

Dear Parents

With our new school year underway, I wanted to share with you some of our accomplishments during the 2016-17 school year. Here are links that you can use to access the WCPSS School Progress Report information [School Progress Reports](#) and the State Accountability report [on DPI's website](#). These reports will give you a wide range of information about the academic results of MPMS.

These are a few of the highlights in those reports.

MPMS had an EVAAS Growth Index score of 10.61. This was the highest score in the WCPSS and in the top 3 of all middle schools in North Carolina. We received an A rating by DPI which includes a measurement of both growth and proficiency.

These reports show an important part of what a school achieves. I want to also share with you some information about events and activities that are not included in these reports. These are items that are also an essential part of what makes a school a great place for students as well as an essential part of our community.

Fine Arts- MPMS had 18 students selected as All County Band members. The MPMS Band also took the top prize in the Williamsburg Music Festival held at Busch Gardens Williamsburg. MPMS art students won Barton College Silver and Gold Key awards in the Scholastic Arts competition. MPMS art students won multiple awards in the NC State Fair Art competition. MPMS students won the Best Design award at the Spark con Chalk Festival held in Raleigh.

Athletics- MPMS athletes had undefeated seasons in football, volleyball, girls soccer, and boys and girls track and field. Boys and girls basketball also placed first in our division. Girls softball placed 2nd in our division. The Cheerleading squad took home a third place finish in the annual WCPSS Cheer competition.

Club activities- Science Olympiad, Odyssey of the Mind, and our MathCounts teams all had very successful years. The Science Olympiad team placed second in the WCPSS competition and the OM team had members advance to the World Competition held in Michigan. The MPMS MathCounts took a first place team prize at the yearly competition.

Spotlight Theater put on a wonderful performance of Willy Wonka Jr. This club has the highest level of participation each year at MPMS.

From our opening in 2010, MPMS has always had as a goal to be an important part of our community. This goal is achieved throughout the year by student and staff involvement in various service organizations and community activities.

NJHS and the JDRF Walk- Each year NJHS students and their families, MPMS teachers and staff members, and community members have participated in the walk and fundraising efforts.

American Heart Association Hoops for Hearts- MPMS students, staff, and community members have contributed over \$200,000 since our opening in 2010 to help support the American Heart Association. We are usually one of the top supporters in the state and the region.

Food Bank of North Carolina canned food drive- MPMS has been a big supporter of the Food Bank drive every year. This is led by our 6th grade students and counselors.

United Way Annual Campaign- The MPMS faculty has been the top school in the WCPSS with 100% participation in 2016 and 98% participation in 2017.

We are certainly proud of the high level of achievement in academics, the arts, athletics, and community involvement. But at MPMS we do not rest on what we have achieved. We continue to look for opportunities to improve in every area. We look forward to your continued support as we go through the 2017-18 year and beyond.

Sincerely,

Bob Smith

MPMS Principal