

## Opportunities

- *One School One Book*
- *Family Literacy Nights*
- *Family Math Nights*
- *Author Visits*
- *Active Parent Involvement*
- *FCA– available to students in grades 4 and 5 after the school day*
- *Student Council*
- *Safety Patrol for 5th grade students*
- *Flag patrol*
- *Battle of the Books Team*
- *Science Bowl Team*
- *Musicals directed by our music teacher*



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### 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" 2015-2016



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## 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

In the fall, the Mount Holly SIC members chose to continue our focus on student mental and physical health. The Mount Holly SIC decided to embrace two projects for this school year. First we wanted to enhance our school's track by adding exercise stations around the track. We also on two separate occasions, wanted to encourage students by giving them positive notes. The first positive notes came in the form of sticky notes, where each member of the SIC wrote a personal note to each child in the school and each teacher. The second came in the form of magnets

with positive quotes that were given to each student and teacher.

## School Facts

- Mount Holly opened in 2008.
- Mount Holly serves 515 students in grades K-5.
- We have 31 certified teachers, with approximately half of those having advanced degrees.
- Student teacher ratio is 22:1

## Quotes from our 5th graders

- "Learning is just one of the things we do. We get to know each other, discuss things, and work our problems out together."
- "You can tell our teachers really care about us."
- "We have a great school where everyone interacts well with each other."
- "This school is awesome because of the teachers. They take the time to really help you learn."

## 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.

