

School Achievements

Mt. Zion is the recipient of a Literacy United Grant from Trident United Way which has allowed us to partner with the University of Florida Lastinger Institute to better support all of our students through research-based small group literacy instruction.

With the support of a STEM grant through Kiawah Cares, we have begun training our teachers in Project Lead the Way and purchasing materials to launch our STEM initiative.

Ms. Bianco (3rd grade) won a grant for our school from the Kiawah Seabrook Exchange Club that we will use to begin creating an outdoor classroom space at Mt. Zion.

Ms. Jesup (Art) won an Innovative Arts Works grant to support students learning about patterns through printmaking in our community.

Ms. Nguyen (Guidance) won a grant for our school from the Kiawah Seabrook Exchange Club that is being used to purchase fitness trackers for students to help promote healthy habits.

Mt. Zion SIC Members

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Additional Community Members:
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Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Mt. Zion School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

Mt. Zion Elementary School

Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” December 2020



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The mission of Mt. Zion Elementary School, working in partnership with students, staff, parents, and the community, is to ensure that all students are provided a high-quality education through a curriculum that utilizes approaches based on content advancement, analysis of abstract themes or concepts, development of complex thinking processes, and transformation of learning into creative products.

SIC Annual Goals

Goal 1: Improve Home-School Relationships

- SIC is working to increase parental involvement in both SIC and PTO meetings this year.
- Improve communication between the school and home through regular phone call-outs, weekly newsletters, and routine availability of Spanish translation for our non-English speaking families.
- SIC is looking to support Mt. Zion through organizing parent events around literacy and STEM in the spring semester if in-person events are allowed again.

Goal 2: Support STEM initiative

- The SIC, in collaboration with Kiawah Cares and school staff, is working to support the school's implementation of Project Lead the Way.
 - This includes the identification of funding through Kiawah Cares, the training of teachers and the purchasing of supplementary STEM curriculum and materials K-5.
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Student Achievement

This year's fall MAP test results showed that our students had a small drop in reading achievement and a slightly larger drop in math achievement between January 2020 and August 2020.

Our school's average percentile on MAP Reading dropped from the 41st percentile in January 2020 to the 34th percentile in August 2020.

Our school's average percentile on MAP Mathematics dropped from the 37th percentile in January 2020 to the 21st percentile in August 2020.

While these are disappointing results, they are in line with trends seen across Charleston County School District. We expect to see significant improvement once we administer the December 2020 MAP assessments.

Due to COVID-19, South Carolina applied for and received a waiver for state testing for the 2019-20 school year. Therefore, Mt. Zion did not receive an official achievement or improvement rating for the 2019-20 school year. For more information, you may view Mt. Zion's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.screportcards.com

Additional Information

We welcome parents and community members to get involved with Mt. Zion by joining our PTO or by attending our monthly SIC meetings.

For more information about attending our monthly SIC meetings, please contact Ms. Cornetta Sams, our SIC secretary, at cornetta_sams@charleston.k12.sc.us. These are held monthly on the second Wednesday.

For more information about joining our PTO, please contact Ms. Sanicqua Robinson, our PTO president. Her email address is: sanicqua_robinson@charleston.k12.sc.us.
