Parent Organizations

Mrs. Diedre Maldonado- Chair
Mrs. Bridgette Frederick- Co-Chair
Mrs. Kristina Goins- Secretary
Mrs. Valencia Strother- Parent
Mrs. Dorothy Bennett- Parent
Mrs. Rosamond McCleod- Community member
Dr. Marla Sanders- Community Member (Columbia College)
Dr. Stacy-Ann January- Community Member (USC)
Dr. Bassanya Bryant, Teacher
Mrs. Charlene Kinard, Teacher
Mrs. Sonya Young- Ex-Officio Member
Dr. Cassandra Bosier- Principal-Ex-Officio Member

Extracurricular Activities

Student Organizations
- Art Club
- Chorus
- NorthStarNewsTeam
- Library Squad
- Green Team
- D.A.R.E.
- E.S.O.L. Club
- Girls on the Run
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- Fort CARE

Family Programs/Events
- Early Risers
- Afternoon Explorers
- Family Science Night
- NewFamilyOrientation
- Kindergarten Camp
- Lunch n’ Munch Bunch
- Polo Paint & Design Night
- Pathfinder FitnessChallenge
- Cici’sPizzaNight
- Chick-fil-A Night
- LiteracyNight
- Math Night
- ESOL/Cultural Heritage Night

Our Vision:
In collaboration with all partners, we will explore all options, navigate through challenges, discover new pathways affording all the opportunity to develop as productive global citizens through the consistent utilization of their unique gifts and talents.

School Hours
8:00 a.m.—2:50 p.m.

Total student enrollment - 711
Grades - Pre-K through 5

Polo Road Elementary

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2018 Report to Parents
Polo Road Elementary is a school committed to excellence. We endeavor to immerse our students in innovative, engaging, intellectually challenging learning experiences. Likewise, our teachers and staff participate in on-going professional development to remain abreast of current education research and best practices, equipping us to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

Our past and present successes are a direct result of the participation and involvement of our students, parents, school personnel and community members. The Polo Road community continues to demonstrate our school motto: *Learning Today to Change Tomorrow.*

### School Highlights & Awards

- **Palmetto Gold Award** 2014, 2015
- **Absolute Rating—Good**
- **Growth Rating—Excellent**

### Academics

**Percent of Students Scoring Met or Higher on 2016 SC Ready and SCPASS**

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**Polo Road Elementary School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by:**

- Providing challenging, meaningful and engaging learning experiences
- Expanding the implementation of an English-Spanish Dual Language Immersion program
- The use of 1:1 computing in grades 3 through 5 and access to mobile devices in grades K through 2
- Applying the principle of “teaching up” in daily instruction
- Facilitating a character education model that includes school-wide behavior expectations, character traits, social thinking and an interdependent incentive component
- Providing a plethora of services to meet unique student needs

### Goals for the next school year

- Continue garnering community support through intentional and meaningful outreach
- Implementation and integration of SC State Academic Standards with fidelity across all content areas
- Design and deliver authentic and engaging learning experiences across all settings for all students
- Continue to involve classified staff members in professional learning experiences
- Utilize a continuous and job-embedded model for professional development for all teachers
- Implement Phase 4 of Dual Language Immersion (English/Spanish) 50/50 model

### Staff Information

- 98 Employees
- 20 National Board Certified Teachers
- Over 700 Years of Combined Teaching Experience
- Teacher Attendance Rate—95%

Mrs. Whitney Chick - Teacher of the Year