

## SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

James Simons Elementary School (JSES) is a Title I school located in downtown Charleston in our beautiful state-of-the-art school. For the past two years James Simons has been a full Montessori school with no traditional classes. We have six primary classes, five lower elementary classes, five upper elementary classes and two 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school classes. It is easy to see that our highly qualified staff is passionate about serving children when you experience our positive nurturing school environment. Initiatives in place for continued improvement include 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology enhancements and a rigorous Montessori curriculum designed to meet children at their learning levels and accelerate achievement.

In addition to ensuring our students grow academically, socially and emotionally, our staff is continuously growing professionally as they learn more about the teachings, instructional best practices and philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. Our staff's journey to develop personally and professionally is rewarding and enlightening.

Various events held this year for our school community include the Wellness Fair, Parent Education Nights, College and Career Day, and several Parent Literacy events. Additionally, our staff and students benefited greatly from the many programs sponsored by our community partners such as Rotary Reads, Rotary Family Member and Student of the Month, Backpack Buddies, and Kids Well Clinic. We greatly appreciate the support of our PTA, School Improvement Council (SIC), Rotary of Charleston, Communities in Schools, Charleston Promise Neighborhood, Friends of James Simons (FOJS) and The Citadel. We look forward to our continued collaboration and success.

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### James Simons Elementary School *A Montessori Focus*



### 2018 Annual Report To Parents and the Community

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Fall to Winter 2017-18 Reading MAP Results: Percent of Students Meeting Growth Targets

	Fall '17	Winter'18		Fall '17	Winter'18		
1	54%	160	172	6	45%	205	207
2	34%	174	179	7	65%	209	214
3	54%	188	197	8	67%	213	218
4	40%	194	197				
5	39%	196	201				

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