# MONAVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Led by Greenville County School's 2020 Principal of the Year, Monaview Elementary has become a leading example in growing all students. With a strong belief that "Every Student Counts, Every Moment Matters," we have earned and maintained an Excellent report card rating with the highest student progress in South Carolina.

Monaview Elementary is the 2018 recipient of the William T. Wylie VALUED Lives Award for School Excellence in Diversity, sponsored by the Greenville Chamber and Riley Institute. This honor is bestowed upon outstanding K-12 schools in the Upstate region who are meeting central qualities of diversity, and Monaview is the first Greenville County elementary school to do so.

Our school's faculty and staff have taken great strides to create and maintain an atmosphere and learning environment where everyone is welcomed, valued, and supported.

With the highest Hispanic population in Greenville County Schools of 76.7% and with almost 12% of students having lived in the U.S. for two or less years, Monaview strives to meet the needs of its increasingly diverse community.

To encourage positive self-image for students, we have created a hall of mirrors with inspiring messages about what staff members see in their students.

Monaview provides professional development for staff which focuses on, Social Emotional Learning, inclusion and belonging and trauma-informed practices.

We offer many different resources to give parents access to computers, programs, and technology like Rosetta Stone. With projects like Jumpstarting Literacy for Internationals, which provide books to support students with limited English abilities, and Social Emotional Learning, which helps students learn important life kills, the school makes an effort to increase diversity of learning materials.

Monaview is an excellent example of how schools should support diversity and offer engaging educational opportunities to all students!

#### **SCHOOL PROFILE**

Student Enrollment: 607

Virtual: 5

Administrators: 2

Classroom Teachers: 33

Staff: 44

#### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Principal, Damon Qualls
Title I Representative, Misty Kink
Parent, Lillian Lopez(Chair)
Parent, Maria Palma (Chair)
Teacher, Lauren Hepner
Parent, Isidira Sanchez
Parent, Stephanie Duncan
Community Member, Richard Corbin
Community Member, Jennifer Rosado
Community Member, Julio Hernandez







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# **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2022 South Carolina Elementary School Counselor of the Year

2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 Upstate Parent Magazine Student Who Makes A Difference Award recipient

2020 Greenville County Schools Principal of the Year

2020 COVID-19 Teacher Hero Finalist

2020 What Works SC Finalist (Monaview MAGIC Initiative)

2020 Upstate Unsung Hero Nominee

2020 South Carolina Middle and Elementary School Academy of Science Regional Winner

2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 Greenville Drive Reading All-Stars 100% Participation Award

2020 Distinguished Teacher of Literacy Runner Up

2019 South Carolina Read Your Way to the Big Game Student Winner

2019, 2018 EXCELLENT Report Card rating by South Carolina Dept. of Education

2019, 2018, 2012, 2011 Palmetto Silver Award

2019 National Title I Conference School presentation - Kansas City, Missouri

2019 GCS Speech Therapist of the Year

2019 Upstate Parent Magazine Educator Who Makes a Difference Award recipient

2019 Berea Lions' Club & Foundation Educator of the Year

2019 Diversity Leadership Institute participant

2019-20, 18-19, 17-18, 16-17 Distinguished Teacher of Literacy recipient

2019, 2017, 2006 United Way Chairman's Award

2022, 2021, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2013-2006 United Way Campaign of Excellence Award

2019-2020, 2016-17, 2015-16 WYFF Golden Apple Weekly winner

2019-2010 Safe Kids Schools

2019, 2017, 2012, 2011 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – Pennies for Patients

2019, 2018 Pets in the Classroom grant recipient

2018 William "Bill" T. Wylie VALUED Lives Award for School Excellence in Diversity

2018 Inaugural Public Education Partners #Teach864 winner

2018, 2019 South Carolina ASCD Emerging Leaders (3)

2018 Greenville Business Magazine Best & Brightest, 35 & Under

2018 Greenville Chamber, Leadership Greenville Project Base selection

2018 Kids in Need Foundation grant recipient

2018 SC Department of Education, Read Your Way to the BIG Game Teacher winner

Donors Choose Grant recipient (\$400,000 to date)

2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant recipient

2018, 2012, 2011 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Award recipient

2017 South Carolina Crossing Guard of the Year

2017 United Way Award of Excellence

2014-2010 March of Dimes School Award

2014-2015 GCS Teacher of the Year Top Ten finalist

2014 Title I Reward for School Performance

2009 GCS Elementary Emerging Teacher of the Year

2009 GCS Second Runner-Up, GCS Teacher of the Year

3 National Board Certified Teachers

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant recipient

Culinary Creation Lunch Program

5 IDEA teacher graduates



# FEATURES AND PROGRAMS

Monaview Mentors Program with Mentor Upstate

**Lending Library** 

**Rock Your School Day** 

After-School Remediation (2nd-4th)

Lion's Den Community Building Club

**Career Days** 

All-Arts Day

Triple P Parenting Seminars

**Black History Month** 

Hispanic Heritage Month

**SEL Integration** 

Battle of the Books team

Robotics club

OnTrack Multi-tiered Student Services

Terrific Kids Program with Kiwanis Club

Quarterly Academic Recognition

Men Who Read Dress for Success Program

Monthly Literacy Leader Recognition

Response to Intervention: Reading and Math

Kinder Forest Outdoor classroom

Recycling Program

Student Council

**SMART Arts** 

Mural Mania MES

Chorus

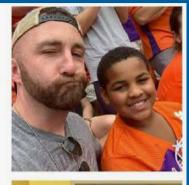
Musicals

Greenville Drive Reading Programs

**Book Vending Machine** 















# CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION

#### A PEACEFUL PLAYGROUND AND COMMUNITY PARK







With the help of Leadership
Greenville Class 45 and the Riley
Center Diversity Leadership
Institute, Monaview continue to
make additions to our community
park! We had many donors assist
us in creating a safe, fun and
vibrant community space for all
children and families to enjoy and
are incredibly grateful!





### **MURAL MANIA MES**

We have also been lucky enough to pair with local artists to create beautiful murals throughout the building.

