

2023-2024 Accomplishments

- “Excellent” rated Middle School
- “Excellent” rated Elementary School
- Girls’ Volleyball Teams
- MS Community Service Class
- Junior Great Books program
- Equity Leadership Team
- International Festival
- First Tee Member
- Reading Buddies
- Math Buddies
- MCS Student Council
- Gifted and Talented endorsed teachers
- National Board Certified teachers
- Kids Heart Challenge
- MCS Color Fun Run
- Composting and recycling school-wide
- MCS Fall Festival
- Feast Day
- Band and Strings Program
- South Carolina Walk to School Day
- Donors Choose Grant Recipients
- Spirit Week
- Read Across America
- 4-H Chick Embryology Project
- 5 Students qualified as SC Junior Scholars



Mission Statement

The work
of Montessori Community School
is to guide the development
of the whole child,
empowering each student
to make a positive impact on our world.



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Charleston > excellence is our standard
County SCHOOL DISTRICT

Montessori Community School



School Improvement Council School Summary Report 2024

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SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT 2023-24

School Culture & Community Development

MCS Equity Statement- *"At Montessori Community School, we strive to create a sustainable community that fosters culturally responsive collaboration and inclusivity. We recognize and value the unique needs, strengths, and experiences of our school community while removing barriers to educational access. We will continuously reevaluate our efforts toward equity with all invested stakeholders within the community."*

The 2023-24 school year has been focused on continuing to build school culture and developing a more inclusive, culturally relevant school community. To that end, the newly formed MCS Equity Leadership Team took the lead and focused on a deeper understanding of diversity with staff development and within the school community. The staff participated in diversity training, listening circles, and group discussions about current research. The Equity Leadership Team planned the first ever International Festival where the whole school community came together to celebrate the various countries and cultures that are represented at MCS. The event was an overwhelming success and will be a yearly tradition going forward at MCS.



SC 2023 School Report Card



MCS Elementary program rated "EXCELLENT" overall.

- ◆ Academic Achievement-*Excellent*
- ◆ Preparing for Success-*Excellent*

MCS Middle School program rated "EXCELLENT" overall.

- ◆ Academic Achievement-*Excellent*
- ◆ Preparing for Success-*Excellent*
- ◆ Student Progress-*Excellent*
- ◆ School Climate-*Excellent*

More Information here: screportcards.com

Academic Excellence & Growth

Montessori Community School celebrated achieving an "EXCELLENT" rating for both our Elementary and Middle School programs. That success can be attributed to our talented and experienced Montessori teachers who continually strive to deliver high quality, cutting-edge instruction to their students. Our teachers are dedicated to continual professional growth and this year was no different. All of our teachers participated in OGAP training (Ongoing Assessment Project) to learn more about the science behind math instruction. The teachers evaluated and improved their Montessori math instruction through the lens of OGAP. All of the Primary and Elementary teachers participated in LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading & Spelling) training in order to infuse the science of reading into their ELA instruction. Lastly, the Middle School math teachers implemented the Building Thinking Classrooms model to increase student engagement in math classes.

