

2019-20 School Achievements

- ★ Montessori instruction in beautifully prepared environments
- ★ Second year of our Montessori adolescent program, which scored Excellent on SC Report Card
- ★ SIC Survey seeking feedback and action items implemented
- ★ Stinger Teas business and Virtual Climate Summit by our Adolescent students
- ★ Hosted James Island's first annual Women in Science event
- ★ Battle of the Books, Seeds to Shoreline, Hour of Code, JI Arts Cultural Center Art Show
- ★ Opportunities for performance: Wax Museum, Talent Show, Music Concerts
- ★ College of Charleston partnership exposing Ed. majors to Montessori
- ★ Giving back to our community through service projects: Ronald McDonald House, homemade pet treats for Pet Helpers, food and coat drives, Love without Boundaries, Backpack Buddies
- ★ Cultural studies through in house and out of school field trips to local museums, the Gaillard, DNR, aquarium, and a variety of guest speakers
- ★ Dynamic PTO support through fundraising and volunteer efforts
- ★ School-wide events sponsored by PTO: Spaghetti Dinner, Sweetheart Ball, Farmer's Market, Literacy Night
- ★ Significant investment in school library by PTO and direct giving campaign
- ★ Professional development series on topics of diversity including race, gender, religion, ability, and more
- ★ Book Study Grant awarded for Diverse Families, Desirable Schools
- ★ Continued to deliver instruction during COVID-19 closure in a manner that

aligned with our Montessori beliefs.



Primary at Work: Knobless Cylinders, Moveable Alphabet, Pink Tower

SIC Members 2019-20

Chair: **Jamie Meissner**, Parent

Secretary: **Kate Riddile**, Parent

Laura Getsinger, Teacher

Brian Chadwell, Teacher

Elizabeth Ryan, Teacher

Allison Soler, Parent

Gerald Perron, Parent

Robin Fay, Community Member

Sharon Bingley, Community Member

Jen Morris-Martin, PTO

Kisha Harvey, Guidance Counselor

Joey Ballenger, Ex-Officio

Meredith Wallace, Principal



Lower Elementary students love our new library books

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the MLMS 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.



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