

Meadow Glen Elementary School



"Rooted in Knowledge, Growing in Wisdom"

HOME OF THE EXPLORERS!

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 care about making thoughtful and meaningful decisions. MGES graduates produce high quality work and are caring, collaborative, critical thinkers, creative, and effective communicators.

MGES focuses on practices that promote mastery of knowledge and skills, high levels of character and leadership, and the production of high-quality work in every classroom. Implementing the Lexington One Graduate Profile, we challenge and support students to excel by becoming:

- Creative Thinkers and Problem Solvers
- Strong Communicators
- Resilient
- Personally and Socially Responsible
- Independent Learners
- Collaborators
- Future-Ready Literate
- Kind
- Knowledgeable

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mandarin Chinese Immersion Program
- 4th and 5th Grade Robotics Teams
- Student-Led Conferences Kindergarten -Fifth Grade
- National Board Certified Teachers
- Special Production: Jungle Book
- PTO-funded playground updates
- One Book, One School

2024-2025 MGES Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Jean Cochran

2024-2025 Staff Member of the Year:
Mrs. Tammy Ritchie



Dr. Brice Cockfield, Principal

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SIC YEARLY GOALS:

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT:
Increase partnerships with community businesses

ACADEMICS: Instructional focus on using data to design and implement lessons that are intentional and based on student needs; participation as family members in Student-Led Conferences.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

MGES received an **Excellent** overall rating on the 2023-2024 school report card.

2024 SC READY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

ELA (Reading and Writing) - Percent Met or Exceeding

School 73.9% District 59.5% State 54.1%

2024 SC READY MATHEMATICS

Mathematics - Percent Met or Exceeding

School 73.9% District 48.5% State 42.8%

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Archery Team - Placed 5th in State

5th Grade MGES Robotics Teams - State qualifiers

FAMILY EVENTS

Monthly Restaurant Nights

Big Air Days

Fall Bookfair

Field Day

BoosterThon and Color Run

Grandparents Lunch

Arts Night

Chinese New Year

2023-2024 PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) BOARD

President – Kara Brurok

Vice President, Fundraising - Melissa Swaboda

Vice President, Merchandising - Marissa Hill

Secretary – Susan Jennings

Treasurer – Whitney Glass



2024-2025 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ramya Sreedharan - Chair

Christine Martinez - Vice Chair

Jean Cochran

Jennifer Gessner - Secretary

Brice Cockfield

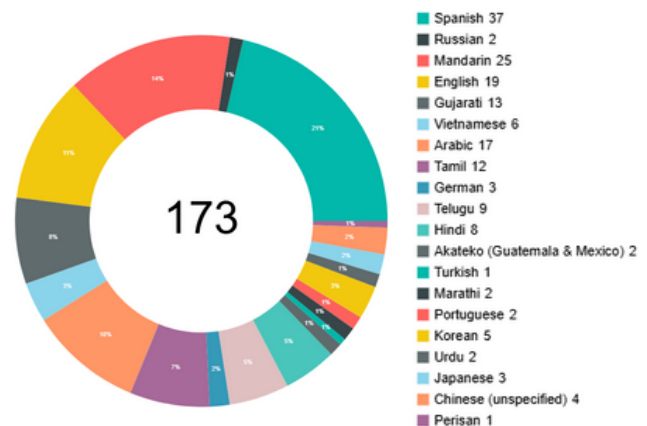
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SC School Improvement Council Website:
<https://sic.sc.gov/>

Diversity

MGES is proud to celebrate the variety of cultures and the 20 different languages that make up our school.



A few thoughts from Jean Cochran, 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year...

MGES has embraced the Lexington One graduate profile focus. We strive to build and support knowledgeable, creative problem-solving, independent students who are strong, future-ready literate learners who exhibit personal and socially responsible behaviors as kind and resilient citizens. Our diverse population proudly celebrates 20+ home languages other than English. We are also an immersion school with Mandarin classes at all six grade levels. I was honored to be chosen by my school community to represent MGES as Teacher of the Year for the 2024-2025 school year.

One way we support the graduate profile is through academics. Teachers collaborate to support student growth and differentiate instruction to best support students. Each spring, we invite families to attend student-led conferences. Families are able to hear and see their child's progress through student-led conversations supported by student-created digital examples and evidence.

Another way MGES supports problem-solving, creativity, kind, resilient students is through after-school clubs and activities. These groups are diverse and something to celebrate. Some of these clubs include Run Hard, Garden Club, Archery, and Glen Bots robotics. MGES partners with the community in a variety of ways, such as restaurant nights, our Veterans Day program, Chinese New Year, and our musical theater production. Additionally, MGES partners with our feeder schools, Meadow Glen Middle (MGM) and River Bluff High School (RBHS). MGES hosts 7th and 8th-grade iCivics students from MGM each semester as Gatorades in classrooms. MGM invites students to attend their musical theater productions and visit MGES to share orchestra talent. We also partner with RBHS for sports team campus visits. Various sports teams help with morning car duty, greeting students as they enter the school. These school partnerships promote community and meet many of our graduate profile characteristics.

MGES is a special place to be. The students, staff, and community make work feel like home. As we wrap up this school year, I am excited to see continued growth from this community of lifelong learners.

A few thoughts from Adeline Pearson....., 5th grade student...

I love Meadow Glen Elementary School. When I come to school, I feel welcomed by all the teachers. Each morning in the back car line, drop off all the people who welcome me with a smile and a "Good morning." My teachers are awesome. They know how to help and encourage me. When I got a lower grade than what I wanted, one of my teachers said, "Tomorrow is a new day, give yourself some grace." When you do well in class, you're rewarded for your hard work. I remember getting the first CREW award. I got the CREW award because I was respectful and because I was the first one to ask about the reading passport. I have so many opportunities to display my work. When we did the WW1 one-pager and the maps, I loved seeing them displayed in the classroom. Those were just a couple of examples of my work displayed. There are so many things I love about my school.

A few thoughts from Ramya Sreedharan, a parent/SIC Chairperson...

I want to congratulate our Meadow Glen Elementary Explorers for yet another successful school year 2024-25! I want to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to the resolute teachers and substitute teachers who are able mentors to their students. The students of MGES are enthusiastic learners and are developing skills to be future leaders.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." – Will Durant.

This quote reflects the work ethic of our administrators at MGES. Their strong organizational and communication skills ensure MGES continues to be a top-notch school. They focus on consistently motivating all the students, teachers, and staff to achieve their goals and fostering a healthy school culture. I also have a deep sense of admiration for all our school support staff. They are always ready to help with a smile, and they make MGES a better place for everyone at the school.

Every time I walk into the school, I can always notice something new and interesting that is enriching for the students – be it the gigantic geographic map on the floor of the central hallway or various kinds of artistic crafts and paintings that adorn all the hallways. It is such a joy to walk through to see how the teachers engage these young, inquisitive minds. I am always in awe of the teachers who carefully see the ability in each child and help them harness that potential. Most importantly, our wonderful teachers offer individualized support to any student wherever they may need it. I am sure the families will echo my heartfelt thanks to our MGES teachers.

Our school has various events and activities throughout the year that are not only fun for the students but also for families to enjoy with their children. Listed below are a few of the many events.

1. Field Day was a big hit! We love our PE teachers and Related Arts teachers for making it a massive success every year.
2. MGES has its own array of theater actors! A thousand thanks to our ingenious Mrs. Thrift for directing "Jungle Book Kids". It was an absolute joy to see the kids shine on stage twice!
3. The Boosterthon Fun Color Run was especially fun and a successful fundraiser.
4. Our outstanding PTO, which organizes various Restaurant nights for the families. What a fun way to get together!

Our Immersion Program is one of the most special things about MGES. The continued success and popularity of this program would not be possible without our exceptional Mandarin Teachers. I extend them my sincere thanks. By teaching the students a new language, they are helping students gain new cultural understanding. The students are also enhancing their cognitive skills. May the Year of the Snake encourage everyone to seek personal growth and bring wisdom.

This year, I would like to especially call out our superb Run Hard program. This program teaches our students to follow a healthy lifestyle and builds their confidence and endurance to run a 5K in eight weeks. A big shout-out to our school's Run Hard Coordinator, Sabra Denny, and her team for sustaining this program. They work extremely hard for the kids and are excellent coaches! Their motto is "Build up, don't tear down". And I believe the entire school is committed to that motto too.