

## School Achievements

### *Celebrate With Us*

#### **Community Connections**

The community has been extremely generous through the Friends of Monarch Donations which has raised \$30,000. Collaborative partnerships include the Greenville Health System, Publix, Whole Foods, Chick-fil-A, Sportsclub, Twisted Cup Yogurt, and Tony's Pizza.

#### **State Recognitions**

SC PTA 100% Membership Awards  
SC PTA Top 10 Membership Award  
SC PTA 500 Member Club  
SC PTA Silver Oak Leaf Association  
SC PTA Volunteer of the Year  
Jump Rope for Heart Top First Year Earner for South Carolina schools  
2013-2014 South Carolina Department of Education Distinguished Arts Program Grant Recipient (\$20,997.00)  
SC PTA Reflections winners  
Charleston Honors Choir participants  
Safe Routes to School Silver Partnership  
SCPTA Student of the Year

#### **District Recognitions**

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

## School Improvement

### **Council (SIC) Members**

#### *Monarchs Making a Difference*

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#### **Monarch's SIC worked with stakeholders to:**

- Develop and implement the school strategic plan housed in the school portfolio
- Write the Annual School SIC 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
- Have Lunch n' Learn informational sessions

## Monarch Elementary

### *Celebrating Inquiry, Innovation and Creativity*

## Annual School Improvement Council

### "Report to the Parents" 2013-2014



Vaughan Overman, Principal  
Carlos Littlejohn, Assistant Principal  
Jon Soncrant, SIC Chair  
Jennifer Street, 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.

# Monarch Elementary

## Performance Goals

### Blueprint for Success

#### Student Achievement

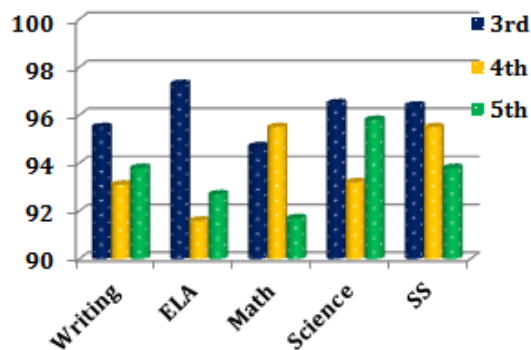
##### Performance Goal

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.

**% of Students Scoring Met/Exemplary  
SCPASS 2014**



	Writing	ELA	Math	Science	SS
3rd	95.5	97.3	94.7	96.5	96.4
4th	93.1	91.6	95.5	93.2	95.5
5th	93.8	92.7	91.7	95.8	93.8

Data Source: SC SDE

#### 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.

#### 2013-14 Ethnicity Summary

# of Students = 766

Asian	5%
African-American	6%
Hispanic	5%
Other	4%
Caucasian	80%

With 18 languages represented at Monarch, students learn in a culturally diverse setting.

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 -5<sup>th</sup> 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 check-out 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.