

Student Opportunities

- *One School, One Book*
- *Family Literacy Nights*
- *Fun Run*
- *Reading Buddies*
- *Author Visits*
- *Active Parent Involvement*
- *Student Ambassadors*
- *Safety Patrol for 5th Grade Students*
- *Flag patrol*
- *Battle of the Books Team*
- *Science Bowl Team*
- *Yearbook Club*
- *Club Friday*
- *News Crew*
- *Lunch and Learn*
- *Musicals*



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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

2018– 2019
Palmetto's Finest Finalist

Annual School Improvement Council



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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's students will develop strong work ethics and effective communication skills that will enable them to become life-long learners both mentally and physically.



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.

School Facts

- Mount Holly serves 470 students in grades K-5.
- We have 35 certified teachers, with approximately half of those having advanced degrees.
- Student teacher ratio is 20:1

Quotes from our 5th Grade Students

- “We have a wonderful staff that truly cares, encourages, and believes in us.”
- “Our teachers provide extra help when we need it and give us enrichment opportunities to help stretch our brains.”
- “The teachers at Mount Holly are like family. They make learning fun and exciting too!”
- “My teacher helps me stay on task and she teaches me at my own pace.”
- “There are so many fun and exciting activities to participate in here at Mount Holly. We start off with a back to school celebration and end the year with field day and a game of teachers v/s students. We also have dances, literacy nights, carnivals, bingo, art nights, parades, fun runs, and much more!”

SIC Annual Goals

During the 2018—2019 school year, the Mount Holly SIC team discussed the need for students to be exposed to a variety of career possibilities. In response to this need, 2 career focused Club Friday groups (One for lower grades, and One for upper grades) were formed. These clubs met monthly and students were introduced to various careers through books, videos, demonstrations, and special guests. In addition, “Careers on Wheels”, an engaging event to educate students at Mount Holly about future career opportunities was planned for the end of May. We are now excitedly awaiting the launch of the career fair! In addition to our focus on the future, we wanted to teach our students the importance of being thankful and having gratitude. The students and staff worked together to create a “Garden of Gratitude” in which students wrote *why they were thankful for each other*. Every student in the school wrote a kind statement about a peer and then enjoyed receiving a statement that one of their peers had written about them.

