#### SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

Upon entering our building, one can immediately sense the child-centered atmosphere that has already made Laurel Hill Primary School (LHPS) an awardwinning school. At LHPS we are committed to the success of each child. Our students continue to grow in all areas: academically, socially, physically and artistically. We are determined to provide a child-centered and developmentally appropriate learning environment in each of our classrooms.

One recent area of focus is providing students with authentic writing opportunities. Thirteen of our classes participated in writing labs this year as our teachers worked alongside our teacher coach exploring different units of study with the children. Our students have the opportunity to consistently write about their own experiences and/or topics of interest, which has helped to cultivate the love of writing that we see each day. LHPS is proud to announce that we recently received reaccreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This prestigious status has been described as the gold standard by which early childhood programs are evaluated.

Various annual events were once again held for our school community including Family Reading Night, Math Night, Art Night, and our Turtle Trot. LHPS is proud of our current success, and we are committed to continued improvement in all aspects of educating our children. We appreciate the support from our PTA, School Improvement Council (SIC), Park West Campus Education Fund, parents and the Mt. Pleasant community, whose partnerships involve volunteering, fundraising, tutoring and organizing various events. The primary goal at Laurel Hill Primary School is to challenge every one of our students to meet his or her greatest potential. We focus daily on helping our children cultivate a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

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## AWARDS

NAEYC Accreditation, 2008 & 2013

SC Literacy Spot Award, 2011

SCPTA Award of Excellence, Ist place, 2008

Riley SIC Award, Honorable Mention, 2008

Community of Readers Award, 2007

SC Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, 1st place, School Award, 2007

Red Carpet Award, 2005

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

#### Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

MAP tests measure our students' general knowledge in reading and math. These tests provide information as to the specific strengths and weaknesses of our students. They also provide us with the instructional level of each child. The information below represents the 2nd grade MAP scores from the Spring 2013 test administration.

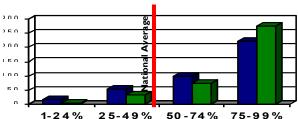
#### MAP Summary:

The vast majority of our 2nd grade students (82% in Reading and 91% in Math) scored at or above the national average.



Superintendent, Dr. Nancy J. McGinley Associate Superintendent, Ms. Terri Nichols





Spring 2013 MAP Data x axis = national percentiles 50 = National average

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ReadingMathy axis = # of students



Principal, Mr. Michael Antonelli Assistant Principal, Ms. Kathleen Farwell