

Meadow Glen Elementary

School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents

2018-2019

“Together is Better Than One”

“Rooted in Knowledge –Growing in Wisdom”

HABITS OF SCHOLARSHIP: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, PERSEVERANCE, CRAFTSMANSHIP



HOME OF THE EXPLORERS

Lexington County School District One's Vision



Lexington County School District One's Mission

Our mission is to cultivate a caring community where ALL learners are extraordinary communicators, collaborators, creators and critical thinkers.

MGES Vision

As Meadow Glen Explorers, our vision is to see, hear, and experience life from various angles allowing us a limitless future as we explore the world. MGES staff, student body, and families have a strong sense of belonging and they care about making thoughtful and meaningful decisions. Our MGES graduates are collaborative, critical thinkers, creative, effective communicators and produce high quality work.

MGES Mission

The mission of Meadow Glen Elementary is to create a high performing school, that effectively motivates everyone to fulfill their highest aspirations, to be self-directed learners, to serve others, and to become active leaders in building a better tomorrow.

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SC School Improvement Council Website: <https://sic.sc.gov/>

MGES School Improvement Impact Goals for 2018-2019

- ★ Assist in the planning of school-wide improvements
- ★ Continue learning the components of the EL Education Model (www.elschools.org)
- ★ Continue learning the components of Standards Based Grading
- ★ Continue recruiting community business partners
- ★ Communication improvements through parent link and SIC presence on school website

MGES Community Partners

The School Improvement Council would like to increase community partnerships with Meadow Glen Elementary. If you are interested in helping to improve our school and community relations, please contact Cheryl Fralick, Principal, at cfralick@lexington1.net

SIC Topics This Year

Lexington County School District One and MGES Strategic Renewal Plan, Lexington County School District One Bond Referendum, Lexington County School District One Building Project Link, Lexington County School District One School Board Forums, Security/Emergency Plans, Lexington County School District One Model Classrooms and Lab Sites, Lexington County School District One Project Hope, Legislative Updates, Standards Based Grading, PTO/SIC Classroom Learning Walks, Student Led SIC Crew Meeting around Bullying and Equity, MGES School Counseling Program, Suicide Risks, Family Academic Nights, South Carolina Retention Law, Communication Home/School, EL Education Model, Communication Improvements, Transition for new Principal for 2019-2020

MGES Partners with EL Education: elschools.org

Meadow Glen Elementary is in its third year of a partnership with EL Education. Our partnership is based on a three-dimensional vision of student achievement that includes mastery of knowledge and skills, character, and high quality work. School leaders continue to build teacher capacity and shared leadership by setting clear expectations and

professional development to promote, support, and develop quality teachers and engage families in learning the EL culture.

Implementation Priorities for Year Three with EL Education

- Enhancing Curriculum in English Language Arts
- Small Group Instruction through Skills Block, All Block and Learning Labs
- Monthly Grade Level Community/Celebration Meetings
- Monthly Faculty Community/Celebration Meetings
- Student Led Conferences – Grade 3
- Student Led Conferences with 5th Grade End of Year Passages
- Planning Effective Lessons and Assessments
- Weekly Data Review Meetings with Grade Level Teachers
- Deepening use of Learning Targets and Checking for Understanding Strategies
- Fostering Habits of Scholarship (Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Craftsmanship)
- Student Habit of Scholarship Tracking
- Equity Work
- Scaffolding towards High Quality Products
- Models, Critique and Descriptive Feedback
- Creating a Space for MGES Families to Learn (3 Family Academic Nights)

Summary Statement from the mid-year review from EL Education:

“Together is better than one,” is the motto this year at Meadow Glen Elementary and it seems to live throughout the building. There is a strong climate of collaboration that is felt by all stakeholders: teachers, leaders and students. There has been tremendous growth in the three dimensions of student achievement, habits of scholarship and articulating what they mean for students of all grade levels. The school’s journey in the core practices is powerful and deeply present everywhere. However, the conversation of the Grades 3-5 Student Focus Group seemed to sum up the power of the journey and its impact on students. The students engaged in a conversation about race and equity with ease and understanding. It was truly amazing!” Dee Duncan, EL Education and MGES School Designer

MGES Student Quote from Mid Year Review: *“We are currently learning about Jackie Robinson. He was a good baseball player, but he was more. He broke the color barrier in sports. So many people before him did not get to experience some sports because of race and that is not right. If Jackie did not do this - we might still be segregated. Four of us would not be around this table because we would be at a different school. People need to realize that.”*
Jaden Riley, 5th Grade Student

MGES Teacher of the Year: *Rebecca Goodson*, 3rd Grade Teacher and Top 10 Finalist for District Teacher of the Year

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Projects supported by the MGES PTO: Box Tops for Education, EL Education Conferences, Teacher Professional Development Conferences, Mandarin Immersion Materials, Mentoring Program, Playground Improvements, Hoot N' Holler Spring Festival, Field Day, 5th Grade Graduation, Fund Raising Efforts, Staff Appreciation Luncheons, and Grade Level Field Studies.

MGES Grade Level Brochures

Tri-fold brochures for K-2, 3rd, and 4th grade were shared at the beginning of the year. Included in the brochure was information regarding EL Education, Standards Based Grading and Growth Mindsets vs. Fixed Mindsets. We are re-sharing these links with you.

K-2

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bym8eK6TMzJ-YmduTFRVbS02T29aMIRFS0F6TnQ0RUxZQ0Fz>

3rd

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bym8eK6TMzJ-a3RqX24wQUNISGF2QIBINFFMN2pqWFBaX1lJ>

4th

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0Bym8eK6TMzJ-a25SOWVUWUJONXRIUEg3R0NKWThrRFRIT2VN>

South Carolina State Standards

The following links are provided for you to review grade level curriculum standards.

<http://www.scfriendlystandards.org/>

<http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/english-language-arts/standards/>

<http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/mathematics/standards/>

SC Ready Assessment: The following link is provided as a resource to give an overview of the SC Ready Assessments.

<http://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/south-carolina-college-and-career-ready-assessments-sc-ready/>

State Report Card Data

MGES received an **EXCELLENT** rating for the 2017-2018 school year. The following link is provided for you to review the entire MGES State Report Card.

<https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDE4JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MzlwMTA2Nw>

If you would like to become a member of the MGES School Improvement Council, please contact Cheryl Fralick at cfralick@lexington1.net.