacher of the Year 2022

Valerie Beck —Parent/PTO President





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
- 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)
- Honors Art and Chorus



Enrichment

- Jr. Beta Club
- Band
- National Junior Art Honor Society
- Honors Chorus
- 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—Chris Singleton
- March Madness: College Exploration Door Competition
- Career Development
- STEAM/Literacy Challenge
- STEAM Literacy Night with Kindness Stations
- Fall and Spring Pep Rallies
- Culture Day



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, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Community Spirit Nights
- Back to School Nights
- Rising 6th Grade Parent Night
- Staff Appreciation
- Monthly PTO Snack Carts
- Step It Up Fundraiser
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Black History Month Celebration



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

- PKMS Beta Club inducted 248 students.
- PKMS athletic teams won Fort Mill Athletic Conference Champions 8th Volleyball, Boys Track, 8th Grade Boys Basketball, and 8th Grade Girls Basketball.
- Winter and Spring Chorus and Band Concerts
- Superior Band Ratings
- Newsie Jr. Musical Performance for School Community
- Chorus Teacher, Denise Bard, was nominated for Teacher of the Year.
- School Psychologist , Patti Davis, 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



KNIGHTHAWK NATION

