

MASON

PREPARATORY SCHOOL



March 17, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

Mason Preparatory School cordially invites you to the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for our new Lower School Building on Wednesday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m. One of our sixth grade students, Eshani Mehta, had the pleasure of meeting you and has written you a letter of invitation and encouraged her classmates to do the same. These letters are enclosed.

The Harriett Starr Mason Lower School Building is the first step of Mason Prep's campus transformation project. It is the new home for first and second grades as well as for Mason Prep's first kindergarten classes.

The short program will be attended by our students, parents, Board of Trustees and Mason Prep's "extended family," our neighbors and friends of the school. We hope you will be able to join us as this project enhances not only our campus, but also our community in this beautiful location downtown.

For further information or to confirm your attendance, I may be reached at 843.723.0664 or stemplej@masonprep.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joanne Stemple
Director of Development

Mason Preparatory School
56 Halsey Boulevard
Charleston, SC 29401

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Dear Governor Haley,

My name is Eshani Mehta, and I am a 6th grader at Mason Preparatory School in Charleston, South Carolina. I am writing this letter to cordially invite you to the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for our new Lower School Building on Wednesday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Last year, I had the pleasure of meeting you in person when my family and I were guests at the campaign dinner at the home of Dr. Pammi and Dr. Inderjit Singh on October 5 2014 in Mount Pleasant. I was so impressed to meet you, and the warmth with which you greeted my family made me your fan. Since then, I have always considered you as my role model and have always looked up to you for inspiration.

Our school participates in the Accelerated Reading Program, a program where you get Accelerated Reading points depending on how many books you read and the difficulty level of those books. I set a school record last year with 1,114 points. When students reach 600 points, they become the Principal of the Day. While you are Principal of the Day, you get to help the headmaster throughout the whole day and also get to make two requests. When I had met you, you, I had told you about my accomplishment of becoming the Principal of the Day, and you had so graciously promised me that you would indeed attend our school building's ribbon cutting ceremony. You had also given me Ms. Katherine S. Haltiwanger's business for contact information. When I was Principal of the Day, I requested the headmaster of our school, Mr. Eric Kreutner, for my whole grade to write letters inviting you to our new lower school building's ribbon cutting ceremony.

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My favorite thing about the new building is the new, advanced playground equipment. Our prodigious playground facility allows us to choose from a wide variety of activities during recess, such as playing on a modern seesaw, climbing an intricately designed structure, and talking to friends on the top floor of the play structure that is open to air.

It would be a dream come true for me if you could please take some time out of your busy schedule and be our guest of honor for the ribbon cutting ceremony. My entire school and I would be delighted to have you at the event.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eshani Mehta". The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent initial 'E'.

Eshani Mehta
Sixth Grader

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My favorite thing about the new building is that it came with a playground. The playground has many obstacles to climb on. It has two huge slides that are very fun to go on. It also has an advanced merry go round that you could get dizzy very easily. That is what I like about the new playground that came with the new building.

I hope that you will join us at Mason Prep for our ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diego Forte". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Forte".

Diego Forte
Sixth Grader

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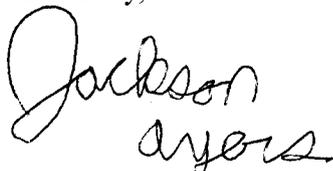
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My favorite thing about the new building is the common learning area. I enjoy it because we can learn in it whenever we want to get out of the old building. I also enjoy the chairs, because they are wobbly, so it is fun, but if you don't want to sit in them, they have other chairs. I also like common learning area because there is a wall that is a dry erase board.

I hope that you will join us at Mason Prep for our ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackson Ayers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jackson Ayers
Sixth Grader

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My favorite thing about the new building is the new lunch room. I like it because we get to eat lunch with the other class and get to talk to our friends in that class. You also get to talk with another grade during lunch. I also like the learning center. I like it because it lets us get out of the classroom and be able to move around. My favorite part is the playground. With everyone playing basketball, soccer, or football there is no space so now less people will play and it will be roomy. I like seeing the kindergarten and first graders up there. I love our new building.

I hope that you will join us at Mason Prep for our ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heyward Britton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "H" and "B".

Heyward Britton
Sixth Grader

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My favorite thing about the new building is the bold, bright colors and the common learning areas with the new stools and chairs. They create a calming but engaging atmosphere to help us learn.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haley E. Bryan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and 'B'.

Haley Bryan
Sixth Grader

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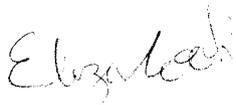
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My favorite thing about the new building is the outdoor playground. It has several climbing toys as well as a merry go round type structure. There is also a high tower with a fast slide. The new play toy is my personal favorite thing about the new building.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliza Cook".

Eliza Cook
Sixth Grader

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My favorite thing about the new building is the lunch room, because that is the only room that the 6th graders can use for the new building. Also, because we can eat with the other class to.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Crowther". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

James Crowther
Sixth Grader

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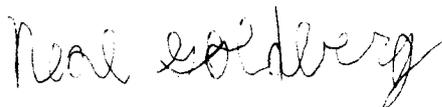
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My favorite thing about the new building is the common area. The common area has wonderful seats that will keep the younger kids occupied. The common area is also used for classes of all ages when there are no other rooms available. It can be used for skits because it has a large white board on the wall that you can either use for blank space or make it look as if you are in a specific place. There are many other great things about the new building, but the common area is in my opinion the best.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neal Goldberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "N" and "G".

Neal Goldberg
Sixth Grader

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My favorite thing about the new building is the creative design of the furnishings. The way it is laid out is much less restricting. It gives you a sense of joy. Finally, it seems like the kind of place you can let your imagination run free. The creative feel to the furnishings found in the new building is my favorite feature of the new building.

I hope that you will join us at Mason Prep for our ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Akerman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jack Akerman
Sixth Grader

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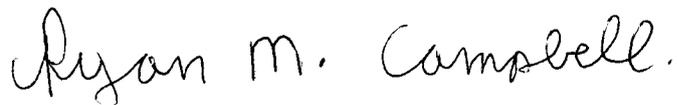
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My favorite thing about the new building is the great design and gracious beauty of the new building. The colors clash together like a wave against wave. They are perfectly astonishing sights to see. The glorious design is even better with the court next to the building that gives a marvelous look. The designer did a magnificent job on his design.

I hope that you will join us at Mason Prep for our ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan M. Campbell." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ryan M. Campbell
Sixth Grader

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My favorite thing about the new building is the new playground. I enjoy using all of the climbing apparatuses. The recycled rubber chips do a great job of catching your fall. The merry-go-round structure is very fun and moves quickly in circles. The benches located on the tower are a great place to chat with your friends. I am extremely excited to begin using the advanced playground equipment.

I hope that you will join us at Mason Prep for our ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Cook".

Anna Cook
Sixth Grader

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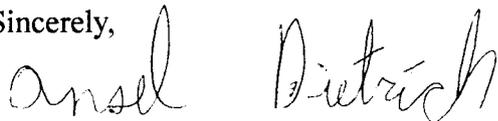
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My favorite thing about the new building is the common learning center. I enjoy it because it doesn't seem like I'm getting lectures anymore; it feels like a more hands on learning. I also like the chairs because they are more comfortable than the ones we use in our normal class rooms. The new learning center is a calm area which makes learning fun. The area also has a new white board that looks like it's painted on the wall. This is why the common learning area is my favorite thing in the new building.

I hope that you will join us at Mason Prep for our ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ansel Dietrich". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Ansel Dietrich
6th Grader

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My favorite thing about the new building is the common area, a room dedicated to kids that like to study, read, or take accelerated reader tests in their free time. First, I like the common area because it is a good spot to have extra help with teachers. Second, I like the common area because if you want to have class in a different room you can sit on swivel chairs and learn in a fun environment. Lastly, kids can study, read, or take accelerated reader tests in their free time. The common area is my favorite part of the new building.

I hope that you will join us at Mason Prep for our ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luca Gruber', with a horizontal line underneath.

Luca Gruber
Sixth Grader

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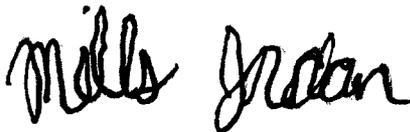
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My favorite thing about the new building is the common learning area. First, it has swivel chairs that are fun to sit on and give you a chance to sit in something other than an average desk. Next, I like the dry erase board painted onto the wall because it gives our eyes a break from looking at the ActivBoards in our classrooms. Lastly, I like to be able to sit by all my friends and feel more relaxed when I learn, and this area provides just that for me. I hope you will be able to come see the magnificent new building along with the common learning area.

I hope that you will join us at Mason Prep for our ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mills Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mills Jordan
Sixth Grader