

MPMS Board Notes - August 2025



Don Jackson, MPMS Principal, Notes:

My time in Huntsville ISD has truly been a blessing. I absolutely love my Central Office Admin Team. The induction process I've experienced has been nothing short of phenomenal. I'm incredibly inspired by Dr. Sheppard and his leadership team—they push me daily to be the best version of myself.

Before I accepted this position, I remember driving around the Mance Park campus and praying that my next role would allow me to connect with people in a way that made a real impact. That prayer is being answered. As I grow in confidence and boldness, I can feel that positive influence beginning to take shape.

I want to express my sincere thanks to our Board of Trustees and Dr. Sheppard for trusting me with this opportunity. Although our students haven't yet arrived, we've already had outstanding professional development, and our staff is ready to meet the challenge head-on.

I also want to take a moment to publicly thank Josh Campbell for agreeing to be my mentor. His successful leadership and legacy at Mance Park are already evident. We've scheduled weekly meetings to continue building that mentorship, and I'm grateful for his guidance.

Next, I'd like to recognize my dean, assistant principals, and counselors. We are fortunate to have an incredibly talented team of young leaders, and I'm committed to supporting their growth—especially if they aspire to become principals one day. Their contributions are already making a difference, and our counselors have risen to the occasion to ensure our students are set up for success.

I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our instructional coaches. I had the privilege of watching them shine during districtwide professional development as they led sessions for our secondary teachers. Their expertise is a true asset.

Finally, I want to speak to the incredible welcome I've received from our staff. Together, we're building relationships rooted in mutual trust and respect, which is the foundation for the culture we're creating here.

Our early student and parent interactions have been phenomenal, starting with 6th Grade Orientation, which we felt was essential for a successful transition to Mance Park. Our Meet and Greet were well attended, and I'm pleased to report that fewer than 50 students still need to provide documentation for required vaccinations.

At Mance Park Middle School, we are committed to **Building Champions**—young people who will thrive at Huntsville High School and graduate with choices and opportunities.

Don Jackson
Principal, Mance Park Middle School

Meet our campus Administrative Team:

Ciara Bradley
7th AP

Melody Saladiner
6th AP

Don Jackson
Principal

William Woods
8th AP

Charly Jaramillo
Dean of Instruction & Learning



6th Grade Orientation, 8/1/25 - Photos by Peyton A. Williams, Lanie Nye, and Eliza Ashton...all former MPMS Stinger Yearbook Staff members.

