

## It takes a village



The staff at MLES is dedicated to the students, each other, and our community.

We value independence, kindness, and partnership and look forward to working with you and your children.

To learn more about Montessori...

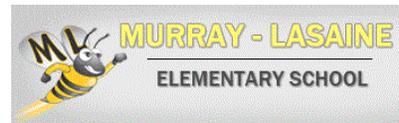
[www.montessorimadmen.com/resources/](http://www.montessorimadmen.com/resources/)

<https://amshq.org/Montessori-Education/Introduction-to-Montessori>

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### Murray-LaSaine Elementary School

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## Murray-LaSaine Elementary 2017-18

A partial magnet school on James Island, SC.

Primary Montessori: age 3-Kindergarten  
Lower Elementary Montessori: Grades 1-3  
Upper Elementary Montessori: Grades 4-6  
Non-Montessori Classes: Grades 3, 4, 5



The mission of Murray-LaSaine Elementary School is to prepare each student to become a functioning, respectful member of a diverse society.

We will provide a meaningful, stimulating, child-centered environment that emphasizes a positive atmosphere while promoting opportunities for optimum development.

Through active involvement of students, staff, administration, family and the community, **Murray-LaSaine will empower every child to become a lifelong learner** while enhancing their desire to learn.

**Questions:**  
MLES Phone: 843-762-2765

To learn more:  
[murraylasaine.ccsdschools.com/](http://murraylasaine.ccsdschools.com/)

## Welcome to Murray-LaSaine Elementary



### Who we are

Murray-LaSaine is a neighborhood school offering Montessori education for students ages 3 through grade six.

MLES continues to phase out traditional classrooms as we grow our Montessori program. For the school year 2017-18 MLES will offer traditional education for attendance zone students in grades 3, 4, and 5.

Beginning in 2018, MLES is slated to open a Montessori Adolescent Program for seventh grade and eighth grade the following year.

### Who is Maria Montessori?

Maria Montessori was first and foremost a scientist and doctor who, based on her observation of children, developed didactic materials to meet the needs of the growing child. She identified planes of development that she based her mixed-age classrooms on and studied the sensitive periods of the children in these different planes.

### What is Montessori Education?

Montessori education differs from traditional education in these main tenets (in box):



Primary through Upper Elementary use the short and long chains for skip counting, multiples, squaring, and cubing.

#### Montessori Education

#### Traditional Education

**Based on helping the natural development of the human being.** Based on the transfer of a national curriculum.

**Children learn at their own pace and follow their own individual interests.** Children learn from a set curriculum according to a time frame that is the same for everyone.

**Children teach themselves using materials specially prepared for that purpose.** Children are taught by the teacher.

**Understanding comes through the child's own experiences via the materials and the promotion of children's ability to find things out for themselves.** Learning is based on subjects and is limited to what is given.

**Learning is based on the fact that physical exploration and cognition are linked.** Children sit at desks and learn from a whiteboard and worksheets.

**The teacher works in collaboration with children.** The class is teacher led.

**The child's individual development brings its own reward and therefore motivation.** Motivation is achieved by a system of rewards and punishments.

**Uninterrupted work cycles.** Block time, period lessons.

**Multi-age classrooms.** Single-graded classrooms.

**Working and learning matched to the social development of the child.** Working and learning without emphasis on social development.

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[www.ccsdschools.com/choice/](http://www.ccsdschools.com/choice/)

Complete an application for each child at  
[www.choice.ccsdschools.com/site](http://www.choice.ccsdschools.com/site)

Who has **first** priority? Attendance Zone has first priority for seats.  
<http://www.croppermap.com/charleston/>

Siblings and staff children have next priority.  
MLES is a neighborhood school for District 3 & 9 and students in those districts have priority.