

## Our School's Goals

### Increase reading, English, and language arts proficiency

- K-5 teachers utilize Guided Reading programs to strengthen student literacy skills
- Professional development for teachers led by literacy coach
- 58% teachers trained in understanding dyslexia and supporting struggling learners (*goal 50%*)
- Small group instruction with literacy coach through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs.)

### Improve student math and science skills

*Students are still working on making gains in these areas. To help improve success, MOES is implementing the following approaches.*

- Teachers include integrated STEAM-infused lesson plans
- Outdoor classroom and STEAM lab for hands-on science discovery
- Small group instruction with numeracy coach through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs.)
- Professional development for teachers led by instructional/numeracy coaches
- Teachers will be trained in Project Lead the Way—*an activity, project, and problem-based curriculum*
- Teachers will receive professional development training in using the new science standards

### Make MOES a safe place for students to learn

- In-class lessons by guidance counselor on topics like bullying, stress, and kindness
- MOES Behavior Matrix for all grade levels
- Hoot Hoopla: Celebrating students with no referrals each quarter
- Number of referrals have decreased by more than half since 2019
- Dedicated security guard
- Behavior Mgmt. Specialist—*provides 1:1 & small group sessions*

## Community Involvement

We have had many businesses donate to our events: Coca-Cola, Lowcountry Produce, Sea Island Pediatrics, Piggly Wiggly, Publix, Frederick and Frederick Architects, and Hewitt Oaks. Taylor's Landscaping donated to our Outdoor Classroom/Garden

*This Report is issued by the Mossy Oaks 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.*



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### SIC Members

Andrea Miller, Chair/Teacher  
Melissa Vogt, Principal  
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Lisa Teneyck, Dance Teacher  
Crystal Maroney, Teacher  
Amanda Dudas, Teacher  
Jana Frederick, Community Member  
Kristen Sparno, Instructional Assistant

## How Can I Help?

- ⇒ Join the SIC or PTO! *Contact the office to learn more.*
- ⇒ Sign up for a week to monitor the outdoor classroom this summer.
- ⇒ Read to your child, let them see you reading, or listen to them read every night.
- ⇒ Be in contact with your child's teacher for progress updates, attend school instructional nights and performances, follow MOES social media for updates, and check grades in the [Parent Portal](#).

### School Stats

- 366 students
- 100% receive free and reduced lunch
- 34 certified teachers (100%) and 21 classified staff
- 76.5% certified teaches with advanced degrees
- 75% teachers returning from previous year
- 2 R2S certified Literacy Intervention teachers and a numeracy coach
- 7 teachers with, and several in the process of achieving, Gifted and Talented endorsement—*prepares teachers to enhance their teaching methodologies at all levels*

# Mossy Oaks Elementary School SIC Report to Parents & Community 2022-23

## MOES Learning Opportunities for Students

- Arts-Infused Curriculum ([school choice option](#))—*activities like dance, drawing, improvisation, poetry, songs, are integrated to help students improve understanding across the curriculum*
- STEAM Lab, Z-Space Lab & Outdoor Classroom
- Academic Arts: Music, Dance, PE, STEAM lab, and Art
- Fine arts shows, performing arts, & artist in residency opportunities
- Technology devices for each student—*laptops for upper grades and iPads for younger grades*
- Student-led Morning News Show
- Gifted and Talented Enrichment
- 20 Student Clubs, Student Council, National Honor Society
- Special Instructional Nights—*MOES hosted family events with fun activities and prizes to support reading, math skills, & STEM learning*
- Summer STEAM/MED camp
- 2021 Med Tech Magnet Program 5-year grant recipient
- Purposeful Play Based Kindergarten

## Fruit and Vegetable Initiative



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides funding to participating schools so they can provide a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables to children throughout the school day. It is an effective and creative way to introduce fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options. The program has been successful in introducing elementary school children to a variety of produce that they otherwise might not have the opportunity to sample.

## Awards and Achievements

- Arts in the Basic Curriculum Grant
- 2022 Teacher of the Year: Becky Schlack-Babb
- Support Staff Person of the Year: Nurse Jodi Knorr
- District Support Staff Person of the Year: Nurse Jodi Knorr
- District Mentor of the Month: Amy Squires
- Foundation for Excellence Teacher Incentive Grant Award: Jess Dougherty
- Boeing Center for Children's Wellness Award Recipient
- Increased professional development opportunities for teachers
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant



*Kindergarten using Z-Space lab for STEAM.*

5th grade students getting ready to perform the West African Welcome Song Funga Alafia.



*First Hoot Hoop- Students celebrated good behavior and community building.*