



FRANCES MACK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Frances Mack Families,

We sincerely hope each of you are enjoying a wonderful summer! As we look forward to the 2021-2022 academic year, we want to welcome you and your student to Frances Mack Intermediate School. (FMIS) At FMIS our vision is to provide exemplary instruction that is student-centered and meets the rigorous demands for the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Our staff is committed to fostering an environment that shows care and concern for your students social-emotional well-being and safety while engaging in an educational framework that supports all students as they seek to achieve the knowledge, skills, and characteristics identified in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. (PSCG)

FMIS utilizes the gradual release model for learning via Montessori method, problem-based learning and a multi-disciplined workshop approach to create student-centered differentiated and personalized learning experiences. Students at Frances Mack Intermediate School showcase their personalized learning strategies through conferring, goal setting, researching topics, analyzing primary sources, working collaboratively to showcase their knowledge using written expression, technology, problem solving and communicating solutions orally and in written form. In our most recent years FMIS has engaged in project-based learning where students develop driving questions for research, create work plans to achieve rigorous learning goals and communicate their deeper learning experiences through real world problem solving. FMIS learning celebrations are used to showcase student work and provide evidence of rigorous deeper learning experiences. Students present and display learning to an authentic audience comprised of peers, teachers, board members, field experts and parents which is a key skill of college and career readiness. We look forward to seeing you on our learning celebration nights!

Frances Mack Intermediate School has many organizations, clubs and partnerships that allow students to utilize their world class skills and knowledge to lead, learn, serve and excel. From our nationally recognized Jr. Beta club, Gifted and Talented academic and Arts programs, Band, Chorus, Run-Hard athletes, Project Unify athletes, Student Ambassadors, Green Team plus a growing Robotics Team FMIS empowers our community of leaders and learners. FMIS students received recognition for their leadership, learning and service through achieving national and state awards in literacy, art, creativity, dance and Special Olympics. Our school clubs and organization's commitment to serve their community helps provide support to local

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service projects and care facilities in the Midlands of South Carolina. Mentor programs and partnerships such as City Year, parent empowerment teams (PALS), South Carolina Department of Innovation and post-secondary partnerships that include Midlands Technical College student support services (TRIO) and the University of South Carolina Awake Center have allowed Frances Mack Intermediate School to be recognized as a school of distinction.

Thank you in advance for your support of our school and your students' academic, emotional and social growth. We look forward to meeting with you on **August 11, 2021 from 1:30pm-6:30pm at Meet the Teacher. In an effort to meet DHEC recommendations for social distancing your homeroom teacher will contact you on August 9, 2021 to schedule an appointment for an in person or virtual meeting.** If you cannot attend Meet the Teacher you can schedule an individual meeting at a later date to accommodate the needs of your family. A reminder that at Meet the Teacher you will be able to meet the FMIS staff, receive a schedule, pay fees, update demographic information, receive a car tag and/or complete a transportation declaration for your student. We are truly honored to serve with you in education. At Frances Mack Intermediate School our Tigers Lead, Learn, Serve and Excel!

Sincerely,

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Full DHEC Guidance:

<https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/Interim-COVID-19-Guidance-for-K-12-School-Operations-2021-07-29.pdf>

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