



Murray-LaSaine

Montessori

Educating the Whole Child

Message from the Administrators & SIC Co-Chairs

Murray-LaSaine is a partial-magnet school serving students age 3 through 8th grade on James Island in Charleston, South Carolina. We have a proud history of serving our community and working diligently to meet the needs of our students and their families.

We are excited to continue to grow and improve, ensuring that our students are provided authentic Montessori instruction that aligns with state and district expectations. We have focused time, energy, and attention on our areas of need to ensure students develop the necessary life skills they need to be confident, knowledgeable, compassionate, and competent citizens of the world. We seek to grow each child's potential so they become independent, socially responsible members of society who never stop learning. We believe in human flourishing.

Our middle school students had an incredible opportunity this year working with the Urban Wilderness program to build a boat. The process from design to the final launch in the pond at the county park was incredible to watch unfold. Our students were so proud of their work. Each student in every grade has incredible opportunities to explore the world around them and find out what brings them joy.

We strive to be a community of lifelong learners that values independence, respect, responsibility, and growth. **We are Murray-LaSaine.**

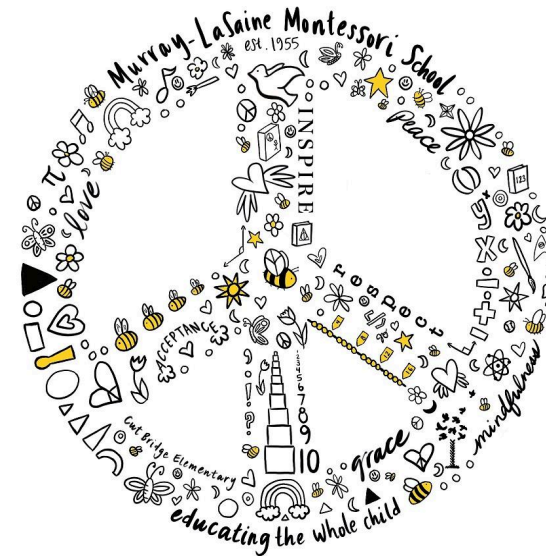
M. Wallace | Principal **N. Hollander** | Asst. Principal **E. Ryan & L. Farrar** | SIC Co-Chairs

MLMS SIC Members 2023-24

Peachey Trudell , Parent Lauren Farrar , Parent, Co-Chair Ariel Brooks , Teacher Elizabeth Ryan , Teacher, Co-Chair	Shannon Mikell , Community Member Jennifer Dukes , Community Member Nicole Zell , PTO Meredith Wallace , Principal
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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.



MLMS's School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2023-24

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2023-24 School Highlights

Giving back to our community through service projects such as welcome bags for Ronald McDonald House families, food drives, stocking are food pantries and blessing boxes, and supporting the VA.

Participated in Battle of the Books, Read Around the Bases, and the Spelling Bee with a student going on to place fourth in the regional bee.

Field Trips to Cypress Gardens, Camp St. Christopher, shows at Gaillard Center, DNR, CHS Stage, Ft. Moultrie, Patriot's Point, CTE Fair, Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Junie B. Jones, Jane Goodall, Step Afrika, Sweetgrass Farms, and more

Part of CCSD's 5-year EIR Cultural Competency Grant which provide funds for teacher choice professional development such as:

- Jane Goodall at Gaillard
- TetraMap experience with Keys2Action
- International African American Museum Experience

Boat Building project for students in grades six through eight with the Urban Wilderness Program

Dynamic PTO support throughout the year

New athletic track and car stacking loop installed

Opportunities for exploring the arts through concerts, band, strings, art shows

Grant funded opportunities such as building stringed instruments out of recycled materials and learning to mix music and beats with a local deejay on new mixing equipment and software

Donor-funded "Fair Book Fair": all students received two free books of their choice at this completely-funded spring book fair

Participated in #1Island events such as the Camp Road Middle School Science Fair, Screenagers, Riverdogs, parent education, and SIC collaboratives

Fun community building events such as the Sweetheart Ball, Winter Dance, Bingo Night, Trunk or Treat

MLMS partnered with Coastal Crust and Adolescent students ran a business, earning funds to take a trip out of state



Our Vision, Mission, & Core Values

Vision: Educating the Whole Child

Mission: The mission of Murray-LaSaine is to provide a Montessori education that guides students to their fullest potential by instilling independence, social responsibility, and a lifelong love of learning.



Core Values: Community, Independence, Curiosity, Integrity, Perseverance, Growth, Peace, Inclusiveness

Student Achievement

--Student group too small for reporting

--Grade not assessed

% Scoring Meets or Exceeds on SC READY ASSESSMENTS Spring 2023						
	3	4	5	6	7	8
ELA	61.1%	89.7%	85%	73.9%	--	--
MATH	41.1%	67.7%	62.5%	60.9%	--	--
SCIENCE	-	67.7%	-	43.5%	-	-

SIC Annual Goals

~Improve math achievement and instruction across all grade levels

~Support and improve teacher morale & sense of belonging

~Increase time outdoors for students

~Write the Report to Parents

