

Meadow Glen Elementary School



"Rooted in Knowledge, Growing in Wisdom"

HOME OF THE EXPLORERS!

Meadow Glen Elementary is an EL Education school where students are Empowered to Design the Future! We are a community of learners who believe in the concept of 'CREW.' We believe that we must ALL work together to grow as a family of learners and individuals.

Through our partnership with EL Education, MGES focuses on core practices and design principles that promote mastery of knowledge and skills, high levels of character and leadership, and the production of high-quality work in every classroom.

Our Habits of Success are Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, and Craftsmanship.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mandarin Chinese Immersion Program
- Chinese New Year - integrated virtual program
- Student-Led Conferences Kindergarten - Fifth grade
- Secret Family Missions - family engagement
- Relay for Life
- American Heart Association Heart Healthy School
- Four National Board Certified Teachers
- Library collection increased to 14,933 items and awarded EXEMPLARY status across all areas!



2020-2021 MGES Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Caroline Cartin

2019-2020 Staff Member of the Year:
Mrs. Jeannette Graves

Jennifer McNair, Principal
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Lori Meyers, Assistant Principal
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Todd Wade, Assistant Principal
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SIC YEARLY GOALS:

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT: CELEBRATING KINDNESS, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION. CREATION OF SECRET FAMILY MISSIONS AND STORYWALKS TO ENGAGE OUR MEADOW GLEN COMMUNITY

COMMUNICATION: STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SIC AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY; SIC PAGE ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

ACADEMICS: INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS ON USING DATA TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT LESSONS THAT ARE INTENTIONAL AND BASED ON STUDENT NEEDS



SC READY DATA 2019

MGES received an **Excellent** overall rating on the 2018-2019 school report card.

SC READY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ELA (Reading and Writing) - Percent Met or Exceeding

School 71.6% District 53.2% State 45.4%

SC READY MATHEMATICS

Mathematics - Percent Met or Exceeding

School 75.7% District 52.8% State 45.1%

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- MGES was recognized as a 2018-2019 Silver Award Winner by the State Department of Education based on student achievement.
- Multiple Donors Choose Awards
- Education Foundation Innovation Grant winner

2020-2021 PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) BOARD

President – Carey Perdicho

Vice Presidents - Alisha Millwood, Yvette Smoak

Secretary – Kara Brurok

Treasurer –Angi Grant

Immediate Past President - Melanie Valdez

EL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Mastery of Knowledge and Skills
Character

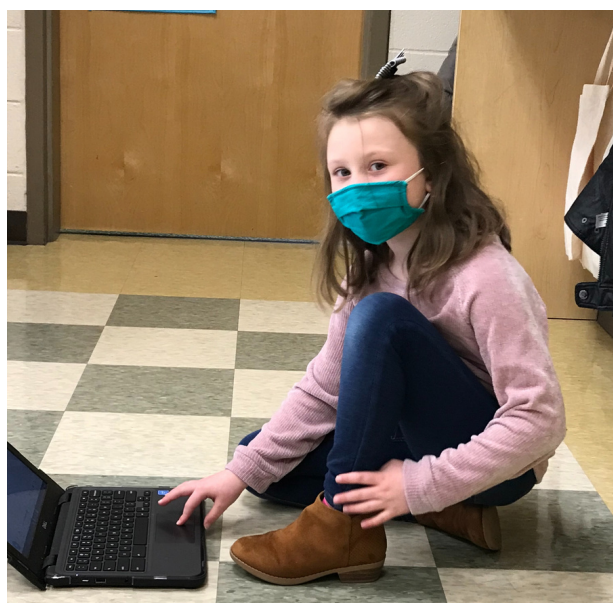
High Quality Work

We are CREW!

**2020-2021
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Andy Beeson	Kara Brurok
Brandon Barkley	Meghan Cegelis
Shannon Frye	Anthony Gentile
Jennifer Gessner	DeAnna Glenn
Abdullah Khan	David Long
Jamie Muldrow	Brent Petersen
Deidre Pukl	Melanie Valdez
Todd Wade	Lori Meyers
Jennifer McNair	

SC School Improvement Council Website:
<https://sic.sc.gov/>



A few thoughts from a teacher...

This year, even with its many challenges and differences, we have persevered as a Crew at MGES! School definitely looks different than it has in the past, but this did not happen overnight. Our team of administrators and staff worked non stop over the summer to ensure a safe and successful re-opening of MGES. Zoom calls and breakout room became our go to for communication. We relied on collaboration and different points of view to recreate what school would look like in a pandemic.

We began the 2020-2021 school year in August with LEAP week. This gave our students an opportunity to reenter the school to be reacquainted with MGES. In turn teachers were able to assess students academically, check in on students emotionally, and get to know our crew in a small setting. LEAP week was followed by an online "meet the teacher" and then our AA/BB Hybrid schedule began for our F2F (Face to Face) students. Fortunately, we were able to bring students back 4 days a week in the Fall which was followed by 5 days in early Spring. We are proud of our safety measure and collaboration to bring students back fully to school within a year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The MGES classroom certainly looks different this year. Plexiglass covers the tables and desks, dotted spots are on the floor to ensure social distancing, individual baskets and bags containing students supplies and materials are never far from reach, and quarantine library books have their own room on the 400 hall. However, when you look past all of that you see students not just surviving, but thriving at MGES. One reason why our students have been so successful has been the one to one technology that Lexington One has provided. Whether it be an iPad or Chromebook, each student is able to access lessons, submit assignments, give and receive feedback, and extend their learning opportunities on their devices.

Our School Counselors and Crew Leaders have been essential in planning, developing, delivering and assessing students' social and emotional skills during this uneasy time. The idea of Crew has never been more important as it has been this year. Breakfast and lunch are eaten in the classroom this year. Related Arts has moved to a weekly schedule and has push into the classroom as a safety precaution.

Throughout this pandemic we have built a community within our classroom. Our classrooms have become a safe space both physically and emotionally for all learners. Nothing has been truer this year than our school theme "Believe, Work, Grow...We are Crew". (Caroline Cartin, First grade teacher, Teacher of the Year)

A few thoughts from a student...

2020-2021. A school year like no other.

It has had its ups and downs, but this year has certainly made me look at school in a whole new way. Hybrid days, (or virtual days) were okay. It was hard not having a teacher by me to help. For some people, it became very distracting being at home. On the other hand, many other students liked working from home because they got to sit in their bed while doing their schoolwork. This year has taught me a lesson on how to overcome barriers. For example, the masks have made it hard to hear others, and being able to interact with others has also been limited with masks. But this year has also had good things like fun projects for class and learning about new things I never thought I would be interested in. But it has also had its bad, from plexiglass to staying in the classroom all day. In conclusion, this year has been fun learning about World War II for example, but also crazy with the masks. It has been a very memorable year for all of us. (Kynleigh Boatwright, Fifth grade student)

A few thoughts from a parent...

We began this school year facing challenges that we never expected. However, Meadow Glen Elementary rose to the occasion and made sure that students and their families were greeted with the same excitement for education we have always known. Throughout the school year the school administration, teachers, and staff ensured that the dedication to student learning and commitment to the ideals we have always known at MGES was present regardless of the new normal. Teachers and staff worked hard to create a learning environment that was as close to the environment the children have come to expect. The ability of everyone at MGES to be flexible, adaptable, and understanding during this school year has shown what has always been known: the love of their students and their desire to help facilitate and aide in the growth of our children is top priority. (Jennifer Gessner, Parent, School Improvement Chairperson)