



Memphis Delta Preparatory CHARTER SCHOOL

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Happy Holidays from Memphis Delta Prep! It has been an incredible 2015 for the Memphis Delta Prep Team.

- January: MDP Founding Board established
 - February: Letter of Intent submitted to Shelby County Schools
 - April: Application submitted to Shelby County Schools
 - May: A request for amendments to the charter application were made by Shelby County Schools
 - June: Application resubmitted
 - July 21st: Shelby County School Board approves the Charter of Memphis Delta Prep!! ☺
 - September: McKenna Family relocates to Memphis
 - October: Director of Operations, Catlin Streit hired
 - November: First official student application received!
 - December: First teacher hired!
 - January: Keys received from Shelby County Schools for Lincoln Elementary, the home of Memphis Delta Prep!
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What's Next:

2016 will be a most exciting year for Memphis Delta Prep. This spring, we will recruit a team of educators and a team of families to build the founding students and staff of Memphis Delta Prep. In July, our team of 30 educators will spend four weeks learning together and preparing to open our doors to 300 students on August 8th.

Come visit us at our new home: 1566 S. Orleans Ave, Memphis TN 38106.



PRACTICE SMILE GROW

Upcoming Events

January 4

Lincoln Move in Date!

January 13

Jounce Training at CBU

January 19

Community Day

January 23

Student Recruitment Event and Book Distribution



South Memphis Community Day



On November 21st we hosted the 1st annual south Memphis Community Day. Over 200 community members and 15 community organizations came out and enjoyed a great day of celebrating all things South Memphis!!



A note from the School Leader

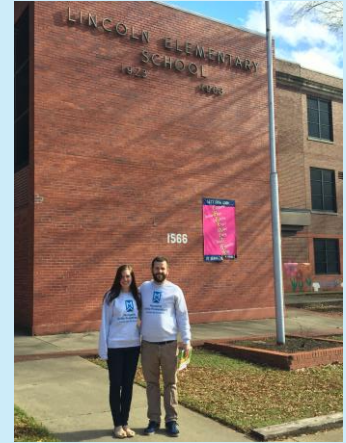
As I reflect on the year, I am incredibly thankful for so many things that have happened this year and so many people who have helped us get to this place.

- I am thankful for my loving wife and children, who make me smile and laugh each and every day.
- I am thankful for my extended family who have affirmed me throughout this year and supported my dream even as it meant moving away.
- I am thankful to the people of the South Memphis community who welcome me as one of their own and remind me each day why I fell in love with 38106 eleven years ago.
- I am thankful for our Board members, who push us each day to build the best school in the country and never shy away from putting in the work that has been so crucial in this year of building.
- I am thankful for the Shelby County School Board and particularly the Charter School Office, which has put its faith in the Memphis Delta Prep team to educate Shelby County families.
- I am thankful to Jounce Partners for the opportunity to build this dream through their fellowship program and their endless guidance and support.
- I am thankful to the Memphis school community, which has been so welcoming and helpful to us with our endless questions as we try to learn from those who have come before.
- I am thankful for our Director of Operations, Caitlin, who keeps us consistently moving forward and allows me to spend time in schools and in the community through her detailed and thoughtful planning and execution.
- I am thankful for all the wonderful educators who have applied to MDP and for the incredible passion they bring to this work. I am inspired each day to hear how many people are as excited as we are to build a great school.
- I am thankful to the 49 families who have already enrolled their children for the March lottery, for their faith in us and their commitment to making sure their children receive the best education that Memphis has to offer.
- I am thankful for the incredible generosity of so many friends and family as well as foundations who are helping us get closer to executing our vision, not only by donating funds but also by continuing to spread the word about the work we are doing in South Memphis.

HAPPINESS AND EDUCATION!!

Mike

New Home: Lincoln Elementary



School Leader Mike McKenna and Director of Operations Caitlin Streit haven't let waiting for keys stop them from spending lots of time at the new home of Memphis Delta Prep. As winter approaches they are thankful for new MDP sweatshirts and keys to the building! The former Memphis City School Elementary school building was built in 1923 and is in beautiful shape with 33 classrooms, a library, and 2 multipurpose spaces!! It will hopefully serve as the forever home for Memphis Delta Prep, and the surrounding residents could not be more excited and supportive.



The McKennas love the new home of Memphis Delta Prep!!