LAUREL HIGHLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Mini Mighty Mustangs (M.M.M)



Early Childhood Literacy Program starting at birth. "LOVE IT. LIVE IT. READ IT."

## What is the Mini Mighty Mustang program?

The Laurel Highlands Mini Mighty Mustang program started in 2015 with an idea, a grant and several partnerships with the main purpose to focus on early childhood literacy in our community. Even though the grant ended, we found several other grants along with additional partnerships including WQED and PBS Kids in 2018. Each year the program gets stronger and continues to grow. The popularity of the program continues to expand each year.

The Mini Mighty Mustang program is a multi-faceted approach. It includes Community Outreach, High School Students Mentors, Literacy Events, Technology Infusion, A Mobile Book Nook, and SO MUCH MORE.

Each year, high school students plan, organize, and lead numerous literacy events for youth in our community. The literacy events provide opportunities for our high school students to be positive mentors for our pre-K and Kindergarten students. We have distributed over 4,000 FREE books, activities, and built great partnerships with our early childhood providers all in the hopes of inspiring children to see the benefits of reading!

We have expanded the program by creating mobile book stops throughout the summer and mail home reading materials to future Mustangs. Our goal is to place even more books in the hands of students and parents in our community. This program would not be possible without several partners including Chevron, WQED, IU#1, United Way, The BookStop, and numerous pre-K providers.

We hope to see you at our future events.

LOVE IT! LIVE IT! READ IT!