

Welcome to McNicol Middle School!

It is an honor to have you here as we embark on a new academic year, especially welcoming our 6th-grade families. We are excited about the journey your children are about to begin, and we are committed to ensuring they have a successful and enriching experience at McNicol.

Last year was a remarkable one for us, and I am thrilled to share some of the significant improvements and achievements we made. Our students excelled academically, and we saw considerable growth across the board, especially in the area of math, where we were acknowledged by the district as the middle school with the greatest increase in proficiency (16 percentage points). Their hard work and dedication paid off, and we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments. I am also proud to share that our Elev8 Dance Troupe had the incredible opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., where they performed at the prestigious JFK Performing Arts Center. It was a memorable experience that showcased the talent and dedication of our students.

One of the most exciting developments this year is the establishment of our new Wellness Center, Hawks' Haven. This center is designed to provide comprehensive mental health and wellness support to all McNicol students and their families. We believe in nurturing the whole child, and Hawks' Haven is a significant step towards ensuring that our students are healthy, happy, and ready to learn.

Additionally, we have expanded our elective offerings to include some fantastic new programs that are preparing today's students for tomorrow's world. Through our partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, we are introducing Aerospace studies, including courses on drones and aviation. Our Robotics and Coding programs are designed to prepare students for the future by teaching them critical thinking and problem-solving skills. We are also excited to offer a Band program through our partnership with Hallandale, allowing students to explore their musical talents. Furthermore, we are introducing Esports, which will provide students with new and engaging ways to develop teamwork and strategic thinking skills.

As we move forward, we remain committed to fostering a strong partnership with you, our parents and guardians. Together, we can create a supportive and nurturing environment that empowers our students to reach their full potential. Our theme for this year is "One Band, One Sound, One McNicol," emphasizing unity and collaboration in all that we do.

We look forward to establishing a partnership, working closely with you to ensure your child's success. Realizing that you made a choice to send your child to McNicol, we thank you for entrusting us with their education.

Welcome to the McNicol family!

Warm regards,

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Proud Principal