

E. P. Todd School **is helping all students develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by** continued dedication to rigorous instruction, use of technology to promote learning, and actively engaging students in the learning process. At E. P. Todd, we strive to be the school in the community that families *choose* to attend. We currently enroll approximately 720 students in grades 3K – 8th. In addition to a traditional elementary program, we also offer a Montessori program in our primary and elementary grades. Despite the operational challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are certain that *The Future is So Bright* for our Todd Tigers.

We strive to create an environment that nurtures and challenges students. This year we have been very intentional on the social/emotional side of learning. We had three guidance counselors who conducted bi-weekly lessons with students. Counselors used the Second Step Curriculum that addressed topics such as friendship, bullying, perseverance, and Erin's Law. Teachers also began holding daily class meetings as a method to address and check on social/emotional needs. Additionally, we housed a fulltime Mental Health Counselor in our building. We were very proud to offer quality services with easy access to our families. And though the school year has ended, counseling services are still available to students and families at E. P. Todd.

The pandemic put a pause on many in-person events. However, through the creative use of technology, we were able to think out of the box to provide Meet the Teacher – Virtually, host a virtual Open House, conduct parent-teacher conferences, and showcase our students demonstrating that we, too, are ready for today's global environment. We continued to work with community partners, like Solvay, S.A. and Walk a Mile in Our Shoes. We were grateful for the contributions they made to E. P. Todd School. Cedar Spring Baptist Church continued to sponsor weekly food bags for families in need and made many efforts to care for our faculty and staff by sponsoring meals and bringing by treats to show appreciation. Sadly, we were not able to have our mentorship programs this year. Our desire in the coming year is to continue to strengthen these relationships, reinstate our mentorship programs, and cultivate partnerships with other community organizations.

Our PTO remained active and engaged. They were very inventive and hosted March Madness – Minute to Win It games as a fundraiser for the school. Monies were used to fund teacher grants! In addition, the PTO provided the school with a new laminator, back to school shirts for teachers, E. P. Todd mugs at Christmas to name a few things. We look forward to engaging our parents on a larger scale in the 21-22 school year! Academic growth and student achievement is always at the forefront of what we do at E. P. Todd School. We are fortunate that all students from K5

through 8th grade are 1:1 with technology. To support technology use, our Technology Integration Specialist works with teachers to implement best practices in instruction. We are in the initial phases of a school-wide focus on Reading Comprehension and Problem Solving in mathematics. We believe an emphasis through inquiry will develop an intrinsic desire to learn. Our Reading Coach conducts weekly professional learning sessions with teachers to support instructional practices. We also use iReady data as a decision-making tool this year in place of MAP. We support teachers with professional development. In an effort to blend our staff, the traditional teacher participated in a 10-week Montessori fundamentals course. We recognize both programs have significant strengths and want to bridge the gap between programs to provide the very best instruction to our students. We want to work through the lens of continuous improvement and use data as a driving force as we move Forward Together!

This year has proven to also be a Season of Transition. After many meetings, focus groups, and a board vote, E. P. Todd will bid farewell to the middle school component of our school. We will also welcome in pre-school special needs classes as well as traditional K4 classes. We are excited to begin this new chapter at E. P. Todd.

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