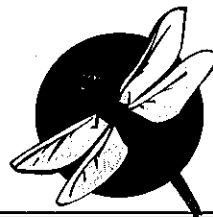


McDonald Green Elementary

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McDonald Green Elementary is a Title I school located in a rural community with 500 students. Our student population is made up of 56% Caucasian, 33% African-American, 8% Hispanic, and 3% other. Students are given many opportunities to integrate the arts. We have a hands-on science lab where students explore inquiry concepts. Chorus and Steel Drum Ensemble classes are offered after school. This spring, students have auditioned and are preparing to perform "The Jungle Book". We are also in the process of enhancing our musical keyboard lab to allow students to express creativity through composition.

As a faculty, we have completed professional development through two book studies - Creating Meaning Through Literature & the Arts: An Integration Resource for Classroom Teachers and The Differentiated Classroom: Responding to the Needs of All Learners.

Our classroom teachers have integrated the arts through the use of project based

learning, skits, and music to aid in the retention of information. Also, teachers have used reader's theater and tableaux after attending professional development workshops offered by the Lancaster County Council of Arts in partnership with the Kennedy Center of the Arts. McDonald Green's special area teachers are active in the regular classroom through the use of an inclusion model.

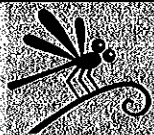
McDonald Green utilizes every opportunity to expose our students to diverse forms of art to enhance learning.

Steel Pan Ensemble - Dent Middle School

During our study of Black History, our students and teachers welcomed the Steel Pan Ensemble from Dent Middle School. Music from the Trinidad region was shared as well as modern music using steel pans. Students learned about the origin and history of the steel pans.

Heritage Parade

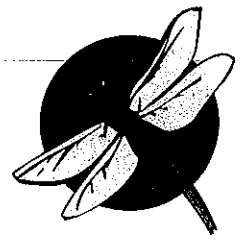
Also, during the month of February, students researched an African American who made a significant contribution to society. Students were able to culminate their research by creating a float to share in our school's heritage parade. Many students contributed artwork and dressed in character for the parade.



McDonald Green Elementary has been honored with two awards from the SC State Department of Education. We received a Palmetto Silver Award for our general performance on our South Carolina State Report Card for 2010-2011. We also received a Palmetto Silver Award for the 2010-2011 school year for Closing the Achievement Gap with our African American students.

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Living Museum

Fourth Grade students learned about the research process this year both in the classroom and in the library. To culminate this learning process, students dressed as the character they researched and presented a "Living Museum" for family members and the community.

Artist Vickie McLain

As part of our school-wide theme "Learning Can Take Us Everywhere", Artist Vickie McLain assisted students in painting various modes of transportation on canvas. Students will display their works of art at our annual MGE Art Show in May. The painted canvases will be sold with proceeds going to benefit a local charity.

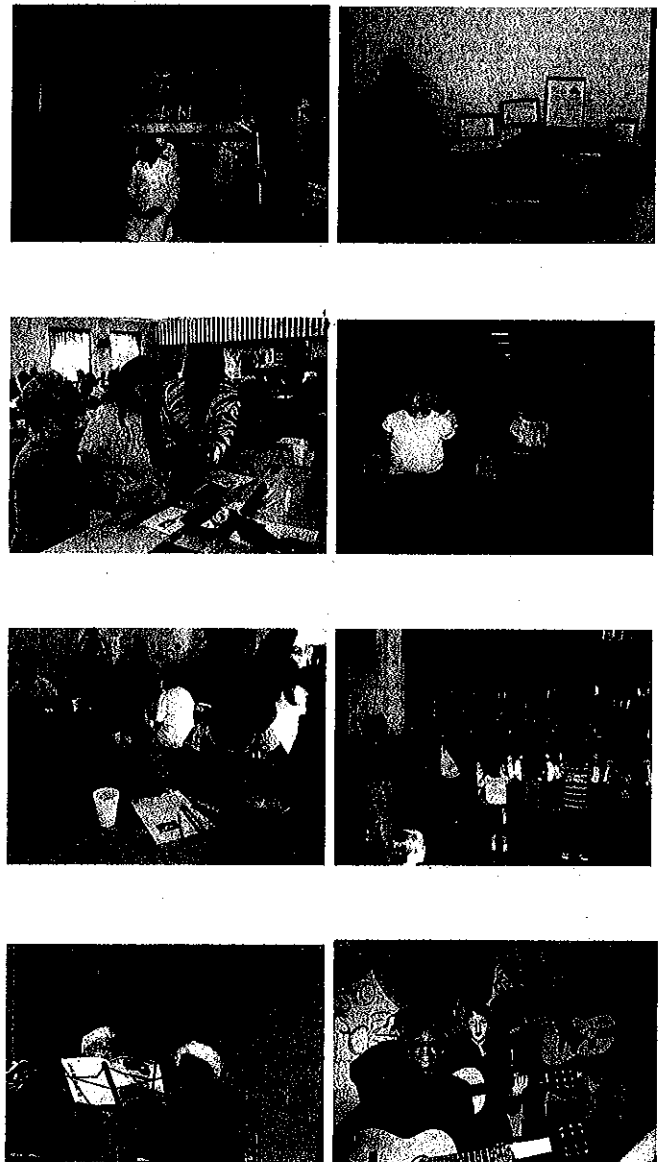
Author Barbara O'Connor

During the month of April, students will welcome author Barbara O'Connor. Students in the upper grades will be reading one of her novels. She will work with students on the writing process while discussing her career as a writer.

Math & Science Night

Students in grades 3-5 participated in family math and science nights. Mrs. Nolan, MGE's science lab teacher, partnered with grade level teachers to create inquiry-based learning through creation. Our fifth-graders built rockets and then used their prior knowledge of angles and measurement to launch the rockets.

"Dragonflies in Action"



**"With these Hands, With this Mind, and With this Heart,
We can do Anything, We can go Anywhere,
and Learning can take us Everywhere!"**