

PARK PLACE SCHOOL-ANNUAL REPORT

Learners in the Classroom. Leaders in the Community. Lights in the World.
School Year 2019-2020



Our first 8th grade class -
"The Twelve Young Disciples"
graduate to high school!
Yes, we are proud!

A Christian, Non-profit, Private School in Norfolk, VA. Est. 1998

OUR MISSION

Through a partnership of family, school, and community, Park Place School provides a Christ-centered, equitable educational choice to inspire students to become life-long learners spiritually, academically, and socially.

INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING

Students in grades 3-8 are offered additional support needed to excel. Classroom sizes are limited to 15, often with a volunteer or intern to assist each teacher.

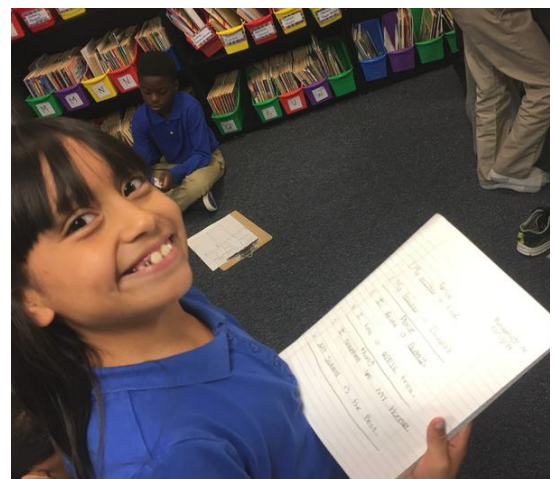
PARTNERSHIP RESOURCES

More than a dozen community partners bring instruction and resources to our students; such as music, art therapy, after school programs, tutoring, and much more!

EQUITABLE, FREE SCHOOL CHOICE LEADS TO CHANGED LIVES FOR OUR LEARNERS!

With God's guidance and the dedication of our teachers, staff, volunteers, and partnering organizations, Park Place School changes the trajectory of children's lives. Instead of struggling, and perhaps failing in school, our learners receive the resources they need to succeed.

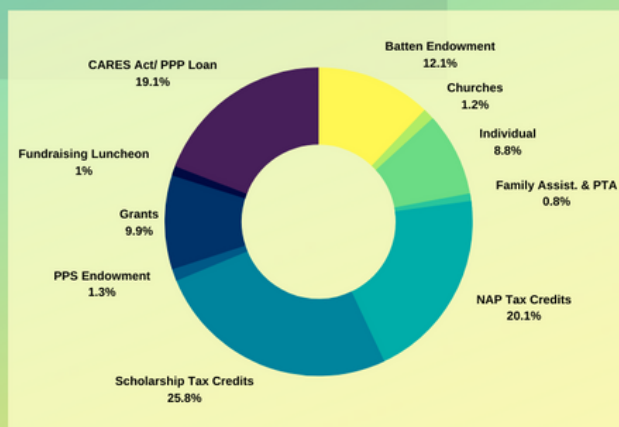
Expectations are set high. And yet in the final 9 weeks of school, with all instruction occurring remotely due to the COVID closure, 35% of our 84 students made honor-roll! Ten earned all A's! One-hundred-percent of our learners participated in virtual classrooms and regular telephone contact with their classroom teachers. Several participated in violin lessons via Zoom, thanks to Chris Morton and the Academy of Music.



PPS Contributions

2019-2020

\$486,000 Total income



IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

"THIS SCHOOL IS SOMEWHERE THAT MY CHILD LOVES AND SHE'S ABLE TO EXPRESS HERSELF THE WAY SHE WANTS, HONESTLY AND OPENLY. THIS SCHOOL HAS HELPED MY CHILD IN THE BEST WAY EVER." S. MOORE, MOM OF A 3RD GRADER

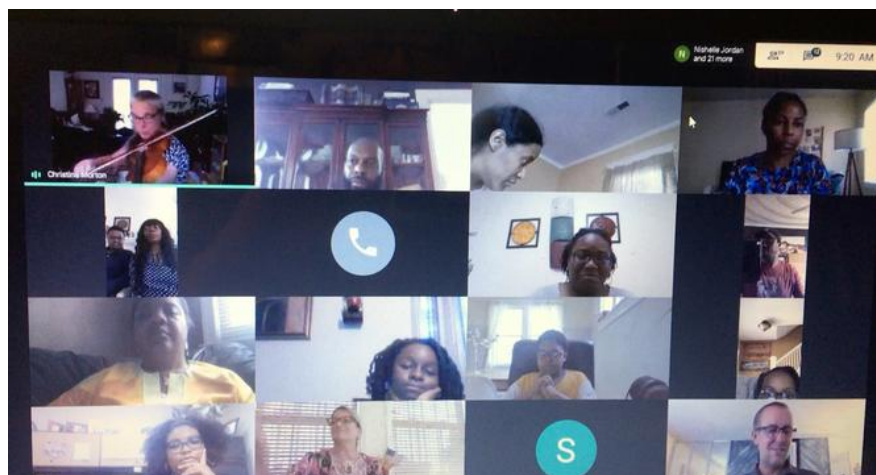
"PPS IS NECESSARY FOR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AND GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR LIVES NOW AND IN THE FUTURE."
S. WEBB/ GR.MOTHER OF A 4TH GRADER

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Organizations and Volunteers Share Resources

More than 50 volunteers help make Park Place School a place of empowerment. Every classroom is supported by interns, former teachers and volunteers. Here are examples of other partnerships offering FREE programming and support:

- Academy of Music - offers weekly violin lessons for each student
- Norfolk State University - guitar lessons offered after school
- Athletes United Against Adversity brings powerful after school programming
- YMCA - provides after school programming for elementary students
- Norfolk Academy students, BeAR volunteers, and the Girl Scouts offer before, during and afterschool tutoring and life skills
- Norfolk Police Officers conduct open talks with students and a Valentine's Day give-away
- STEMulating Youth w/ Dr. Coletta Bey - after school STEM classes
- CBN LAUNCH - serves meals and boasts a powerful history of giving to the Park Place and surrounding community. CBN donated and helped PPS raise more than \$18,000!
- Mercy Chefs serves delicious, healthy breakfast and lunch for our students
- World Central Kitchen, with Chefs Jose Andres & Travel Walker, and local celeb Pharrell Williams, partners with PPS volunteers to bring world-class meals to PPS families during the COVID-19 crisis. More than 1100 meals are served during a 6 week period!



End of Year Virtual Awards Ceremony
It was awesome! God's spirit was present!



**A YEAR OF CHANGE, NEW BEGINNINGS,
AND VICTORIES!**

The 2019-2020 School Year brought new leaders, teachers, students - and a pandemic!

- Principal Kamilah Bowers takes the helm, with Brenda Garrett as Operations Manager
- Mike Harris steps in as School Chaplain
- 4 new inspiring and highly qualified teachers join us. See website for bios!
- Nearly 40% of PPS enrollment was new.
- Our first 8th grade class "graduates" to high school!
- IRS tax law changes bring new fundraising challenges, yet donor-base continues to grow
- COVID-19 interrupts school-based instruction.
- Through God's grace, strong final quarter donations and CARES funding combine to raise 95% of next year's budget. *Thank you, everyone!*

COVID-19 changes how students learn around the globe!

On March 13, 2020, Gov. Northam halts classroom-based learning for the remainder of the school year. With more than 9 weeks of school remaining, PPS implements a plan in 72 hours.

- CHROMEBOOKS provided for all
- Google-Classroom utilized for live, group instruction
- Teachers maintained nearly daily contact with every student
- 100% of PPS students participate in remote learning!
- Several students participate in virtual violin lessons!
- Pastor & "Coach" Mike inspires students and staff through creative exercise videos!
- Weekly Chapel lessons recorded on YouTube channel
- Virtual classroom instruction proves more challenging for some than others - while many students excel!