

MPMS Board Notes - February 2026



MPMS Principal, Don Jackson:

Hello Board members,

I just want to say thank you for the great opportunity to serve at Mance Park Middle School. I will work diligently to finish well.

As you see below, we have some outstanding educators at Mance Park. Many are strong technicians in their classroom and build great relationships with our students!

We just finished celebrating our outstanding counselor team, during Counselor's Appreciation Week. At MPMS, our counselors get to dig in and help students with social-emotional issues and all have an open door policy to work with our Assistant Principals to help steer our students in the right direction.

I am so happy to report that during the 1st semester, 73% of our students have not received a discipline referral and 1% of our students have about 40% of our referrals. I am presently looking to get mentors for the students who are in house and students from SHSU to provide some mentorship.

We are in the midst of learning how to give great feedback to our teachers who may need to be on a coaching cycle. The system is called Observation Feedback and that is exactly what it is... Targeted Observations with targeted feedback... I am really proud of our rookie teacher Madelyn Ames who was our first coaching client. We quickly found out that she is not one that would not be a coaching candidate... She did a great job.

Finally, I have to brag about our MPMS PTO. They planned a great Valentine's Day Dance for our students. We restricted it to students who had no ISS or OSS (In School Suspension/Out of School Suspension) and the students had a wonderful time. Last year

our 6th graders did not get a chance to be included, so our PTO agreed to the idea of hosting a 6th grade dance and a 7th and 8th grade dance at the same time!

I look forward to leading us well throughout the remainder of the school year!

Thank you,

Don J.



Mrs. Ames
January 2026
Teacher of the Month



Mr. Boston

National Counselor's Week: We are so thankful for our counselors at MPMS!



**Toni Thomas
6th Grade**

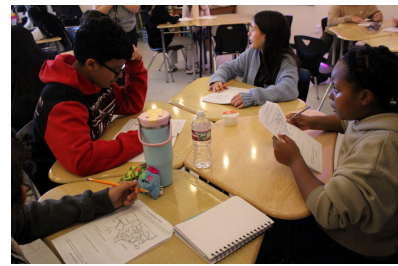


**Jennifer Buchart
7th Grade**



**Guillermo Jimenez
8th Grade**

Texas History classes learn about cattle drives.



6th Grade Valentine's Dance



7th/8th Grade Valentine's Dance



Upcoming Events:

THE 10 BEST/WORST THINGS ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL
 By M.G. Davidson
 February 17 2026
 7pm
 Huntsville ISD PAC
 Free Admission
 Donations Accepted to Support MPMS Theatre

Valentine's Day Celebration
 Thursday, Feb. 12th
 (In the library)
 "Love is not just in words, it speaks actions that demonstrate care, commitment, and truth!"

I have an important question for you
 Will you buy a yearbook?
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 Say "yes" today
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 Mance Park Middle School

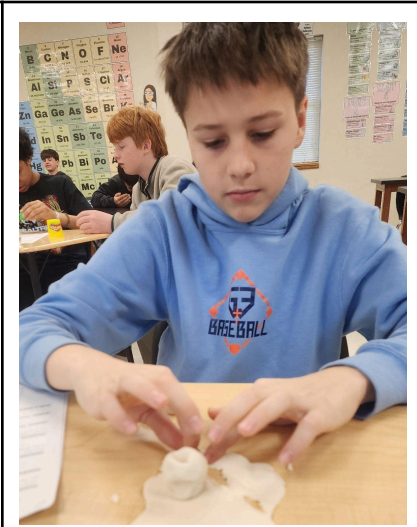
In the classrooms...



Students in Mrs. Hall's World History classes created crowns for the Chinese New Year. 2026 is the year of the horse.



Students in 6th grade science classes created the layers of the Earth.



Students in 7th grade science classes learned about plate tectonics.



7th Grade Math Skittles Lab.



8th grade Girls Athletics use our new weight room for strength & conditioning.



6th grade Art classes with Mrs. Tijerina created Mardi Gras Masks.