

# Perkins Pride News

“The Home of Outstanding World Learners”



### Access

Scholars now have access to a school library, sensory hallway, & the arts!



### Opportunity

Rigorous learning opportunities in school & beyond our 4 walls!



### Excellence

Ensuring equitable access to learning opportunities for excellent outcomes!

## The Arts Return to MJP!

BPS has approved a new part-time music teacher and art teacher at MJP! Classes are scheduled to open this month.

We advocated for our scholars’ needs and our voices were heard! We welcome aboard new staff who will help carry out our shared vision of success: Heron Russell-Music (class opens 11/4); Nicky Korodi-4th grade (class opens 11/4); Karen Hart - ESL Teacher (class opened 10/28); Julianne Ahern-Full Time Nurse).

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### BIG WIN #1

Overall ELA MCAS scores have increased by 9 percentage points since 2016-17!

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### BIG WIN #2

MJP scholars outperformed BPS in ELA & Math on MCAS in 2018-2019!

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### BIG WIN #3

Attendance rates have increased from 92% last year to 95% this year!

## Maintaining High Expectations

At MJP, we are cultivating a culture of high expectations where the sky *ain't* the limit!

To continue growing together as a school, we have identified three instructional priorities:

- 1) **Data-driven instruction:** Using data to plan lessons to meet students' individual needs
- 2) **Coaching and feedback:** Teachers will work closely with instructional coaches this year to engage a variety of learning styles.
- 3) **Social Emotional Learning:** Teaching and reaching the whole child - mind & body - through Second Step skills, Mindfulness, counseling, and other support services

You can help at home by making sure your child arrives to school on time each day, checking your child's homework, reading with your child 20 minutes nightly, and reaching out to your child's teacher when questions arise.



## “Teamwork makes the dreamwork!”

Shout out to Ms. Murphy's 2nd grade superstars and Ms. Harden's 3rd graders who participated in the "READMarathon" by Read with Malcolm! Race Distance options included 5K (1 hour of reading), half-marathon (2 hours of reading), full READMarathon (4 hours of reading). Ms. Murphy's class read in science, independently, and with reading buddies in 3rd grade!

All MJP scholars are expected to have a Book-in-Progress, which is a book they are currently reading, at all times. The more you read, the more you know, and the more you know, the more you'll grow!

### NOVEMBER DATES

- 11/11 - Veterans Day (No School)
- 11/12-11/15 - Optional Terra Nova Testing for 3rd graders
- 11/19 - School Site Council
- 11/20 - Superintendent Brenda Casselius visits MJP!
- 11/25 - Parent Breakfast for Grades 3-5
- 11/27 - Early Release - Pick up 2 hours before the end of school
- 11/28-11/29 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING! (No School)

