

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.

Administration

Cheryl Fralick, Principal
Todd Wade, Assistant Principal
Nancy Lind, Assistant Administrator

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-Appling

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

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MEADOW GLEN

ELEMENTARY



**School Improvement Council
Annual Report
2011-2012**



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Mission Statement

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.

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.

Motto

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

School Facts

Current Student Enrollment: 589

Current Staff: 76

School Colors: Earth tones

School Mascot: Glen the Explorer



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

Mid-Year Parent Survey

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 feels 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 please to see that 97% of the parents that returned surveys are happy with Meadow Glen Elementary.