Parent Teacher Organization

The MGES PTO was organized in the summer prior to opening school. The executive board planned t-shirt designs, organized a membership drive, created by-laws, achieved tax exempt status, and developed the first PTO budget in order to sponsor the events listed below:

**Fund Raising Projects**
- Boosterthon Fun Run
- Brax Cups

**Field Studies for Grade Levels**
- Kindergarten: State Fair
- 1st Grade: Columbia Marionette Theater
- 2nd Grade: Literacy Festival
- 3rd Grade: State House
- 4th Grade: City Roots
- 5th Grade: Patriot’s Point in Charleston

**Professional Training Opportunities for Teachers**
- Data Analysis Training & Review
- Grading for Learning Workshop
- Chick-Fil-A Leadercast
- On Common Ground

**Family Events**
- Movie Night
- Monthly Family Restaurant Nights
- Spring Carnival

School Improvement Council

The School Improvement Council was organized in the fall of 2011. The council created by-laws, assisted with the School Annual Report, participated in the interview for the AdvancED Accreditation Team, sponsored an internet safety night and organized a litter clean up day around the school and Ginny Lane.

**School Improvement Council Members**
- Suzanne English (Chair)
- Ashley Beach
- Jim Bickley
- Kari Bryant
- Betsy Burn
- Jami Carter
- Christy Corley
- Daniel Crowson
- Edna Langley
- Tina Mastin
- Rebecca McKenzie-Apling
- Megan Taylor
- Xiaolei Xu

**PTO Executive Board**
- Angie Douda (President)
- Jennifer Giugliano (Vice-President)
- Sabrina Collins (Secretary)
- Cindy Wise & Kari Bryant (Treasurers)
- Elizabeth Bickley
- Elizabeth Green
- Ericka Davis
- Jennifer McClure
- Karen Boghdadi
- Katherine Fowler
- Lana Cook
- Lea Hardy
- Rebekah Higingbottom
- Sandra Davis
- Tammi O’Cain

Administration
- Cheryl Fralick, Principal
- Todd Wade, Assistant Principal
- Nancy Lind, Assistant Administrator
The mission of Meadow Glen Elementary is to create a high performing school which effectively motivates everyone to be self-directed learners, to serve others, and to become leaders in a global society.

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.

Growing What We Know by
Motivating minds
Growing leaders
Exploring as thinkers
Serving others

Meadow Glen Elementary is the newest elementary school in Lexington School District One. The doors were opened to the public for the first time on Sunday, August 14, 2011, for an open house. The first student body began classes on Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

The school was designed and constructed using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) strategies that are geared toward energy savings, water efficiency, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources. There are three large collaborative classrooms to provide space for innovative learning, small productions, and grade-level activities. The Learning Commons is the hub of project-based and hands on learning. The Learning Commons consists of a STEM Lab (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), Media/Technology/Production Center, and a Computer Lab. The school houses the district’s first Chinese (Mandarin) Partial-Immersion Program.

Our teachers and staff began meeting together in April of 2011. As our MGES family continued to grow, many activities were planned to build a sense of community. Our teachers committed to meeting one day each week during the summer to plan for the opening of MGES. Our staff participated in many professional development activities which included:

**Book Studies:** *Simplifying the Challenge* by Dr. Henry Cloud, *The Leader in Me* by Stephen Covey, and *Better Learning Through Structured Teaching* by Douglas Fisher & Nancy Frey

**Professional Development:** Data Analysis, Creating Teacher Leaders, 6-Traits of Writing, Common Core Standards, Word Study, Gradual Release of Responsibility, Creating High Performance Learning Cultures, and Positive Behavior Support Systems

In February, a parent survey was sent home to receive feedback on various topics. These topics included:

- MGES has high expectations for student learning.
- MGES provides engaging opportunities to challenge student thinking.
- MGES has a welcoming atmosphere.
- The office support staff is helpful.
- MGES communicates important information.
- Parents feel comfortable communicating ideas and/or concerns to administration.
- Parents feel comfortable contacting SIC and PTO members to share ideas and/or concerns.
- Teachers communicate about student progress.
- Teachers encourage students to be accountable for their actions and learning.
- Parents feel comfortable sharing ideas with teachers.
- MGES provides extracurricular activities for families.
- MGES provides a safe environment.
- MGES is kept neat and clean.

**Survey Results**

Total responses received: 205

- Strongly Agrees 63%
- Agrees 34%
- Disagrees 3%
- Strongly Disagrees 0

We are so pleased to see that 97% of the parents that returned surveys are happy with Meadow Glen Elementary.