

# MONTESSORI

# COMMUNITY

# SCHOOL

## SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT 2021-2022



HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
MONTESSORI  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL!

*The 2021-2022 school year marked the 25th year for MCS as a CCSD school.*

The return to school for the 2021-2022 school year brought unique challenges but teachers, staff, administration and students rose to the occasion. Flexibility became the mantra for the year as classrooms adapted to changing protocols while continuing to provide an engaging, supportive learning environment. MCS also welcomed five new classroom teachers and three new staff members to the faculty. It was a year of change and growth for our community.

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. During the year, five staff members were enrolled in the Lander University Montessori graduate school program. In addition, teachers participated in professional development to build classroom community, enhance students' ability to have meaningful discourse and increase empathy when considering differing opinions.

For our MCS students we continue to offer additional opportunities. Activities this year included the Strings and our new Band programs for fifth through eighth grade students and the inaugural MCS Student Council composed of 7th and 8th grade students. In the spirit of community service, PE classes participated in the Kids Heart Challenge benefiting the American Heart Association. We launched a supply drive to support Afghan refugees and held student-led events to raise funds and supplies for residents of One80 Place and children impacted by the war in Ukraine.

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. The MCS PTO provided many teacher appreciation events in 2021-2022!



We wrapped up the 2021-22 school year with annual events like Field Day, Graduation and a student/staff volleyball game. - all geared to provide positive memorable experiences for MCS students, teachers and families. The SIC would like to thank all MCS families for your continued support throughout the 2021-22 school year.



### SC 2020 School Report Card

Due to the impact of COVID, South Carolina has not issued school report cards for several years. New school report cards will be available in the fall based on Spring 2022 test and survey data.

As of Spring 2020:

- 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](https://screportcards.com)

## 2021-2022 Events and Accomplishments

- CCSD Grand Prize Winner MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness Award
- Middle School Trip to Rock Eagle 4-H Center
- Inaugural MCS Student Council
- Junior Great Books program in Lower and Upper Elementary
- Student trips to opera, Caw Caw, the SC Aquarium, tours of College of Charleston
- Kids Heart Challenge
- Supply Drive for Afghani Refugees
- Student-led supply drive for children of Ukraine and residents One80 Place
- High quality, authentic school garden program
- Band and Strings Program
- South Carolina Walk to School Day
- Donors Choose Grant Recipients
- Spirit Week, Fall Festival, Fun Run and Field Day Activities
- 4-H Chick Embryology Project and 4-H Journey to Mars

## 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 2021-2022

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