

2016—2017 Accomplishments

- Elementary Program ranked 6 in SC
- Middle School Program ranked 3 in SC
- MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness Grant
- Fun Pan Program for 4k and 5k and 6th grade
- Reading Buddies
- First Tee Member
- Trip to Earthshine for Upper Elementary students
- Trip to Washington for Middle School Students
- Wal-Mart Grant
- National Board Certified teachers
- Adolescent Program at Fields Farm



Partnerships

- West Ashley High School
- Boeing
- Charleston Youth Marathon
- Earth Heart Growers
- Fields Farm
- Wal-Mart

Mission Statement

The Montessori Community School, a diverse and engaging educational partnership of parents, teachers, children and community, nurtures a child's love of learning and sense of social responsibility using the child-centered Montessori philosophy and curriculum to develop the intellectual, physical, spiritual, artistic and academic excellence inherent in each child.



Montessori Community School



School Summary Report 2017

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SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT 2017



The Montessori Community School celebrates a variety of events and

accomplishments for the 2016-2017 school year. In the area of academics, MCS had the highest state ranking in our school's history. The MCS Elementary grades were ranked 6th in South Carolina and the MCS Middle School ranked 3rd! We congratulate the entire community on this stellar accomplishment.

While we have offered Chess Club and Guitar Clubs for students in the third through eighth grades in the past, this year we added Duke TIP Online Courses in Creative Writing and in Architecture, providing students with a variety of after school activities. Both courses were mentored by MCS parent volunteers who have expertise in the field. We plan to continue to expand the types of clubs and classes available to our students.



For our younger students, we introduced "Fun Pan" cooking with local chefs on Friday afternoons. Four and five year old students, aided by some of our sixth grade students, used fresh produce to make salads, pastas, stir fry and soups. The expansion of our school gardening program ensured that much of the produce was grown right on our own campus!

This year we partnered with Earth Heart Growers, Fields Farm on Johns Island and Montessori students at Malcolm Hursey in a program designed to put Middle School students on the land twice a month. Teachers and students collaborated to pick vegetables for CSA baskets, construct projects like a compost bin and paper making frames, and prepare lunch for the entire group. We are grateful for the help of the many volunteers, including MCS parents, who made this experience possible for our students. A special thank you to MCS parent and Earth Heart Growers founder Liz Ramirez for making this initiative possible.



As always, 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, and our own Reading Buddies.

