

HIDDEN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Self-Control
Honesty
Accountability
Respect
Kindness



Year Two is in the books as they say, very appropriate as our Cambridge Learners have spent this year adding to the HOMS' History Book. They participated in our 1st ever District History Fair and swept multiple categories! We have several Cambridge 6th, 7th and 8th graders who will be traveling to Tallahassee in two weeks to participate in the State History Fair—go, Sharks, go! Our 7th grade Cambridge Learners created and participated in our 1st ever Wonder Emporium—a showcase of disruptive inventions that prove our Sharks are ready to change the world. This year, our learners authored graphic novels, completed novel studies and presented original ideas to peers, staff and MCSD employees. We are making history every day and couldn't be more proud. Onward to Year Three!

Please also join us in thinking about and thanking our Cambridge teachers. Our teachers are the core that cares for, nourishes, and cultivates the innovative, confident, and responsible learners we have on our campus. Their work is apparent in our classrooms every day. Classrooms that have been described by students as full of “creativity, interactive people to collaborate with, the freedom to be myself, opportunities, fun, research, global places and events, thinking, brain exercise”. “Brain exercise”, what a beautiful thought. Thank you, HOMS Cambridge Teachers!

NEW LOWER SECONDARY CAMBRIDGE COURSE 23/24

Spotlight on Cambridge 2D Art

HOMS is proud to announce that we will be offering a new Cambridge Lower Secondary course next year: 2D Art! Our talented Jen Foglia will be teaching it. Cambridge 2D Art will incorporate world cultures, journaling, technology, and world masterpieces to foster our learners' personal artistic style and independent thinking. Learners will create a cumulative art portfolio while mastering multiple mediums and styles.

**Special Cambridge
Congratulations to our many
Cambridge Sharks who will be
moving forward to the State
History Fair in Tallahassee,
May 7-9!**

Wish them luck!

CAMBRIDGE LEARNER ATTRIBUTES

We are ending our year with our final two Cambridge Learner Attributes: Innovative and Engaged. These two encompass the Cambridge Lower Secondary curricular goals in a nutshell: “equipped and ready to make a difference”. Our Cambridge Sharks are not afraid to disrupt current ideas with innovative thinking and problem-solving. They are ready to create a legacy. They ARE the future. And it never looked brighter.

<p>Innovative</p>	<p>Innovative and equipped for new and future challenges.</p> <p>Cambridge learners welcome new challenges and meet them resourcefully, creatively and imaginatively. They are capable of applying their knowledge and understanding to solve new and unfamiliar problems. They can adapt flexibly to new situations requiring new ways of thinking.</p>
<p>Engaged</p>	<p>Engaged intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference.</p> <p>Cambridge learners are alive with curiosity, embody a spirit of enquiry and want to dig more deeply. They are keen to learn new skills and are receptive to new ideas. They work well independently but also with others. They are equipped to participate constructively in society and the economy – locally, nationally and globally.</p>