

### Our Mission

The Montessori Program strives to allow students to excel independently in a nurturing and peaceful environment, equipping them with skills to succeed in their future.

### Our Vision

The authentic Montessori community encourages independence, individuality, and the growth of the whole-child within a peaceful environment.

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### TCS Facts

#### **Enrollment**

148 students

#### **Early Childhood**

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

#### **Lower Elementary**

1st & 2nd grade *Multi-age*

### 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.

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### 2017-2018 School Improvement Council (SIC)

N. McLaren, Chair, (2017-2019)  
P. Holmes, (2015-2018)  
C. Johnson, Parent (2016-2018)  
S. Spain, Parent (2016-2018)  
M. Smith, Parent (2016-2018)  
J. Hayes, Parent (2016-2018)  
T. Herring, Parent (2016-2018)  
S. Murray, Parent (2016-2018)  
T. Spain, Faculty (2016-2018)  
E. Rowell, Faculty  
J. Jones, Ex. Officio  
P. Brantley, Community Member  
P. Sutton, Community Member

### 2017-2018 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Officers

**Melody Aylestock,**  
*President*  
**Brittany Kelly,**  
*Vice President*  
**Kendra Sherer,**  
*Treasurer*  
**Miranda Smith**  
*Secretary*

*Teacher Liaison:*  
**Heather Turner**

*Administrative Liaison:*  
**Jacqueline Jones**

Robbie Boyd  
Tameka Drayton  
Lisa Dye

### 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**

Rock Hill School District 3

### **2017-2018 Annual Report to Parents**

*"Development is a series of rebirths."  
~Maria Montessori*



The Children's School at Sylvia Circle received for the second year in a row the Recycle Bowl Award.

**Jacqueline G. Jones, Principal**

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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?

Our Montessori community pledges to show PEACE through our...

- Pride
- Excellence
- Attitude
- Cooperation and
- Empathy

- Student Achievement: To reduce the number of students scoring in the LOW category and increase the number of students scoring in the AVE/HIGH category based on Math MAP.
- Teacher/Administrator Quality: To increase the number of Montessori Professional Development opportunities each year.
- School Climate: To improve student behavior through the implementation of PBIS.
- R2S Goal: Implementation of Independent Reading with a system for conferring and data collection in a Montessori classroom.



## 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 supports what Montessori teachers have known all along about how children learn best. Each new study on brain development and the neuroscience of learning confirm 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.

## **Build on the Rock... New Montessori School**

The only public Montessori school in Rock Hill now has a new home as of February 2018. The new facility is built on the campus of Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School. The new school name is:

***Ebenezer Avenue Elementary School  
Traditional, Montessori, and Inquiry.***

