

TCS Vision

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle is committed to creating a community founded on the principles of the Montessori philosophy while providing opportunities for ALL to exceed.

Our Mission

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle will 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

310 students

Early Childhood

3K-5K *Multi-age*

Lower Elementary

1st & 2nd grade *Multi-age*

3rd grade—5th grade

Tuition-based program

The Children's School at Sylvia Circle has FULL day programs for 3 and 4 year olds. The preschool program is tuition-based with several payment options available.

2015-2016 School Improvement Council (SIC)

P. Holmes, *Chair (2015-2017)*
J. Walker, *Parent (2015-2017)*
C. Barton, *Parent (2015-2016)*
Alicisia Johnson, *Parent (2015-2016)*
Kristen Sobieski, *Parent (2015-2016)*
L. Ashe, *Faculty (2015-2016)*
S. Eckert, *Faculty (2015-2016)*
J. Jones, *Ex. Officio*
B. Hammond, *Faculty*
P. Sutton, *Community Member/Parent*

2015-2016 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Officers

Sharon Brown,
President
Rob Murphy,
Vice President
Constance Johnson,
Treasurer
Miranda Smith,
Secretary

Teacher Liason:
Victoria Bujak

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 Montessori School of Choice

2015-2016 Annual Report to Parents

Rock Hill School District 3

"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



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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?

~Student Achievement: To increase math and science student achievement

~Teacher/Administrator Quality: To build teacher capacity in Literacy instruction.

~ School Climate: To develop an increased commitment to the Montessori philosophy, while promoting healthy lifestyle choices for ALL stakeholders.

How Are We Achieving Our Goals?

Current/Ongoing Strategies

~Using data from quarterly science benchmarks to improve science instruction and identify instructional gaps

~Identifying essential standards in math and literacy and developing common assessments for the identified standards

~Monthly professional development with Canvas, math, literacy/writing, and science led by school and district level staff

~Weekly professional learning community meetings to discuss best practices, analyze data, develop common assessments, and integrate Montessori materials

~Weekly communication by all stakeholders used to communicate school-wide events (constant contact, Facebook, Twitter, class newsletters, and school webpage)



Why Montessori?

From birth, children have an instinctive desire to learn. They love to touch, taste, smell, and experience the world around them. Montessori believes that the learning process involves engaging all of a child's senses. Research confirms what Montessori teachers have known all along about how children learn best. Each new study on brain development and the neuroscience of learning confirms that the methods and materials of a Montessori classroom richly support the rapid growth years of birth through age twelve. Our learning materials and lessons aim to cultivate an already present love of learning that fosters curiosity, explorations, and inquiry. Our classrooms are designed to experience learning as a never-ending path, instead of a series of intermittent destinations.

Student Leadership Opportunities and Activities

- Spanish Club
- Girls on the Run
- Dance Fit Club
- Character Kids
- Lunch Buddies
- Elementary Academic Vocabulary Bowl
- Elementary Science Bowl
- Elementary Honors Choir
- Safety Patrol
- Flag Bearers
- Monthly Spirit Nights for Families
- International Peace Day
- International Walk to School Day
- DEAR Soldier
- Class Buddies

Additional Steps to Success

- Career and Fun Day
- Character Education & Word of the Month
- Makerspace Afterschool Club
- Battle of the Books
- New Parent and Student/Staff Montessori Orientation
- Gifted and Talented
- "Back the Pack" volunteers
- Recycling Club
- Community Service Projects
- Extended field study experiences (Camp Thunderbird, Kayaking)
- Science Week and Science Fair