

2019-20 School Achievements

- ★ Montessori instruction in beautifully prepared environments
- ★ Second year of our Montessori adolescent program, which scored Excellent on SC Report Card
- ★ SIC Survey seeking feedback and action items implemented
- ★ Stinger Teas business and Virtual Climate Summit by our Adolescent students
- ★ Hosted James Island's first annual Women in Science event
- ★ Battle of the Books, Seeds to Shoreline, Hour of Code, JI Arts Cultural Center Art Show
- ★ Opportunities for performance: Wax Museum, Talent Show, Music Concerts
- ★ College of Charleston partnership exposing Ed. majors to Montessori
- ★ Giving back to our community through service projects: Ronald McDonald House, homemade pet treats for Pet Helpers, food and coat drives, Love without Boundaries, Backpack Buddies
- ★ Cultural studies through in house and out of school field trips to local museums, the Gaillard, DNR, aquarium, and a variety of guest speakers
- ★ Dynamic PTO support through fundraising and volunteer efforts
- ★ School-wide events sponsored by PTO: Spaghetti Dinner, Sweetheart Ball, Farmer's Market, Literacy Night
- ★ Significant investment in school library by PTO and direct giving campaign
- ★ Professional development series on topics of diversity including race, gender, religion, ability, and more
- ★ Book Study Grant awarded for Diverse Families, Desirable Schools
- ★ Continued to deliver instruction during COVID-19 closure in a manner that

aligned with our Montessori beliefs.



Primary at Work: Knobless Cylinders, Moveable Alphabet, Pink Tower

SIC Members 2019-20

Chair: **Jamie Meissner**, Parent

Secretary: **Kate Riddile**, Parent

Laura Getsinger, Teacher

Brian Chadwell, Teacher

Elizabeth Ryan, Teacher

Allison Soler, Parent

Gerald Perron, Parent

Robin Fay, Community Member

Sharon Bingley, Community Member

Jen Morris-Martin, PTO

Kisha Harvey, Guidance Counselor

Joey Ballenger, Ex-Officio

Meredith Wallace, Principal



Lower Elementary students love our new library books

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the MLMS 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 Montessori

Educating the Whole Child

School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2019-2020

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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



Project Disney Students EARN their way to the happiest place on earth

SIC Annual Goals

- ❖ Improve science instruction and opportunities for science experiences.
- ❖ Improve math skills for students.
- ❖ Improve home-school communication.



Murray-LaSaine Adolescent Program



Students on Peace Day 2019

Student Achievement SC READY ELA & Math 2018 2019

% Exceeds & Meets	ELA	Math
Grade 3	41% 71.4%	44% 65.7%
Grade 4	42% 45.2%	24% 35.7%
Grade 5	32% 45.0%	24% 32.5%
Grade 6	36% 64.7%	14% 47.1%
Grade 7	36.4%	36.4%

SC PASS Social Studies & Science 2018 2019

% Met & Above	SS	Science
Grade 4	--	38% 34.9%
Grade 5	53% 65%	--
Grade 6	--	29% 35.3%
Grade 7	36.4%	

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 380 students ages 3 through grade 8 in both Montessori and traditional classrooms 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.

Murray-LaSaine continues to transition to a full Montessori program serving our attendance zone and Districts 3 and 9. Murray-LaSaine will be full Montessori by the 2020-21 school year.

We are excited to continue to grow and improve, ensuring that our students are provided authentic Montessori instruction that aligns with state standards and district expectations. We focus 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, socially-responsible members of a diverse society who are also curious, creative, and collaborative life-long learners.

Opportunities for Parent Involvement include serving on PTO or School Improvement Council, attending parent education events, joining the Wellness Committee or PBIS, volunteering in classrooms, chaperoning field trips, supervising the Running Club, attending after school events and activities, and providing on-going feedback in order for our school to be in a continuous state of growth and refinement.

We strive to be a community of lifelong learners that models our core values and works to bring to life our vision and mission. While the COVID-19 closures challenged all of us to grow in unexpected ways, we remain united in our shared purpose: to educate the whole child. **We are Murray-LaSaine.**

Meredith Wallace
Principal

Jamie Meissner
SIC Chair