

Monarch Elementary School
218 Monarch School Drive
Union, South Carolina 29379

School Improvement Council Report to Parents
April 24, 2012

Monarch Elementary School Mission:

Union County Schools and its stakeholders commit to students first in building community, excellence, and life-long learning.

MES School Improvement Council Mission:

The SIC serves as an advisory body to the principal that exists to make continual improvements in each student's educational journey while recognizing the process is a responsibility shared by school, family, and community. The SIC also serves as an entity that provides information to stakeholders while promoting the school's progress as it meets both district and state goals.

MES SIC Members 2011-2012

Anita H. Maness, Principal

Courtney M. Dean, Chairperson/Parent/Community Member

Dawn Childers, Secretary/Parent/Community Member

Dena Addis, Teacher

Julie Bailey, Parent

Tracy Childers, Parent

Holly Coffey, Parent/Community Member

Tracy Connolly, Teacher

Tabitha Cooke, Parent

Rodney Davis, Parent

Rhonda Gregory, Parent

Tonya Johnson, Teacher

Missy Kirby, Parent

Rev. Terry Mitchell, Community Member

Lisa Morrow, Parent

Teresa Pickens, Parent

Libby Scott, Parent

Jessica Sherbert, Parent

Misty Sinclair, Parent

Shannon Sumner, Parent

Betsy Thompson, Teacher

Brad Valentine, Parent/Community Member

STAR POINTS

- We acquired the use of the gymnasium at Bethel United Methodist Church for certain physical education classes where a gym is needed and also as a way to continue physical education classes during times of inclement weather.
- Again this school year, we acquired the Save the Children Grant which provides literacy programs and incentives while offering nutritional snacks and physical activity.
- The financial support of both the PTO and the SIC helped to provide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support System (PBIS) Incentives.
- Again this school year, the SIC continued to support the implementation of the Good News Program sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship.
- Each year, the SIC works alongside PTO in an effort to carry out the “Santa Shop” as a means of allowing children to purchase with “Monarch Money” holiday gifts for family and friends.
- As a means of promoting physical fitness while simultaneously encouraging family time, we began the monthly “Family Walks in the Park.”
- As done each year, the SIC continued to implement and improve the School Safety Coordinator Program whereby SLED checked School Volunteers serve as regular monitors of hallways and entrance areas into the school.

A Message from the SIC Chair

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the SIC Chairperson for the 2011-2012 school year. On behalf of the Monarch Elementary School SIC, I am very proud of the improvements made in specific areas addressed this year as outlined below:

- Improving the health and physical activity of our students by assistance from a local church’s gymnasium.
- Improving the safety of the school by providing volunteers to monitor the halls.
- Improving test scores with assistance from the PTO in providing incentives and books.
- Improving family physical activity by sponsoring family walks at a local park.

The SIC has worked closely with the principal and has taken an active role in the decisions made this year to directly improve the overall educational experience of the students at Monarch Elementary School. We have collected and carefully considered data from parents, students, teachers, test results and the State Department of Education (SDE) School Report Card to identify areas in need of further improvement. Our teachers, parents, and community members all serve as a vital part in helping create a positive a productive environment conducive to learning and development. On behalf of the MES SIC, I thank you for your support and ask for your continued involvement in helping Monarch Elementary School strive for excellence in the areas of familial cohesiveness, community involvement and a strong sense of academia for every student.

Courtney Dean – SIC Chair