

2020-2021 Accomplishments

- “Excellent” rated Middle School
- “Good” rated Elementary School
- MUSC Boeing Center for Children’s Wellness Grant
- Junior Great Books program
- First Tee Member
- Gifted and Talented endorsed teachers
- National Board Certified teachers
- Kids Heart Challenge
- Food Drive for Lowcountry Food Bank
- Composting and recycling school-wide
- Strings Program
- Virtual Student Talent Show sponsored by MCS PTO
- South Carolina Walk to School Day
- Donors Choose Grant Recipients
- Charleston Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest
- 2020 Spirit Week & Feast Day Activities
- Read Across America
- Turbo Typemasters
- 4-H Chick Embryology Project
- North Charleston Arts Festival Student Exhibit
- Many students identified as Gifted and Talented in Academics and in the Arts



Mission Statement

The work of the Montessori Community School is to guide the development of the whole child, empowering each student to make a positive impact on our world.



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*School Improvement Council
School Summary Report 2021*

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SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT 2020-2021



After the unusual ending to the 2019-20 school year, educators and school leaders knew that opening schools in the fall of 2020 would be challenging. Many educators and

administrators spent the summer months planning and preparing for schools to reopen. Despite the challenges, Montessori Community School was able to safely reopen its doors to students in September. Teachers and staff worked hard to adapt learning environments, teaching styles and procedures. Protocols were set in place in order to keep students and staff safe during this unprecedented time. Special area teachers became mobile, moving from classroom to classroom with their carts of supplies and teaching materials. Classroom teachers adapted to teaching in-person and remote students using a variety of technologies. Students adjusted to new classroom routines and safety procedures. While the safe reopening of school during a global pandemic was an impressive accomplishment on its own, Montessori Community School also celebrates a variety of achievements and events during the 2020-21 school year.

MCS faculty and staff are committed to providing high quality Montessori instruction in an authentic environment to support students' growth in independence, self-regulation and self-efficacy. Throughout the 2020-21 school year MCS teachers engaged in discussions about leveling up instruction by creating rigorous and engaging tasks. Teachers analyzed and refined lesson plans to increase levels of engagement, cognitive rigor and to thoughtfully add technology to learning tasks.

We continue to offer students additional opportunities. Activities this year included the Strings program for fifth through eighth grade students, a virtual talent show for students in first through eighth grade and Typemasters program in the computer lab for 3rd through 6th grade students. In the spirit of community service, PE classes participated in the Kids Heart Challenge benefiting the American Heart Association and the School Improvement Council sponsored a food drive benefiting the Lowcountry Foodbank.

The MCS School Improvement Council identified engagement as an area of focus as we support students and their families during this school year. In collaboration with the PTO, the SIC has utilized the PTO Facebook page to share information and classroom activities with parents and students learning remotely. Technology has proven to be beneficial in sharing information with families. Seesaw, Canvas and the new CCSD app have been valuable tools in helping families engage with MCS during a year without volunteers, classroom observations or visits.



We are looking forward to a wrapping up the 2020-21 school year with annual events like Field Day, Teacher Appreciation Week and Graduation. While these events will differ from years past, our hope is to provide positive memorable experiences for students, teachers and families. The SIC would like to thank all MCS families for your continued support throughout the 2020-21 school year.



SC 2020 School Report Card

- MCS Elementary program overall as “Good” with scores of “Excellent” in both Academic Achievement and Student Engagement categories
- MCS Middle School received an overall rating of “Excellent”. The categories of Academic Achievement and Preparing for Success received ratings of “Excellent” at this grade level.
- More Information here: screportcards.com