

Our Mission

The mission of The Children's School is to provide both creative and stimulating intellectual, artistic, and developmental experiences for each student. We strive to cultivate each child's natural desire to learn and to foster his/her natural curiosity and love of knowledge.

TCS Facts

Enrollment

413 students

Early Childhood

3 year olds, Pre-K 4 & Kindergarten *Multi-age*

Lower Elementary

1st & 2nd grade *Multi-age*

3rd grade

Upper Elementary

4th & 5th grade *Multi-age*

Tuition/Learning Fee

A five year old child admitted pays no additional cost, as this is a public school. Three and four year old children must pay tuition and a learning fee, as children this age are not funded at the state or local level. Three year old children come for half day. Four year old children come for a full day. Information regarding tuition can be obtained by calling the school office.

2012-2013 School Improvement Council (SIC)

M. Pitts, *Chair (2011-2013)*
K. McIntire, *Co-Chair (2011-2013)*
H. Matthews, *Parent (2011-2013)*
L. Ashford, *Faculty (2011-2013)*
R. Hart, *Faculty (2012-2013)*
A. Wellborn, *Parent (2011-2013)*
J. Cooper, *Parent(2011-2013)*
M. Adams, *Parent (2012-2013)*
J. Edwards, *Parent (2012-2014)*
M. Staffileno, *Parent (2012-2014)*
T. Sumter, *Parent (2012-2014)*
J. Jones, *Ex. Officio*
L. Weaver-Griggs, *Community Member*

2012-2013 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Officers

Hope Craig,
President
Monica Adams,
Vice President
Sandra Calhoun-White,
Treasurer
Cherie Barton,
Secretary

Teacher Liasons:

Laura Ashe
Sherry Finley

Administrative Liason:

Jacqueline Jones

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by The Children's School at Sylvia Circle's School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



The Children's School at Sylvia Circle

*A Public Montessori School of Choice for
Rock Hill School District 3*

2012-2013

Annual Report to Parents *"Soaring to Higher Expectations"*

"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment."

~Maria Montessori



Jacqueline G. Jones, Principal

929 Sylvia Circle
Rock Hill, SC 29730
803-981-1380
<http://cs.rock-hill.k12.sc.us>

What is a School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. SIC plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

What Are Our Current School Goals?

- Nurturing environment—The staff will work to build a school community that fosters respect, high expectations, and positive behaviors/communications.
- Future Focus—The staff will work to integrate technology (iPad) to support Common Core and enhance instruction.
- Quality Work-The staff will work to increase student achievement and close the achievement gap.
- Shared Vision & Beliefs—The staff will work to develop an increased commitment to Montessori beliefs and traditions

How Are We Achieving Our Goals?

These goals are reviewed monthly by the school leadership team, faculty and administration to assess progress toward achievement and determine ongoing strategies for successful achievement.

Current/Ongoing strategies:

- Encourage and assist teacher grant writing
- Beautification Projects (new bicycle rack, interior painting)
- Bullying workshops presented to Upper Elementary students and PTO parents
- Weekly lessons using iPad as a resource

Recent/Future Strategies:

- Security Upgrades at front entrance and fencing of outside areas
- Continuous professional development in Common Core, iPad technology and vertical articulation
- Tours of neighboring Montessori schools to establish networks and align Montessori philosophy with Common Core
- Continue Montessori training and certification for all staff

Additional Steps to Success

- After School Enrichment Club
- Measurement Olympics
- Character Words of the Month
- Watch Dog Dads
- Rock Hill Police Department Mentorships
- Parent Volunteers
- iPad Parent Training Sessions
- Monthly Spirit Nights for Families
- Quarterly Parent Chats
- Test Taking Strategies
- Early Childhood Readiness
- Extended Field Trip Experiences (Charleston, Kayaking, Camp Thunderbird)
- Science Week, where exciting and interactive programs are brought to our school, culminating in a judged Science Fair
- Career Fair

Student Leadership Opportunities, Activities and Recognitions

- Student Council
- Elementary Academic Vocabulary Bowl
- Elementary Science Bowl
- Battle of the Books
- Safety Patrol/Flag Bearers
- Gifted and Talented
- "Back the Pack" volunteers
- Recycling Club
- Girls on the Run
- Quarterly Community Service Projects
- Early Childhood Gardening
- Elementary Honors Choir
- York Soil and Conservation District Poster Contest
- York County Arts Council Banner Projects
- Guys READ lunch time book club
- Drug Awareness Poster Contest

TCS—South Carolina State Testing PASS Scores for Spring 2012 Percent Met or Exceeds

	ELA	MATH	SCI	Soc. St.	Writing
Gr. 3	83	84	69	90	N/A
Gr. 4	79	76	81	88	N/A
Gr. 5	78	84	78	89	84

2012 School Ratings

Absolute Rating	Excellent
Growth Rating	Excellent

Our School's Achievements

*Palmetto's Finest Top 20
Elementary Level
2010-2011*

*Palmetto Gold Award Winner
In the area of General Performance
2009 ~2011~2012*

Grants Awarded: 2012-2013 **Total \$1,560**

S. Watts , Rock Hill School Foundation-\$1,000
L. Cash, Rock Hill School Foundation-\$560