

2018-19 School Achievements

- ★ Montessori instruction in beautifully prepared environments to over 370 students age three to grade seven
- ★ First year of our Montessori adolescent program
- ★ Opportunities for performance: Poetry Slam, Talent Show, & Winter Concert
- ★ College of Charleston partnership to bring education majors into our school to experience Montessori
- ★ Giving back to our community through service projects such as welcome bags for families at the Ronald McDonald House, homemade pet treats for animal shelters, food drives for the local food bank, and Give Kids the World
- ★ Additional literacy block added for students grade 1-6
- ★ Cultural studies through field trips to local museums, the Gaillard, DNR, Disney, and nature centers
- ★ Dynamic PTO support through fundraising and volunteer efforts
- ★ Whole school events sponsored by PTO: Spaghetti Dinner, Holiday Bazaar, Sweetheart Ball, and Farmer's Market
- ★ Parent development on Montessori Materials and Methods, Digital Platforms, Literacy, and Healthy Development including presentation on Gun Safety
- ★ Professional Development on Montessori math, Readers/Writers Workshop, workshops for assistants, positive discipline, Waseca materials
- ★ First place at James Island County Park's Holiday Card Contest
- ★ Revision of Vision, Mission, and Core Values by SIC
- ★ First-ever Murray-LaSaine middle school soccer team-Go Stinger Bees!



International Peace Day September 21, 2018

MLES SIC Members 2018-19

Chair: **Jamie Meissner**, Parent

Secretary: **Kelly Knight**, Parent

Laura Getsinger, Teacher

Brian Chadwell, Teacher

Alexis Phillips, Teacher

Allison Soler, Parent

Kate Riddle, Parent

Sharon Bingley, Community Member

Kate Calloway, Community Member

Hannah Kalish, Past PTO President

Kisha Harvey, Guidance Counselor

Joey Ballenger, Ex-Officio

Meredith Wallace, Principal



Primary (age 3-6) Work: Red Rod and Red & Blue Rod Extensions

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the MLES School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



Murray-LaSaine

Educating the Whole Child

School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2018-19

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Our Vision, Mission, & Core Values

Vision: Educating the Whole Child

Mission: The mission of Murray-LaSaine is to provide a Montessori education that guides students to their fullest potential by instilling independence, social responsibility, and a lifelong love of learning.

Core Values: Community, Independence, Curiosity, Integrity, Perseverance, Growth, Peace, Inclusivity



Murray-LaSaine's Middle School Soccer Team

SIC Annual Goals

- ❖ Improve use of outdoor classroom and access to gardening opportunities
- ❖ Support Math and Reading at MLES
- ❖ Write the Report to Parents
- ❖ Increase advocacy and outreach



MLES Adolescent Program



Lower Elementary (GR 1-3) Decanomial: A BIG Work

Student Achievement

SC READY ELA & Math 2018

% Exceeds & Meets	ELA	Math
Grade 3	41%	44%
Grade 4	42%	24%
Grade 5	32%	24%
Grade 6	36%	14%

SC PASS Social Studies & Science 2018

% Met & Above	Social Studies	Science
Grade 4	--	38%
Grade 5	53%	--
Grade 6	--	29%

For more information, "S.C. School Report Card": www.ed.sc.gov. New SC Report Cards (2018) here: <https://screportcards.com/>



Message from the Principal & SIC Chair

Murray-LaSaine is a partial-magnet school serving over 370 students ages 3 through 7th grade in both Montessori and traditional classrooms on James Island in Charleston, South Carolina. We have a proud history of serving our community and working diligently to meet the needs of our students and their families.

MLES continues to transition to a full Montessori program serving our attendance zone and District 3 and 9. We opened our Adolescent Montessori program for 7th graders in August of 2018. In August 2019, we will add grade 8. Murray-LaSaine will be full Montessori by 2020 for students age 3 through 8th grade.

We are excited to continue to grow and improve, ensuring that our students are provided authentic Montessori instruction that aligns with state and district expectations. We have focused time, energy, and attention on our areas of need to ensure students develop the skills they need to be confident, knowledgeable, compassionate, and competent citizens of the world. We seek to grow each child's potential so they become independent, social responsibility members of society who never stop learning.

Opportunities for Parent Involvement include volunteering, serving on PTO and our School Improvement Council, attending Principal Coffees, participating in the Wellness Committee, working at the Farmers' Market, volunteering in classrooms, chaperoning, field trips, supervising the Running Club, attending after school events and activities, and hosting after school clubs and activities.

We strive to be a community of lifelong learners that values independence, respect, responsibility, and growth. **We are Murray-LaSaine.**

Meredith Wallace
Principal

Jamie Meissner
SIC Chair