

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
- National Board Certified Teachers
- Special Production: Finding Nemo
- PTO-funded playground updates
- One Book, One School

2025-2026 MGES Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Jessica Thrift

2025-2026 Staff Member of the Year:
Mr. Woodrow Martin



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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 2024-2025 school report card!

7-Point Increase in overall score (68)

16 Perfect Scorers on SCREADY/SCPASS

2024 SC READY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

ELA (Reading and Writing) - Percent Met or Exceeding

School 78.3% District 68.9% State 60.3%

2024 SC READY MATHEMATICS

Mathematics - Percent Met or Exceeding

School 68.9% District 50.9% State 44.6%

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

2025-2026 PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) BOARD

President – Kara Brurok

Vice President, Fundraising - Melissa Swaboda

Vice President, Merchandising - Marissa Hill

Secretary – Susan Jennings

Treasurer – Whitney Glass



2025-2026

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ramya Sreedharan - Chair

Christine Martinez - Vice Chair

Jennifer Gessner - Secretary

Tamlyn Ritchie

Brice Cockfield, Principal

Michelle Brazell, Asst. Principal

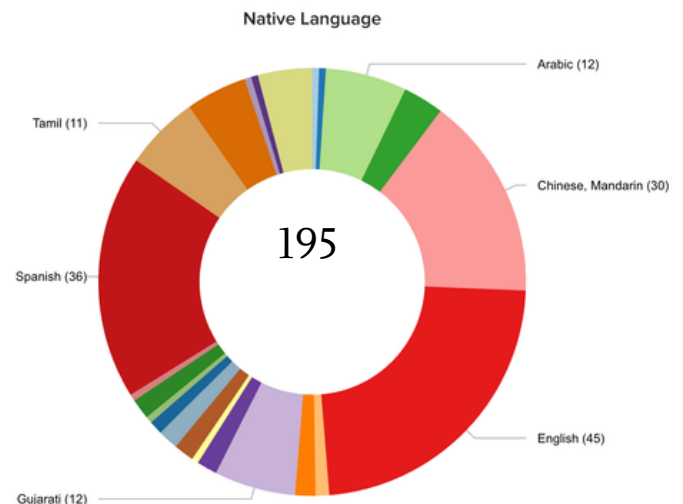
Janet Link, Asst. Principal

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 Jessica Thrift , 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year...

I am honored to have represented my school and community this year as Meadow Glen Elementary's Teacher of the Year. It is truly a privilege to serve the students at Meadow Glen and to watch them grow year after year.

One of the greatest strengths of our school is our diversity. Our student population speaks more than 20 languages in addition to English, creating a rich and vibrant learning environment. This year, we celebrated that diversity through our second annual International Night and Parade of Nations. We are also proud to offer a Mandarin immersion program, which I absolutely adore. My own child participates in this program, and it is such a great opportunity for our students. Each year, our entire school community experiences a piece of this program through our Chinese New Year performance.

Academically, Meadow Glen had an outstanding year. We were recognized as a Gold High Performing School, earning an Excellent rating on the state report card and ranking in the top 10 percent of schools in the state. Beyond the classroom, our students are given countless opportunities to grow and explore their interests. These include RunHard, STEM Night, and Arts Night, which showcased ocean-themed artwork and two musical productions of Finding Nemo Kids.

Our students also excelled in extracurricular programs. We have two robotics teams, the Electric Explorers and the Glen Bots. This year, the Glen Bots achieved their personal best at the regional competition, earning a second-place project award for installing a working rover and advancing to the state competition. Our archery team also had an incredible season, placing second in the South Carolina State Archery Championship, with four students earning individual honors.

This year, we were excited to welcome Finn, our first therapy dog, who visits every Friday. He has quickly become a beloved member of our school community.

Our commitment to community involvement remains strong. We raised over \$3,000 for Relay for Life through our Sweetheart Soirée and were named second runner-up in the Linking Lexington campaign, supporting families impacted by cancer. We also hosted our second annual One Book, One School event, welcoming over 40 community members to read *The Most Magnificent Team* to our students.

Throughout the year, we honored traditions and created meaningful experiences for our students. These included Read Across America Week, our annual Veterans Day program, and a powerful visual display of a life-size American flag formed by our entire school. We were also fortunate to welcome author Christopher Denise and a local ballet company, which performed excerpts from *The Nutcracker*. This year has been filled with excitement, growth, and resilience. Through snow and storms, we have persevered together as a school community. I am incredibly proud of our Explorers and look forward to all that next year will bring.

Woodrow Martin, Support Staff Person of the Year

Since my arrival here at MGES the support I've have received from the teachers, staff and administrators have been overwhelming great and have encouraged me to do my job to my greatest abilities.

Thoughts from MGES Families

"The recent production of Finding Nemo was absolutely exemplary—from the sets to the costumes to the singing. We feel so fortunate to have a teacher who creates these meaningful opportunities and approaches every class with such dedication and enthusiasm."

— Cormac, Laura, and Greyson Cannon, MGES Family

"To say this program has 'enriched' our kids would be criminally understated... It didn't just teach them Mandarin—it cultivated curiosity, built confidence, and showed them that when they don't understand something, they can go figure it out."

— MGES Parent

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

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." – B.B. King.

Congratulations to our Meadow Glen Elementary Explorers on an outstanding 2025-26 school year! The curiosity, confidence, and the passion for learning that our explorers develop here will empower them to march forward stronger to the next year. Thank you to families for your ongoing support and partnership in this shared educational journey. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our teachers and substitute teachers for their consistent guidance, to our staff for supporting students in various capacities each day, and to our administration for leading with purpose and heart.

Each year, MGES bring our school community together through a variety of events and activities for students and families—and they are always well attended, and full of fun. One event I would love to recognize is our Book Fair, organized by our exceptional librarian and Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Amy Jordan, along with her dedicated team. The Book Fair gives students the chance to fuel their love of reading and invites families to shop for books together. Additionally, Mrs. Jordan's "Check Out the Library" posts on ParentSquare have been a wonderful resource, keeping families informed and engaged. Thank you, Mrs. Jordan, for your utmost dedication to every classroom and every student who visits the library. Congratulations to Mrs. Jordan on earning the Teacher of the Year award!

One of the driving missions of Meadow Glen Elementary is to provide the highest quality foundational education to every student, while its vision reaches further—to advance elementary education worldwide. Our school also received an overall rating of Excellent on the School Report Cards for the year 2024-25, reflecting its dedication to excellence in teaching and learning. Education is truly a shared journey- one that flourishes when families, educators, and the community work together. I urge everyone to remain involved in this partnership, so that our children continue to thrive and grow into successful, well-rounded leaders.