

# NORTH CHARLESTON CREATIVE ARTS ELEMENTARY



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REPORT TO PARENTS 2024-2025



# OUR MISSION

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The mission of North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary is to use arts integration to provide a nurturing learning environment that engages all learners.

*Reach Higher, Grow Stronger, Dream Bigger with the Arts  
A Title I School*

**LaToya Smith, Principal**

**Shnickqua Mustipher, Assistant Principal**



# OUR VISION

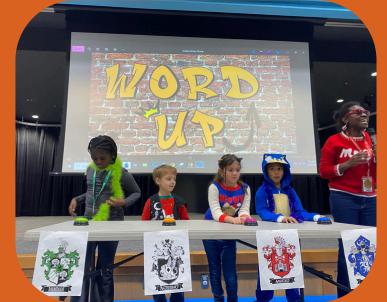
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- Maintain a full-time arts faculty in music, art, drama, and dance
- Implement standards-based instruction
- Provide all students with the opportunity to participate and excel in the arts
- Serve as a teaching model within the arts community for educators and supporters of the arts

# OPPORTUNITIES

## For our students

- Arts-integrated curriculum in all grade levels to promote engagement and support student learning
- Performing and fine arts-based classes:
  - visual arts
  - music
  - drama
  - dance
- Strings and piano
- Partnerships with Reading Partners, Engaging Creative Minds and ArtsNOW
- RCA House System
- Guest artist program
- Morning Hootie News show
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade performing clubs
- Family nights sponsored by the PTA
- Field trips
- Artists of the month



## For our families and the community

- Title I schoolwide events
- School Improvement Council
- Fresh Market Program
- Parent workshops
- Parent Teacher Association
- Volunteering
- Produce distributions



# SC READY PERFORMANCE BY GRADE LEVEL

## Spring 2024 SC Ready Reading

GRADE	3RD	4TH	5TH
Met/Exceeds	31.8%	31.7%	34.5%
Approaching	20.6%	25.4%	31%

## Spring 2024 SC Ready Math

GRADE	3RD	4TH	5TH
Met/Exceeds	26.5%	19%	22.4%
Approaching	21.9%	27%	29.3%

2024-2025

School Improvement  
Council

Meredith English Perrone  
Chair

Parents:

Jillian Clayton-Smallwood,  
Vice Chair

Sabrina Poinsette  
Danielle Wiggins

Teachers:

Perry Glover  
Melissa Wiederhold

Community Members

Robin Berlinsky  
Denise Cutchins  
Jaime Morris, *Secretary*

Ex-officio Members

LaToya Smith, Principal  
Niki Smith, Parent Advocate

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR



## GRACE RYPKEMA, 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

From Lexington, S.C., Ms. Rypkema has a bachelor's in elementary education from Clemson University. She has four years of teaching experience with three of those at North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



**LowCountry Food Bank**

**Reading Partners**

**Service Master**

**Engaging Creative Minds**

**Kona Ice**

**SC Works**

**Starbucks**

**North Charleston United Methodist Church**

**Flight Adventure Park**

**Benny Rinaldi's Pizza**

**CiCi's Pizza**

**Tanger Outlet**

**LowCountry Orphan Relief**

**Seacoast Community Church (Dream Center)**

**Carmella Rene Brown Professional Realtors**

**Park Circle Creamery**

**Park Circle Cares**

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