

## School Achievements

### *Celebrate With Us*

#### **Community Connections**

The Monarch community, consisting of both school families and local community partners, has been extremely generous through PTA Friends of Monarch Donations. Collaborative partnerships include the Greenville Health System, Wenderoth Orthodontics, Publix, Whole Foods, Chick-fil-A, Sportsclub, Twisted Cup Yogurt, Merck Foundation, and Michelin.

#### **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)  
Charleston Honors Choir participants  
Safe Routes to School Silver Partnership  
FLL Robotics

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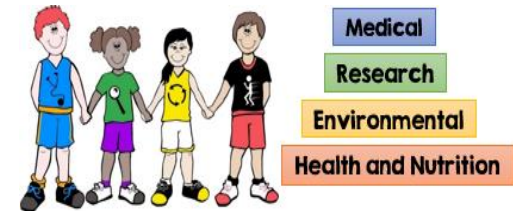
#### **Monarch's SIC worked with stakeholders to:**

- 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" 2016-2017



Vaughan Overman, Principal  
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Christine Bussom, SIC Chair  
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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.

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> SC Ready ELA spring 2016**

**Meeting/Exceeding Expectation 76.1%**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> SC Ready Math spring 2016**

**Meeting/Exceeding Expectation 81.2%**

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> SCPASS Science spring 2016**

**Meeting/Exceeding Expectation 81.2%**

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> SCPASS Social Studies spring 2016**

**Meeting/Exceeding Expectation 81.2%**

#### 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.

#### 2016-17 Ethnicity Summary

# of Students = 896

Asian	6%
African-American	7%
Hispanic	5%
Other	5%
Caucasian	77%

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. PTA has also purchased 150 Chromebooks in support of technology initiatives.