

## 2018—2019 Accomplishments

- “Excellent” rated Elementary and Middle School
- Book Bowl
- MUSC Boeing Center for Children’s Wellness Grant
- Fun Pan Program for 4k, 5k and 6th grade
- Reading Buddies
- Junior Great Books program
- First Tee Member
- Trip to Camp St, Christopher for UE students
- Trip to Florida for Middle School students
- Gifted and Talented endorsed teachers
- National Board Certified teachers
- Adolescent Program at Fields Farm
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Composting and recycling school-wide
- Parent Education Nights
- Career Speakers
- Participation in Charleston Navy Week
- MCS Running Club
- Strings Program
- Guitar Club
- First Color Fun Run



## Partnerships

Boeing  
Clemson Master Gardeners  
Earth Heart Growers  
Fields Farm  
Go Race!

## 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.



## SIC Members

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County SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Montessori Community School



*School Improvement Council  
School Summary Report 2019*

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## SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT 2018-2019



The Montessori Community School celebrates a variety of events and accomplishments for the 2018-2019 school year. We are proud to share that the new South Carolina School Report Card rated the MCS

Elementary program overall as “Excellent”, with scores of “Excellent” in both Academic Achievement and Student Engagement categories. The MCS Middle School also received an overall rating of “Excellent”. The categories of Academic Achievement and Preparing for Success received ratings of “Excellent” at this grade level. MCS faculty and staff are committed to providing high quality Montessori instruction and an authentic environment to support our students’ growth in independence, self-regulation and self-efficacy.

We continue to offer students additional opportunities. Activities this year included Guitar Clubs for students in the third through eighth grades and the Strings program for fifth through eighth grade students. In the spring, students, parents and staff formed the new MCS Running Club. The culminating event for this group was the Cooper River Bridge Run Kids Run held in Hampton Park. Combining the enthusiasm for running with fundraising, MCS held its first Color Fun Run, raising almost \$20,000 for basketball goals and a shade awning for the Primary car line area. .

The focus on college and career readiness has been a priority for us in 2018-2019. The MCS Guidance program hosted a number of career speakers -from entymology to SPAWAR - for Middle School students. Students in grades 4-8 participated in activities during Navy Week., learning about careers as divers, meteorologists and Naval historians.

The gardening and natural world experience continues to expand for MCS students. While Middle School students worked at Fields Farm during the year, Primary through Upper Elementary students planted and harvested vegetables, herbs and flowers on our campus. Planting beds were added in the Primary gardening area and the development of the Peace Garden continued. Again, all of the work of planning, under-brushing and creating narrow paths has been done by the MCS students with the guidance of the MCS Gardening Committee.

For younger students, we completed our third year of “Fun Pan” cooking on Friday afternoons. Led by West Ashley High School’s Culinary Arts Department, four and five year old students, aided by sixth grade students, used fresh produce to make salads, pastas, stir fry and soups. The success of our school gardening program ensured that much of the produce was grown right on our own campus!

In the area of literacy, MCS students participated in our first “Book Bowl”, “Book Tastings”, author visits and book clubs. Based on previous success, the Junior Great Books program was expanded to include all second and fifth grade students. And MCS faculty model life-long learning as they complete courses in literacy instruction, Montessori professional development and Gifted and Talented endorsements.

As is our tradition, field trips, including the multi-day trips for students in Upper Elementary and Middle School, continue to be an important part of our curriculum, providing academic and social learning experiences. Our students participate in The First Tee, a youth development organization that introduces students to golf, Jump Rope for Heart supporting the American Heart Association and our own Reading Buddies, pairing Upper Elementary students with Primary students.

Looking forward, in the 2019-2020 school year MCS will move from a PTA to a PTO , opening up new avenues for parent, teacher, student involvement. Also for the coming year, the MCS School Improvement Council has identified providing increased education for students and parents about the safe and responsible use of social media.

We are looking forward to a great 2019-2020!

