Mance Park Middle School

September 2026 Board Notes

Principal Message



Dear Board Members,

Mance Park Middle School is off to a strong start for the 2026–2027 school year. Our first day of school went extremely smoothly, and I am grateful for the preparation, flexibility, and teamwork of our faculty, staff, and district support. As we have settled into the school year, our enrollment has continued to grow, with 1,331 students currently listed in Skyward.

Our work this year continues to center around our Three Big A's: Academics, Accountability, and Attendance. Academically, we are focused on strong classroom instruction, implementation of Bluebonnet Learning, collaborative planning, and identifying students who may need additional support early. We are also continuing to build teacher capacity through classroom walkthroughs, feedback, and instructional support.

Accountability and attendance have been equally important as we establish expectations and routines for the year. We are focusing on consistent expectations for student behavior, tardies, IDs, classroom routines, and attendance while strengthening communication with our families. We also launched our Triple A Challenge to recognize students who demonstrate success in those focus areas.

We are excited about the start we have had at Mance Park. As we move forward, our goal is to remain consistent, celebrate our students and staff, and continue building a campus culture focused on growth, responsibility, and student success.

Colby Oliphant
Principal

2026 -2027 Campus Leadership Team



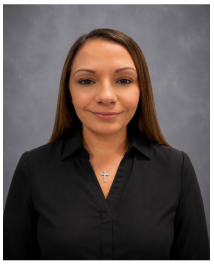
Charly Baker-Jaramillo

Dean of Teaching & Learning



6th Grade Assistant Principal

Aaron Masters



7th Grade Assistant Principal

Lisa Buell



8th Grade Assistant Principal

Dr. DeAteria Akan

2026 - 2027 Counselors



6th Grade Counselor
Toni Thomas



7th Grade Counselor
Leona Abbs



8th Grade Counselor
Jennifer Drake

2026 - 2027 Instructional Coaches



Cleveland Jones
Math Instructional Coach



Alyssa Askew
Science Instructional Coach



Virginia Colley
RLA Instructional Coach

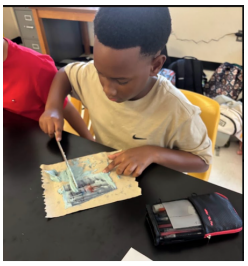
Capturing Kids' Hearts

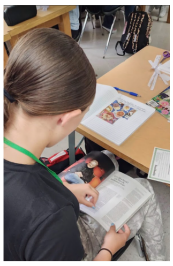
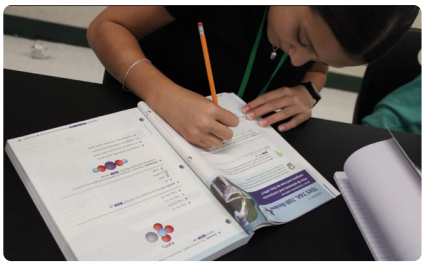
Implement Fundamentals of Capturing Kids' Hearts® (CKH) With Fidelity



- Communicate a Caring Attitude.
- Teach Teamwork / Leadership Roles. (Roles)
- Affirm students. (Student Affirmations)
- Build Social Contract / Introduce self-managing signals. (Social Contract)
- Students share Good Things (after Social Contract is built). (Good Things)

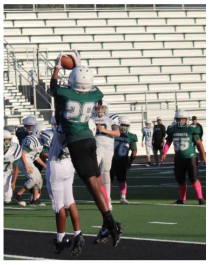
Academic & Instructional Highlights




We hit the ground running! Here are a few snapshots of our students hard at work and pushing forward with the new implementation of Bluebonnet Learning. A special shoutout to Mrs. Landrum and Ms. Allen for providing meaningful small-group support to some of our students at Westmoreland Academy. Great things are happening at Mance Park!

Athletics & Student Activities





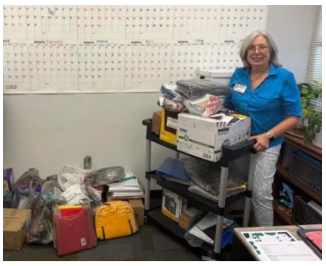
Campus Life & Celebrations













We are so grateful for the continued support of our community partners. Their generosity, time, and commitment to Mance Park Middle School help us create meaningful opportunities for our students and staff. We truly appreciate their partnership and investment in our Hornet family!

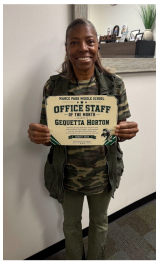
August Employee Recognitions



August 2026 Teacher of the Month
Jacoby Bishop



August 2026 Employee of the Month
Shannon McCoy



August 2026 Staff Member of the Month
Gequetta Horton

Student of the Week Recognitions

Week 3

6th Grade
Brian Urbina

“He showed kindness and compassion by noticing a classmate was not feeling well and, without being asked, helped clean up his belongings and grabbed his backpack for him.”

7th Grade

Elijah Gibson

Elijah shows Park Pride each day by showing up to class prepared and ready to work. He is polite, kind, and hardworking. He is the first to volunteer to pass out folders, put up computers, and help others every day.

8th Grade

Emily Cadena

“Emily is a great team player, always prepared for the day with a positive and helpful attitude. Emily has demonstrated accountability, responsibility, and champion behavior in the classroom.”

Campus Grade Meet and Greet








Our Meet & Greet was a great success! We had an amazing turnout and truly enjoyed welcoming our new and returning students and families to Mance Park. It was a wonderful way to kick off the school year and begin building strong connections with our Hornet families!

Mance Park Middle School
Upcoming Events

MPMS Open House—Thursday, Oct 8, 2026, 05:30 PM
MPMS - Homecoming Dance - Saturday, Sep 26, 2026, 06:30 PM
PTO Meeting - September 28, 6:00 PM



Colby Oliphant
Colby is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters