

## School Achievements

PKMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, Ayla Holmes, came in first place in the ACPSD Scripps Spelling Bee.

PKMS Athletics swept the county for county title in all competitive athletic events.

PKMS Volleyball won the county championship.

PKMS Football Team won the county championship to cap off an undefeated season.

The PKMS Boys' Basketball team won the title of County Champions for 21-22 following an undefeated season.

The PKMS Girls' Basketball team won the title of County Champions for 21-22 following an undefeated season.

And the PKMS Golf team also won the county championship during the 21-22 school year.

Congratulations to the PKMS Band members who had nine students participate in the SCBDA Region 2 Honors Band. In addition, Waylan Ellis earned a seat in the 2022 Junior All-State Band.

The PKMS Cyber Patriots came in second place in the SC Middle School Competition.

Additionally, PKMS Student Morgan Thomas was the National Lions Club Poster Contest Winner.

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## Paul Knox Middle School 21-22 SIC Members

*Chair: Deana Burch, Parent*

*Principal: Ms. Paige Day*

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*Secretary: Charity Bussey, Teacher*

*Agnes Norton, Parent*

*Teresa Mitchem, Parent*

*Andrew Morris, Community*

*Michelle Stevens, PTO Rep*

*Tonja Rivers, Teacher*

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### Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by the Paul Knox Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”*

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## Paul Knox Middle School Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2021-2022



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Paul Knox Middle School commits to the development of life-long learners by providing a safe and nurturing environment where educators implement rigorous instruction to ALL students who will acquire the skills to become productive citizens and contribute to society.

## SIC Annual Goals

During the 21-22 school year, the PKMS School Improvement Council, decided to focus on family and student engagement through the implementation of family engagement activities such as STEM night and on-site opportunities in order to address the need for more in-person events following the years of COVID-19 closures.

The focus of this year's goal was to promote parent completion of the year-end state survey and to market the evening on-campus events at PKMS.

The team prepared flyers, all-calls, and social media materials to encourage parents to give feedback on family relations. This initiative was supported by the media arts class at PKMS which began at PKMS tik-tok and increased social media presence and engagement through Facebook and Instagram with daily updates throughout the year.

## Student Achievement

The return to testing in 20-21 after the COVID quarantines showed a drop in all areas of state testing. According to the 2021 report card, 44% of students scored met or exceeding on SC Ready English Language Arts which was a drop from the 49% met or exceeding in 2019. Current NWEA MAP data shows a year end increase in proficiency to over 60%.

Additionally, 32.8% of students scored met or exceeding on SC Ready Mathematics in the 2020-2021 which was a drop from 43% in 2019. Gains in mathematics across the 21-22 school year, show that current 54% of students are proficient in the NWEA Map data.

We look forward to continuing to close the achievement gap caused by COVID through the return to face-to-face instruction, increased opportunities for acceleration and remediation, and one-to-one technology.

*“For more information, you may view Myschool’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).”*

## Additional Information

At Paul Knox Middle School's thematic school of science and technology, students are provided opportunities for collaboration, and acceleration within the framework of science. The program immerses students in an environment that emphasizes discovery and exploration, collaborative study, scientific research, use of scientific tools and technology, and a strong sense of community.

PKMS students have been emerged in a variety of engaging projects this year through hands-on experiments, field experiments, and classroom instruction with a focus on science and technology. Additionally, students are provided opportunities to advance their understanding of science and technology through extracurricular opportunities in gardening, stem, and Future Cities as well as high school credit courses in Spanish, Art 1, and Fundamentals of Computing.

At Paul Knox we show strengths in standardized state testing, reading support, acceleration, and teacher and staff quality as determined by state survey results.

We are always looking to expand the parental involvement and have opportunities such as STEM night, Literacy night, PTO, and our middle grade expo to meet parental needs.

- Paige Day, Principal
- Deana Burch, Chair of SIC

