

Pleasantdale Middle School Athletics and Activities 2017-2018 Program Report

Pleasantdale Middle School once again enjoyed great success in our athletic and activities program in the 2017-18 school year, with high student engagement in our programs and outstanding results by our athletic teams. Further information about the athletic and activities program are included in our annual “2017-18 Activities Handbook”, included with this report. Below are some of the school year highlights, including participation data at each grade level in these programs.

Pleasantdale Middle School Athletics

Mark Dreher - Athletic Director

Students at Pleasantdale Middle School compete in the Lyons Township Elementary School Athletic Conference. Competitive athletics are offered in 13 sports at the 7th and 8th Grade levels. Additionally, students in grades 5-8 can compete in interscholastic Cross-Country. The cheerleading program also falls under athletics but is non-competitive. Additionally, the Hodgkins Park District offers Championship Tournaments in several of the programs.

This year, 7th and 8th grade teams combined to win 7 conference titles. Basketball, volleyball, softball, and soccer were the sports in which we won titles. Impressively, our girls sports for basketball, volleyball and softball all had undefeated regular seasons. Watch out as these students head to high school! I want to give a congratulations to the coaches of each of these teams who go above and beyond each day to provide our students wonderful learning experiences away from the classrooms while on the courts and in the fields.

The 8th grade class won conference 9 times in 2 years, and an additional 4 tournament trophies. In particular, our girls basketball, softball and volleyball teams had a combined record of 75 wins and 6 losses over the 2 years. This is just under a 93% winning percentage. Most importantly, they were often complimented for their sportsmanship by visiting coaches and teams and will be remembered by their coaches for their dedication, hard work, and positive participation.

Pleasantdale Conference Champs 2017-18:

7th Grade:

Girls Basketball (2nd in Hodgkins tournament)
Girls Volleyball (2nd in Hodgkins tournament)
Girls Softball

8th Grade:

Girls Basketball (2nd in Hodgkins tournament)
Girls Volleyball (1st in Hodgkins Tournament)
Girls Softball

7th and 8th Grade Co-Ed Soccer

Athletic Participation by Grade

Grade	Number of Participants	Percentage of Grade
Grade 5	19	19%
Grade 6	16	18%
Grade 7	52	54%
Grade 8	64	57%

Multiple Sport Athletes by Grade

Grade	2 Sport Athletes	3 Sport Athletes
Grade 5	na	na
Grade 6	na	na
Grade 7	14	13
Grade 8	22	6

Pleasantdale Middle School Activities Programs

Meg Knapik - Assistant Principal

We are fortunate at Pleasantdale Middle School to be able to engage the majority of our student body in participation in a variety of clubs and intramural activities. Our goal is to offer a wide range of opportunities for students to explore their interests and have fun with their peers. Programs such as Team Tigers offer intramural sports and recreational physical activities for students at all grade levels. Intramural Clubs are also offered throughout the year, with activities varying each month. Competitive programs include Scholastic Bowl and Science and Math competitions. Music programs are offered in all grade levels in Band, Orchestra, and Choir, and include our annual School Musical.

Several popular new activities offered this year sparked great student engagement and interest. These include Photography Club, Nail Art Club, Friday Organization Club, and most notably Spirit Squad which decorated lockers for each student's birthday (or half birthday). In all 29 different clubs and activities were offered this year, with four being offered for the first time.

Given the fluid nature of these programs, tracking student participation can be at times challenging, with students often moving from one event to another. Below is a summary of the

student participation, by grade level, in these programs. These numbers are exclusive of the music programs and such activities as Tutor Club and Open Library. Student Council sponsored-events like Movie Nights, Friday Night Live, and The 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament were very well-attended this year, yet due to the nature of these activities, they are not included in the numbers on the chart below.

Additionally, participation tends to decline as the students move through the grades and become more involved in the Interscholastic Athletic Programs and specialized programs outside of school. In all, 72% of our students participated in at least one activity at school during this school year.

Activities Participation by Grade

Grade	Number of Participants	Percentage of Grade
Grade 5	84	85%
Grade 6	80	92%
Grade 7	62	64%
Grade 8	61	54%

We are so fortunate and appreciative of the support received from the Board of Education and the Pleasantdale community that allows us to provide these wonderful programs for our students!