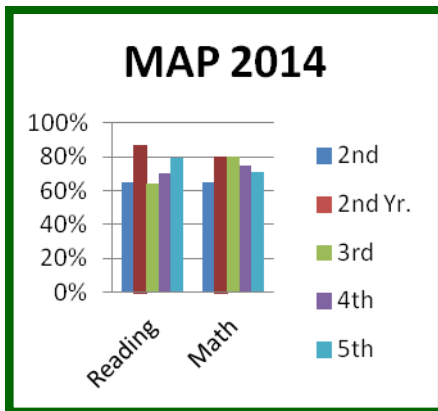


# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)



This table shows the percentages of students who scored at or above the 25th percentile in Reading and Math during the 2013-2014 school year on MAP.



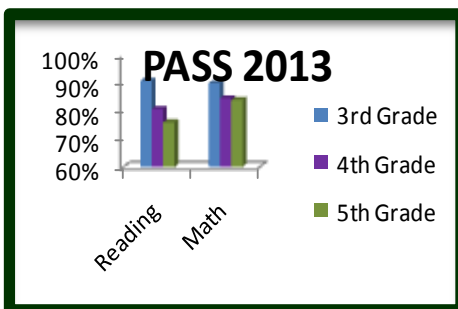
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## MURRAY-LASAINE

*Elementary School*

### Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

Information below represents the percentage of our students who received scores of "met" or "exemplary" in Reading and Math.



**MLES Recognition**  
 Title 1 reward School for Performance  
 Among the highest performing  
 Title 1 School in a given year  
 Overall Weighted Points: 96.9 Overall  
 Grade Conversion: **A**  
 Growth Rating: **Average**  
 Absolute Rating: **Average**  
 5 consecutive years



**Mission Statement** - The mission of Murray-LaSaine Elementary School is to prepare each student to become a functioning, respectful member of a diverse society. We will provide a meaningful, stimulating, child-centered environment that emphasizes a positive atmosphere while promoting opportunities for optimum development. Through active involvement of students, staff, administration, family and the community, Murray-LaSaine will empower every child to become a lifelong learner while enhancing their desire to learn.

**SOARing ~ The Sky is the Limit!**

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2012-2013 Silver Medal School ~ South Carolina Department of Education

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 County SCHOOL DISTRICT

### STRATEGIES & INITIATIVES

#### Academic Support

- Reading Recovery
- FGA-First Grade Academy
- PGA -Primary Grade Academy
- SAIL
- Resource
- Summer Reading/Math Program
- Extended Learning (Afterschool Program)

#### Schoolwide Initiatives

- Principal's Coffee Club
- Literacy and Math Parent Nights
- Accelerated Reader & Math
- Guidance
- Kaleidoscope Afterschool Program
- Palmetto Mentor Program
- Children's Garden Project

Associate Superintendent, Ms Teri Nichols  
 Lead Teacher, Deloris Jeffcoat

Principal, Sherry Peterson  
 Guidance Counselor, Shelby Gist

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## Excellence



### MLES Priorities

Our staff worked throughout the year to develop our 3-5 year strategic priorities. Once developed, we created plans of "Action" to ensure the full realization of each priority.

1. Focus on a comprehensive approach to meet the individual needs of the whole child.
2. Set very high expectations for the academic performance and positive behaviors of each student.
3. Use data to drive organizational decisions to improve student achievement and overall student growth.
4. Develop and utilize multi-modal, hands-on lessons that appeal to the multiple intelligences of our students.

### Visual Arts



Students experience different art mediums in the visual arts classroom. Students create sculptures, printmaking, collages, and mixed media. We learn the elements and principles of design and how to successfully use them in work. Throughout the year your child will learn about the history of artists and artist techniques. It amazes me what students can learn and remember!

During the year student art work is displayed throughout the school, so be sure to stop by as the artwork will change frequently. Always feel free to visit your child's art class. Our door is always open! Check out our [Highlights](#):

- Coastal Carolina Fair
- James Island "Island of Lights" Greeting Card Competition
- Tree Trimming at James Is. County Pk. Office
- Art PTA Fundraiser
- Charleston Marathon
- Commission Memorial Day Celebration

### Primary Grades Academy

In conjunction with the core reading program, Murray LaSaine Elementary provides additional reading support through Primary Grades Academy (PGA). This program serves students that are in grades K-3. MLES provides a multi-tiered intervention system in which students are provided with evidenced-based classroom reading instruction and research based supplemental intervention.

### Physical Education/Health & Wellness

Our school participates in a "Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant" which has helped us to promote a healthy school environment. This grant provides fresh food choices for our students, often increasing their intake of healthy fruit and vegetables. It also exposes students to a variety of produce they may not have tried before, hopefully expanding their knowledge and interest in healthy living choices. Students also participate in various activities to promote physical health. This year students participated in the following: SC Walk to School Day, Fitness Club, CCPR Swimming Lessons, Jump Rope for Heart, MLES Field Day, PTA Field Day, and daily morning exercises.

MLES students in grades 2-5 have the opportunity to join the following school athletic teams:

- \* Golf Team consistently places in the top half of The First Tee Golf Champions' Cup every year.
  - \* Tennis Team qualified for tournament play.
  - \* Track and Field Team had runners who qualified to participate in the District and State races.
- The MLES Wellness Committee has been awarded \$1,000 annually by The MUSC Lean Team/Boeing for the implementation of school-wide wellness activities.



Welcome to MLE.

Murray-LaSaine is a family-like school with a welcoming and positive atmosphere. We have many exciting changes coming to Murray LaSaine, and are looking forward to the new adventure about to begin. Currently, Murray-LaSaine offers traditional CD-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, and this year we piloted our new Montessori program. As we look into the future, we are excited about the opportunity to offer the Montessori curriculum to our current and future families.

The Murray-LaSaine Montessori program includes primary and lower elementary classes, with expansion into upper elementary classes for the future. Our Montessori curriculum provides an authentic Montessori experience for all learners. The classroom environments are set up for children to explore their learning interests in hands on ways, using materials to build their knowledge with concrete understanding of subject matter. Our focus is a peaceful learning environment where all values, learning styles and individual student needs are respected and appreciated.

Together, we have the opportunity to be a part of an exceptional educational experience. We hope that you enjoy your time in our school as we strive to provide the best education possible for our students!



