

## School Organization and Contacts

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### About this report.....

The School Improvement Council of Meadowfield Elementary has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the previous year's progress and growth, reviews the previous year's test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2013-2014, as well as, the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority for this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Dr. Christine LeBlanc, Principal, or Ms. Pamela Gillam, SIC Chair at (803) 783-5549.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Student Council  
Paideia Council  
Art Club  
Chorus  
Mustang Milers  
Archery Club  
Orchestra  
Mustang News Crew  
Friendly Helpers

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS/COMMUNITY SERVICE & FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

MeadowFeed – Food bank for needy families  
Midlands Reading Consortium –Reading tutors  
Red Ribbon Week – Drug prevention  
Mustang Trots Food Drive  
Pennies for Patients  
Help Our Family Shelter Supply Drive  
Family Math and Literacy Nights  
Woodlands 5K & Play  
Boosterthon

### MISSION STATEMENT

We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.



## Meadowfield Elementary School



### 2014 – 2015 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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We are Meadowfield-- A leader in transforming lives through project-based learning, Socratic seminar, and student leadership.

Meadowfield is the only certified National Paideia Model Center in South Carolina. Our vision--

**Preparing**

**All**

**Individuals for productive citizenship within a**

**Democratic**

**Engaging**

**Inclusive**

**Active learning environment**

## School Highlights

Meadowfield is the only certified National Paideia Model School in South Carolina. Meadowfield follows the South Carolina State Standards and through the Paideia approach offers students learning experiences that promote creativity and problem solving skills.

### Paideia makes us unique through:

**Student led conferences** Students meet with their parents every nine weeks to highlight selected work and personal achievements and share their goals for the next nine weeks.

**Coached projects** Students study topics and become experts. They showcase their learning at a school event like a play or festival.

**Seminars** Students sit in a circle to have conversations about something they have read, listened to, or watched. They learn how to ask each other questions, constructively debate, and improve their communication skills.

### AWARDS

**Literacy** Meadowfield placed first in South Carolina in the USC Lady Gamecock Reading Challenge for reading over 300,000 pages.

**Fulbright Scholar** Jamie Browder, kindergarten teacher, was a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship for the “Japan-US Teacher Exchange for Education for Sustainable Development.”

**Music** Several students were selected to participate in Honors Choirs sponsored by Richland One; the SC American Choral Directors Association; and the SC Music Educator’s Association Honors Choir.

**Archery** Meadowfield’s team won the RCSD1 Tournament; placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the team competition; a student placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the individual competition in the National Association of School Programs Regional Archery Tournament.

## School Demographics

688 Students in PreKindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

19% White

74% African American

3% Hispanic

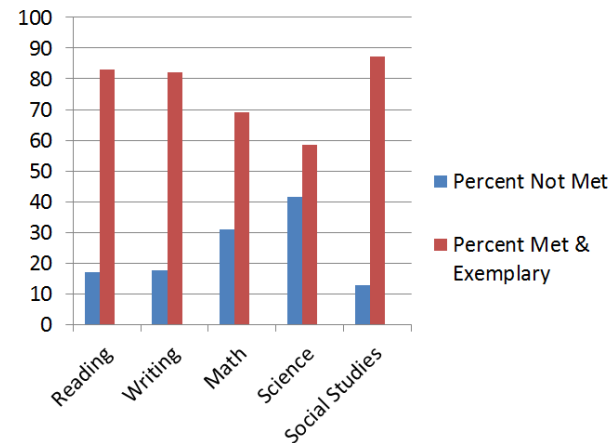
4% Other

36 Homeroom Teachers

5 National Board Certified

## Test Information

PASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards)  
2013- 2014 Grades 3-5



This academic achievement is significant as 70% of our students receive free or reduced lunch.

### TECHNOLOGY

All classrooms have a SmartBoard, Ipad, and computers. Two computer labs provide opportunities for students to conduct research, and practice reading and math skills.

### GRANTS RECEIVED

**\$250, Conservation Education Mini-Grant** to teacher, Jamison Browder (5K) for outdoor gardens.

**\$995, Colonial Life Strong Schools Grant** to teacher, Meredith Trobaugh (Music) to purchase steel drums for “Storytelling through Drum Circles Project.”



## Achievements & Goals

### Our goals are to:

- Increase the academic achievement of all students in all core academic areas.
- Ensure that staff is knowledgeable, competent, productive, and highly qualified.
- Improve clarity and communication of opportunities for school involvement and advance parent and public understanding and support of our National Paideia Model School.

### Highlighted strategies to achieve these goals are:

**Personal Advocate Link (PAL)** Every student is assigned to a teacher or other instructional staff to help them with any needs they have.

**Professional development partnership with USC** This partnership promotes lifelong learning where teachers mentor USC students while they experience the classroom and our teachers learn new teaching techniques and tools. Our students receive more focused, one-on-one attention by having additional instructional staff in the classroom.

**Professional development focused on STEAM** Faculty professional development training is focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics to improve student achievement.

**Community support and partnerships** We have significantly increased parent and community engagement through volunteer opportunities. Shandon Baptist Church adopted Meadowfield and provides significant voluntary and financial support. The school organized a neighborhood 5K that attracted almost 400 runners. The United Way’s Midlands Reading Consortium (MRC) provided community volunteers to read with students.

**Increased student involvement in school decision-making** Students are engaged in various ways to influence decisions to improve their school experience. For example, the Student Paideia Council meets bimonthly to develop seminar topics. They also help new students acclimate to the school. Student Council meets monthly to work on school service learning projects and improvement activities such as increasing fruits and vegetables at lunchtime. Friendly Helpers are assigned to young students and mentor them weekly through reading.

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