

A Message from The KMS Principal

- **congratulations:** *a message telling someone that you are happy because of his or her success or good luck: words that congratulate someone.*

Why am I being so dramatic? Honestly, I am very excited and proud of our Kountze Middle School Family and the TEA scores we were able to produce last year. I can honestly say that we are one of the best performing middle school campuses in our region. TEA has awarded us with a **Met Standard** rating and a Distinction Earned in **Top 25 Percent Student Progress**. Every one of the performance index scores for our campus increased from the prior school year. This campus and our staff, have continued to show what it

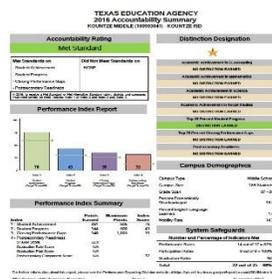
means to improve the skills and knowledge of our students. Again, a congratulation is in order. I can't say thank you enough and let's continue to show this community, our kids and TEA what we are capable of doing as a Family.

Sincerely,

Thomas Cooley

Proud Member of the KMS Family

Please take the time to review our progress and TEA recognitions on our campus home page. The campus scores and progress can be reviewed on our middle school website by clicking on the name of the underlined reports.



Back 2 School and Back 2 Basics

It's never a perfect science, but we are working towards a truly bully free community. Our campus anti-bully club has started to gather new members for another successful program year. We have enjoyed, embraced and encouraged our 8th grade students to learn the truths behind what bullying really looks and sounds like. Each year, our 8th grade students work as peer-teachers to build a program that spreads the message of community and positive citizenship. As with any program, there are always bumps in the road and struggles to overcome, but learning how to stay positive makes this a real family and improves our community. In October, please commit to stopping bullying in our community.