

School Achievements

Celebrate With Us

Community Connections

Monarch Elementary and the Monarch PTA are fortunate to have both financial and program support from community partners such as Wenderoth Orthodontics, Edwards Law, J Michael Manley Team, Ben Daniel Dentistry, Mathnasium, Harrison Orthodontics, Draxlmaier, Sylvan, Larkspur Point, Bricks for Kids and many others.

State Recognitions

Palmetto's Finest Winner
TransformSC Member for meeting BIE Gold Standards for Project-based Learning
Recipient of Palmetto Gold Awards for High Academic Performance
Numerous PTA Awards including 100% and Top 10 Membership Awards, SC PTA Volunteers of the Year, SC PTA Students of the Year, and SC PTA Reflections winners
Jump Rope for Heart Top Earner Awards for South Carolina schools
South Carolina Department of Education Distinguished Arts Program 3-Year Grant Recipient (\$56,991.82)
Honors Choir participants
Safe Routes to School Silver Partnership
FLL Robotics state and international

District Recognitions

Roper Mountain Science Center Fair winners; numerous Gold Award winners
GCSD Science Teacher of the Year
Spring Sing participants
Basketball Hoop Shoot winners
Top Ten Teacher of the Year finalist

School Improvement Council

Monarchs Making a Difference

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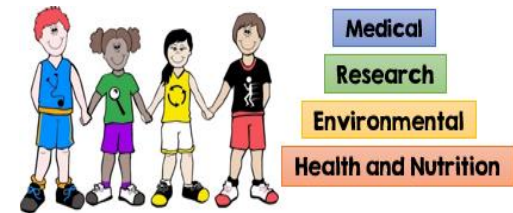
Monarch's SIC worked with stakeholders to:

- Develop and support implementation of the Strategic Plan housed in the School portfolio
- Write the *Annual School Report to the Parents*
- Assist Mrs. Overman with the SC Report Card narrative
- Advise on the use of school funds
- Attend school and district events
- Serve as a Guidance Advisory Council
- Collaborative on issues affecting Monarch
- Hold Lunch n' Learn informational sessions

Monarch Elementary

Celebrating Inquiry, Innovation and Creativity

Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2017-2018



Vaughan Overman, Principal
Mark Loach, Assistant Principal
Christine Bussom, SIC Chair
Nancy Shepard, PTA President

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The mission of Monarch is to build a collaborative learning community that challenges all students to excel academically, celebrate diversity, express creativity, and experience real-world curriculum connections.

Performance Goals

Blueprint for Success

Student Achievement

Performance Goal: *Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student.*

Performance Statement: *Meet the state and federal accountability objectives for all students and subgroups in writing, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.*

3rd-5th SC Ready ELA spring 2017

Meeting/Exceeding Expectation 80.1%

3rd-5th SC Ready Math spring 2017

Meeting/Exceeding Expectation 76.4%

4th-5th SCPASS Science spring 2017

Meeting/Exceeding Expectation 77%

4th-5th SCPASS Social Studies spring 2017

Meeting/Exceeding Expectation 94.15%

Teacher/Administration Quality

Performance Goal

Ensure quality personnel in all positions.

Performance Statement

Provide professional development in alignment with Monarch's mission.

School Climate

Performance Goal

Enhance family and community involvement in activities related to curriculum standards.

Performance Statement

Increase family involvement and community partnerships to extend and improve communication, understanding, support, and engagement in education.

The Magic of Monarch

Established August 2012

Our children are our greatest treasures.

Monarch is the first elementary school in the state and one of the few in the nation to focus on Health Sciences. The community has embraced the school and the demand for future student placement from the neighboring areas is immense.

A project/problem-based learning approach coupled with "student voice and choice" provide real-world connections. Curriculum-based learning menus with attention given to multiple intelligences allow students to thrive in a "Smart My Way" environment. A rigorous and relevant curriculum ensures each student is academically advantaged.

2017-18 Ethnicity Summary

of Students = 951

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| Asian | 7% | With 18 languages represented at Monarch, students learn in a culturally diverse setting. |
| African-American | 5% | |
| Hispanic | 6% | |
| Other | 7% | |
| Caucasian | 75% | |

Monarch uses innovative measures rich in best practices.

A partnership with Greenville Health System and generous contributions from parents and the Roper Mountain Science Center, our on-site *Discovery Lab* provides students with problems to investigate and inquiry-rich experiences.

Clinical speakers and other experts in the field of Health Sciences provide authentic career connections and teach the students the importance of science in everyday life.

Monarch has a Healthy Choices Café where all food served is low fat, healthy and prepared fresh daily.

Capitalizing on research that supports healthy movement, all students in 4K -5th enjoy rocking chairs designed by the Pediatric Therapy Network. Intermediate students can participate in Girls on the Run and our Running Club. Brain Breaks are incorporated during the school day.

Students benefit from a technology-rich campus. The upper-grade 1:1 iPad initiative promotes inquiry and allows students to checkout eBooks. Promethean multi-touch boards promote collaborative learning.

Monarch has two Tech "Knowledge" y labs, which feature three Promethean ActiveInspire tables, 30 desktop computers, a Promethean ActivBoard and unique software that enriches learning experiences for the students. Purchased by PTA, 30 Dell Latitudes are available for student research and keyboarding skills. PTA and the school have purchased over 350 Chromebooks in support of technology initiatives.