

# Mossy Oaks Elementary School SIC Report to Parents & Community 2021-22

## MOES Learning Opportunities for Students

- Arts-Infused Curriculum ([school choice option](#))—*activities like dance, drawing, improvisation, poetry, songs, and more integrated to help students improve understanding across the curriculum*
- STEAM Lab & Outdoor Classroom
- Specials: 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
- National Honor Society
- Special Instructional Nights—*MOES hosted family events with fun activities and prizes to support reading, math skills, & STEM learning*
- Summer STEAM camp
- Recipient of [MedTech7 grant](#)— *will begin implementation in 2023*

## Outdoor Classroom



The MOES Outdoor Classroom has been a two year project of the SIC. It includes a pollinator garden, sensory garden, rain garden, vegetable beds, composting station, bird/bat/ insect houses, bird feeders, and more! Many STEAM lab activities are held in this

new learning space. We could not have completed this project without our parents, teachers, community partners, and generous donors! The entire project was completed at no cost to the school or district.

## Awards and Achievements

- Arts in the Basic Curriculum grant renewed
- Full STEAM Ahead grant awarded to purchase STEAM materials for the library and STEAM lab from the Foundation for Educational Excellence
- Two Donors Choose Grants to purchase books
- 2021 MUSC Boeing Center for Children’s Wellness Award Winner
- Teacher of the year Chris Crabb
- Staff person of the year Arinethia Ferguson
- Lynda Jernigan, school librarian, selected to serve on the South Carolina Association of School Librarians Picture Book Award Committee
- Increased professional development opportunities for teachers



← Family fun at Mystery Math Night.

Mrs. Clyne's 5th graders enjoyed learning from



Ms. Gerard's class practiced their musical performance "Adventure Away."

## Our School's Goals

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

- K-2 teachers utilize Guided Reading programs to strengthen student literacy skills
- Professional development for teachers led by literacy coach
- 48% teachers trained in understanding dyslexia and supporting struggling learners (*goal 50%*)
- Small group instruction with literacy coach
- SC Ready English achievement goal for 2022 exceeded

### 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
- Professional development for teachers led by instructional/numeracy coaches
- Working towards STEM certification in 2023
- 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 topic like bullying, stress, and kindness
- House system (2nd-5th) and PBIS (pK-1st) to promote positive behavior and team building
- Number of referrals have decreased by more than half since 2019
- Dedicated security guard
- Behavior Mgmt. Specialist—*provides 1:1 & small group sessions*
- Surveys show that [teachers and students feel safe at school](#)

## Community Involvement

- More than 1,200 nonperishable food items donated to Help of Beaufort through the canned food drive at Thanksgiving
- Valentine's Day candy gram fundraiser for CAPA raised \$400

*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

Kristen Marshall Mattson, chair/parent  
Lynda Jernigan, secretary/teacher  
Melissa Vogt, ex-officio/principal  
Tina Johnson, ex-officio/vice principal  
Donna Conlon, parent  
Brittany Sutton, parent  
Amanda Freeman, STEAM teacher  
Becky Schlack-Babb, numeracy coach

## 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

- 361 students
- 100% receive free and reduced lunch
- 36 certified teachers (100%) and 21 classified staff
- Two R2S certified Literacy Intervention teachers and a numeracy coach
- 8 teachers with, and several in the process of achieving, Gifted and Talented endorsement—*prepares teachers to enhance their teaching methodologies at all levels*
- 4 national board certified teachers (*only 3% of teachers in the country achieve this prestigious distinction!*)