### **Parent Organizations**



Mrs. Diedre Maldonado- Chair Mrs. Bridgette Frederick- Co- Chair Mrs. Kristina Goins- Secretary Mrs. Valencia Strother- Parent Mrs. Dorothy Bennett- Parent Mrs. Rosamond McCleod- Community member Dr. Marla Sanders- Community Member (Columbia College) Dr. Stacy-Ann January- Community Member (USC) Dr. Bassanya Bryant, Teacher Mrs. Charlene Kinard, Teacher Mrs. Sonya Young- Ex-Officio Member Dr. Cassandra Bosier- Principal-Ex-Officio Member



Mrs. Brittany Daniels, PTO President Mrs. Kimberly Washington, Treasurer Mrs. Heather Thomas, Secretary Mrs. Laquanta Nelson- HR Parent Coordinator Mrs. Jacqueline – Event Planner Mrs. Michelle Bennett- Membership Coordinator Mr. Jeff McManaway- Community/Business Partner Liason

## **Extracurricular** Activities

#### Student Organizations

Art Club Chorus NorthStarNewsTeam LibrarySquad Green Team D.A.R.E. E.S.O.L. Club Girls on the Run Safety Patrol Student Council Fort CARE

### Family Programs/Events

Early Risers Afternoon Explorers Family Science Night NewFamilyOrientation Kindergarten Camp Lunch n' Munch Bunch Polo Paint & Design Night Pathfinder Fitness Challenge Cici's Pizza Night Chick-fil-A Night Literacy Night Math Night ESOL/Cultural Heritage Night



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## 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 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 - 711 Grades - Pre-K through 5

## 2018 Report to Parents

## School Highlights & Awards

# Palmetto Silver Award 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Palmetto Gold Award 2014, 2015

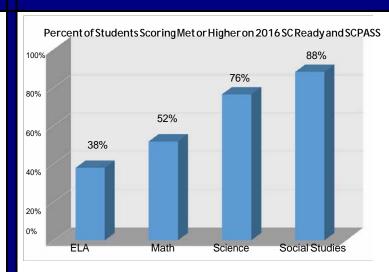
Absolute Rating—Good Growth Rating—Excellent

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.* 

> 711 Students 16 Native Languages Student Attendance Rate—97%

> > 49% African American 11% White 6% Asian 29% Hispanic 5.2% Other



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:

- Providing challenging, meaningful and engaging learning experiences
- Expanding traimplementation of a English-Spanish Dual Language Immersion program
- The use of 1:1 computing in grades 3 through 5 and access to mobile devices in grades K through 2
- Applying the principle of "teaching up" in daily instruction
- Facilitating a character education model that includes school-wide behavior expectations, character traits, social thinking and an interdependent incentive component
- Providing a plethora of services to meet unique student needs

## 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 4 of Dual Language Immersion (English/Spanish) 50/50 model





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# **Staff Information**

98 Employees 20 National Board Certified Teachers Over 700 Years of Combined Teaching Experience Teacher Attendance Rate—95%

Mrs. Whitney Chick- Teacher of the Year

## Academics