### **Parent Organizations**



Ms. Titania Frazier- Chair Ms. Sharelle Harlan-Parent Ms. Hershula Davis-Parent Ms. Chelsey Ojeda-Parent Ms. Alexandra Smith-Parent Mr. Chavis Smith– Parent Ms. Paris Bradley–Parent Ms. Stacy Cruz, Community Member Ms. April Haymon, Community Member Mr. LaDonte Lovett- Community Member Mr. Manny Rodriguez- Community Member Ms. Cherie Stalks- Community Member Dr. Cassandra S. Bosier Principal Ms. LeCinda Jennings-Asst. Principal Nurse Betsy Salcedo, School Nurse Ms. Danielle Bland, Teacher Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence-Baez- Teacher



Ms. Heather Thomas, PTO President Ms. LaQuanta Nelson, PTO Vice President Ms. Kim Washington– Treasurer Ms. Brittney Daniels– Teacher

## **Extracurricular** Activities

#### **Student Organizations**

#### (Under normal operations)

Chorus North Star News Team Library Squad Green Team D.A.R.E. E.S.O.L. Club Girls on the Run Student Council Safety Patrol

#### Family Programs/Events

#### (Under normal operations)

Afternoon Explorers Family Science Night New Family Orientation Lunch n' Munch Bunch Polo Paint & Design Night Cici's Pizza Night Chick-fil-A Night Literacy Night STEM Night



# Polo Road Elementary



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#### **Our Vision:**

In collaboration with all partners, we will explore all options, navigate through challenges, discover new pathways affording all students the opportunity to develop as productive global citizens through the consistent utilization of their unique gifts and talents.

> School Hours 8:00 a.m.—2:50 p.m.

Total student enrollment - 597 Grades - Pre-K through 5

## 2020-21 Report to Parents

## School Highlights & Awards

Palmetto Silver Award 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019

> Palmetto Gold Award 2014, 2015

Absolute Rating—N/A Growth Rating—N/A

Polo Road Elementary is a school committed to excellence. We endeavor to immerse our students in innovative, engaging, intellectually challenging learning experiences. Likewise, our teachers and staff participate in on-going professional development to remain abreast of current education research and best practices, equipping us to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

Our past and present successes are a direct result of the participation and involvement of our students, parents, school personnel and community members. The Polo Road community continues to demonstrate our school motto: *Learning Today to Change Tomorrow.* 

# **Student Information**

576 Students 16 Native Languages Student Attendance Rate—97%

> 47.8% African American 7.92% White 3.44% Asian 36.7% Hispanic 3.59% Other

# Percent of Students Scoring Met or Higher on 2019 SC Ready and SCPASS

100%

80%

60%

40%

20%

0%

ELA

**Academics** 

Polo Road Elementary School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by:

Science

Social Studies

Math

- Providing challenging, meaningful and engaging learning experiences
- Completing the implementation of an English-Spanish Dual Language Immersion program in grades K-5
- Executing the use of 1:1 computing in grades Kdg thru 5th
- Applying the principle of "teaching up" in daily instruction
- Facilitating a character education model that includes school-wide behavior expectations and character traits
- Providing a plethora of services to meet unique student needs

on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristic in its programs and activities.

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## Goals for the next school year

- Continue garnering community support through intentional and meaningful outreach
- Implementation and integration of SC State Academic Standards with fidelity across all content areas
- Design and deliver authentic and engaging learning experiences across all settings for all students
- Continue to involve classified staff members in professional learning experiences
- Utilize a continuous and job-embedded model for professional development for all teachers
- Implement Phase 5 of Dual Language Immersion (English/Spanish) 50/50 model



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# **Staff Information**

90 Employees National Board-Certified Teachers Over 500 Years of Combined Teaching Experience Teacher Attendance Rate—95%

Ms. Danielle Bland- Teacher of the Year