

# NORTH CHARLESTON CREATIVE ARTS ELEMENTARY



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REPORT TO PARENTS 2025-2026



# 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.

*Adventure Awaits... Imagine, Believe, Achieve*  
*A Title I School*

**LaToya Smith, Principal**  
**Shnickqua Dantzler, 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
- Young Men Rise
- Morning Hootie News Show
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade Performing Clubs
- Family nights sponsored by the PTA
- ABC Certified School
- 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 2025 SC Ready Reading

GRADE	3RD	4TH	5TH
Met/Exceeds	44.4%	47.2%	50.9%
Approaching	27.8%	18.9%	22.8%

## Spring 2025 SC Ready Math

GRADE	3RD	4TH	5TH
Met/Exceeds	27.8%	32.1%	28%
Approaching	20.8%	32.1%	36.8%

2025-2026

School Improvement  
Council

Jillian Clayton-Smallwood  
Chair

Parents:

Sabrina Poinsette  
Danielle Wiggins

Teachers:

Perry Glover  
Melissa Wiederhold

Community Members:

Robin Berlinsky  
Keisha Belton  
Jaime Morris, *Secretary*

Ex-officio Members:

LaToya Smith, *Principal*  
Leora Smith, *Parent Advocate*

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### MEGHAN NORVELL - 2nd grade Teacher

Meghan Norvell, NCCAE's 2026-2027 Teacher of the Year, is a dedicated educator committed to her students, families, and the Charleston community. A Charleston native, she earned her bachelor's degree from Furman University and has 12 years of experience in education, including 10 years with Charleston County School District. She is currently pursuing a master's in Educational Leadership at The Citadel.

For the past 6 years, Meghan has served at North Charleston Creative Arts, teaching preschool, second, and fourth grades with creativity, compassion, and high expectations. Beyond the classroom, she has contributed to nonprofit leadership and remains deeply engaged in her community. She enjoys spending time with her husband and their three children.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



**LowCountry Food Bank  
Ground Swell Capital LLC**

**Young Men Rise  
Reading Partners**

**Heart Math**

**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**

**Benny Rinaldi's**

**Park Circle Creamery**

**Park Circle Cares**

**The Battery**

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