

## TM Awards & Recognitions

**(NOTE: Highlighted hyperlinks provide more information and access to products.)**

- KPREP Distinguished School 2016-17
  - State high-stakes assessment scores qualified us for a “Distinguished” ranking, the highest of the four categories, for the first time in school history.
- 4-Star/Very High Growth School 2018-19
  - State high-stakes assessment scores qualified us for 4-Stars under the new Kentucky 5-Star school rating system.
  - Designated as a “Very High Growth” School, we were in the top 2%, ranking 15th out of all elementary schools in Kentucky for growth.
- Energy Bus School
  - We’ve been a Certified Energy Bus School, a framework for inspiring and empowering positive leadership in staff and students, since 2017-18. We were a part of the 2nd cohort in the nation and the first in Kentucky.
- #TMGenius Twitter Chats
  - We host a monthly Twitter chat using our school hashtag, #TMGenius. This is led by various staff members (teachers, admin, even custodians) who sign up and choose a topic they are passionate about learning and connecting with others around.
    - [#TMGenius Chat sign-up list and purpose](#)
    - [Recognized at the national level as an “Educhat”](#)
    - Check out our [October chat questions around the Power of PLCs](#)
- 2018 Oasis Award - First Place
  - Parent Newsletter Award for “The Taylor Mill Connection” and an example of how we use technology to accelerate learning and amplify culture.
- #KYGoDigital
  - Our principal, Melody Stacy, has been featured on the state #KYGoDigital YouTube channel to share how our school uses technology to amplify our culture. You can view her show here: <https://youtu.be/rmORyzfm3w4>
  - Melody and Katelyn Callahan, a teacher leader, began the first-ever virtual #KYGoDigital summer event where national authors keynoted and collectively over 1000 educators across the state came together online to connect and share how to use technology to support student success. Many of our teachers were session leaders, sharing their creative and effective uses in their classrooms.

- Melody has been the keynote speaker at two regional #KYGoDigital events, sharing the story of Taylor Mill.
- Melody and Kim Laughlin, our assistant principal have been asked to present how we use digital tools in our school to facilitate and create a PLC culture.
- EdCamp
  - Our principal, Melody, has been on the planning committee for the Northern KY EdCamp for four years. This event draws hundreds of educators annually. Several of our teachers have presented on topics including special education collaboration, whole-brain teaching, and the benefits of blogging.
  - Melody and our assistant principal, Kim, have presented at our state's EdCamp for school leaders.
- [National Art Education Association Article](#)
  - NAEA published an article by our art teacher, Casey Kirk, titled "Know Your Why." Casey, a "singleton" discussed the importance of being tied to your personal WHY as well as a shared WHY. This is a direct result of being supported by a PLC culture.
- Kenton County Professional Growth Academy
  - Katelyn Callahan, Amelia Brown, Jenn Browning, Natasha Greis, Erick Larson, and Christa Pike, all teacher leaders, have been designated and recognized by our school district and asked to share best practices and present sessions at our annual teacher academy.
- Summer book studies
  - All teacher-chosen and teacher-led, we have around 12 different book studies going on each summer. These mostly virtual (we use Voxer) groups connect around reading and have gained attention by having well-known authors join. You can check out a blog post, [How to Summer Book Study Like a Genius](#) for more details.
- Scholastic Storyworks Idea Book Article
  - [Student-Led Learning: Choose Your Own Adventure!](#) - Scholastic saw how Katelyn Callahan was designing student-led learning in her classroom using Storyworks and asked her to write an article to share her idea.
- Voices from the Classroom
  - Amelia Brown & Jessica McMahan have both been published as guest authors in a Northern KY monthly series of articles.

- Excellence in Education
  - Jill Steenken, Debbie Petrey, Sharon Fritz and Brittany Starnes have been recognized at the district level as having qualities that exemplify this annual award.
- PTA Apple Award 2019-20
  - We have been recognized by the National Parent Teacher Association as having 100% staff participation.
- Kentucky Council for the Teachers of Mathematics
  - Carol Muzny has served on the board as Vice President for Elementary