

## Student Opportunities

- *One School One Book*
- *Family Literacy Nights*
- *Fun Run*
- *Reading Buddies*
- *Author Visits*
- *Active Parent Involvement*
- *Fellowship of Christian Athletes*
- *Student Ambassadors*
- *Safety Patrol for 5th Grade Students*
- *Flag Patrol*
- *Battle of the Books Team*
- *Science Bowl Team*
- *Outbreak Quest Club*
- *Girls on the Run*
- *Yearbook Club*
- *Club Friday*
- *Musicals*



## Mount Holly SIC Members

Chair: Mrs. Amy Vaughn, Parent  
tnamyv@aol.com

Scott Carroll, Community Member  
scottcarroll@outbreakchurch.org

Karen Warmoth, Community Member  
kwarmoth@comporium.net

Kim Simpson, Teacher  
ksimpson@rhmail.org

Principal: Dr. Nakia Barnes  
nbarnes@rhmail.org

Assistant Principal: Heather Jackson  
hjackson@rhmail.org



### Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Mount Holly Elementary 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.

## Mount Holly Elementary School

### Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2017-2018



Dr. Nakia H. Barnes  
Principal

Mrs. Heather Jackson  
Assistant Principal

Mount Holly Elementary  
1800 Porter Road

Phone: (803) 985-1650

## Mission Statement

Mount Holly will empower students with the ability to think critically and collaborate to solve complex problems. Mount Holly students will develop strong work ethics and effective communication skills that will enable them to become life-long learners both mentally and physically.

## SIC Annual Goals

For the 2017-2018 school year, the Mount Holly SIC chose to continue our focus on student mental and physical health. The Mount Holly SIC decided to continue with two projects. First, we wanted to enhance our school's track by adding buddy benches around the track to accompany the exercise stations that were added at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year. Mount Holly students and staff are excitedly anticipating the installation of the buddy benches. We also wanted to continue encouraging students while also acknowledging something that makes them special. We did this by giving every student inspirational cards with personalized positive messages and quotes.

## School Facts

- Mount Holly opened in 2008.
- Mount Holly serves 466 students in grades K-5.
- We have 35 certified teachers, with approximately half of those having advanced degrees.
- Student teacher ratio is 19:1

## Quotes from our 5th Grade Students

- "This school is a good place to learn because the teachers are patient and encourage you to keep trying. "
- "Mount Holly is great because the teachers make you feel important and special. They involve the students and make them feel like they are a part of the team."
- "The teachers and administrators at Mount Holly are always willing to help you. They make the students feel welcomed and appreciated."
- "At Mount Holly, we learn a lot but we also get to enjoy lots of other fun activities and events. My favorite thing is the musicals that we have. I feel like I am free when I'm on stage and get to be a totally different person. "

## Core Beliefs

- Learning depends on basic needs (emotional and physical) being met.
- All individuals have intrinsic worth.
- Reading is the foundation for unlimited learning.
- All individuals can learn.
- Understanding diversity enriches learning.
- Adults enable students to fulfill their potential by developing positive relationships with them.
- Increasing the rigor of our work will enhance student learning.

