

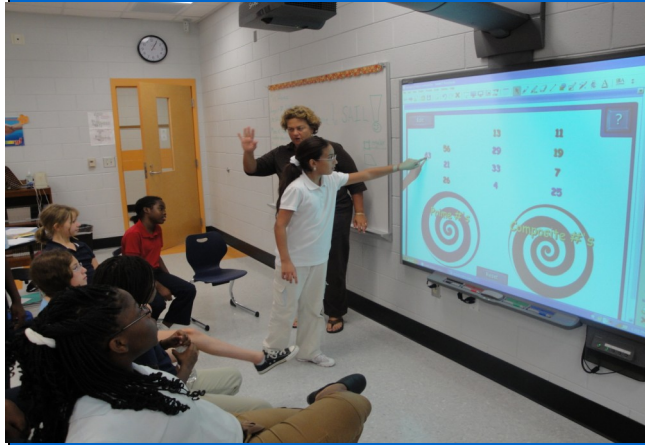
Business Partners

- ◆ Andolini's
- ◆ Bi-Lo Northbridge
- ◆ Captain D's Sailing and Fishing Charters
- ◆ Chick-fil-A West Ashley
- ◆ CiCi's Pizza
- ◆ Dog and Duck
- ◆ Dunkin' Donuts
- ◆ ERA Tides Realty
- ◆ FATZ Café
- ◆ First Citizens
- ◆ Gilligan's
- ◆ Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union
- ◆ Hinchey, Murray & Paglarini, LLC
- ◆ Ida's Salon and Day Spa
- ◆ Japan Karate Institute
- ◆ Jason's Deli
- ◆ Manny's Neighborhood Grill
- ◆ Mattresses and More
- ◆ Murrell Law Firm
- ◆ Outback Steak House
- ◆ Panera Bread
- ◆ Pepperidge Farm
- ◆ Piggly Wiggly Northbridge
- ◆ Dr. Dale Probst
- ◆ Publix
- ◆ River Church
- ◆ Ross Family Chiropractic Care
- ◆ Senor Tequila
- ◆ Southern Glass and Plastics
- ◆ SweetSmith Bakery
- ◆ T-Bonz West Ashley
- ◆ TD Bank
- ◆ Water Music Charters
- ◆ West Ashley Wal-Mart



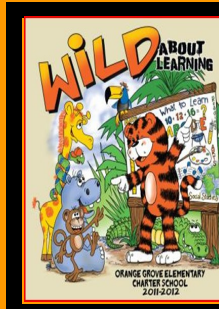
PTO Executive Board Members

President	Michelle Dunmeyer
Vice President	Cynthia Wescott
Secretary	Susan Murrell
Treasurer	Tressy McNamara
Parliamentarian	Sharon Dillon
Ways and Means	Felisha Floyd



Orange Grove Elementary Charter School Board Members

Larry DiCenzo	Principal
John Clendaniel	Assistant Principal
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Message from the Principals

Orange Grove Elementary Charter School is located in the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina. Founded in 1963, Orange Grove serves over 700 children from Child Development (4 year olds) to fifth grade. Charter schools are publicly funded schools that are run by independent boards of parents and community members. Orange Grove Elementary converted to a charter school in 2006.

A reputation of excellence characterizes Orange Grove. It has proven its commitment to the highest standards by providing a well-rounded, quality instructional program for its children. Orange Grove's curriculum overflows with innovative motivating techniques for instruction at all ability levels and for all learning styles. We strive to create a learning environment that challenges and stimulates all students so that optimal learning occurs. Effective instructional programs such as SRA Reading; Daily Oral Language and Math; Accelerated Reader; and the use of the latest technology enhance our curriculum. An emphasis on interdisciplinary writing allows students to make connections and apply skills to the various subjects that are taught. Hands-on math and science activities provide connections between the academic world and real-world experiences. The world of technology comes alive for our students with three networked computer labs; PC's and SMART Boards in every classroom; and laptops for SAIL students.

Strong parental support and active involvement have been key ingredients in the success of Orange Grove. Our PTO has had 100% membership for 48 years. Thirty-four business education partners also support our school with their time and resources.

We are in our third year in our new building. The new 85,000-square foot facility is the first building that a South Carolina school district has built and designed specifically for a charter school. When you enter the building, you see a stained-glass face of a tiger, the school's mascot, that was designed and created by the school's occupational therapist. On the floor of the school's main foyer, you will see tiles that come together to form a large tiger face and the school's name. Visit us and see why we are "Wild About Learning."



Larry DiCenzo, Principal

John Clendaniel, Assistant Principal

Mission Statement

The mission of Orange Grove Elementary Charter School is to develop students with the intellectual power to become confident, caring, and responsible life-long learners by providing an innovative, supportive learning environment that emphasizes creativity and critical thinking skills while respecting individual differences.

Belief Statements:

- * Students deserve to be treated with respect.
- * Students must be held accountable for their actions and their learning.
- * Students have a need to feel safe, secure, loved, and accepted.
- * Students have a right and responsibility to be life-long learners and to contribute positively to society.
- * Students are unique, and individual differences need to be recognized and respected.
- * Students are entitled to support of their learning at home and at school.
- * Students should be given the opportunity to learn and excel according to their individual modality and rate of learning.
- * Students are entitled to their own views and opinions, and the opportunity to express them in an open, courteous forum.

Learning Standards:

- ◆ Students will relate to others in a respectful and cooperative manner.
- ◆ Students will demonstrate mathematical and scientific literacy in solving real-life problems.
- ◆ Students will develop a love for reading and an appreciation for quality literature.
- ◆ Students will demonstrate proficiency and knowledge in the areas of technology and research.
- ◆ Students will be able to comprehend and communicate ideas effectively in verbal and written form.



Awards and Accomplishments

- * U.S. Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- * Palmetto Gold Award
- * Palmetto Silver Award
- * Palmetto's Finest Regional Winner
- * Exemplary Writing School, Hall of Fame
- * Recipient of 14 SC Incentive Awards
- * SC Environmental School of the Year
- * 100% PTO Membership for 48 years
- * Gold Award for Best Total School Volunteer Program
- * Educational Technology Distinguished Achievement Award
- * HUG Award Closing Achievement Gap

Special Programs

- ◆ Chorus and Strings Programs
- ◆ Accelerated Reader
- ◆ WTMN News Show
- ◆ Studio Art and Artist in Residence Programs
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Parenting Workshops
- ◆ Recycling Club
- ◆ Girls and Boys Basketball Teams
- ◆ MAP Diagnostic Testing (Measures of Academic Progress)
- ◆ Swimming Program for First Graders
- ◆ SOS - Saving Our Students Tutoring Program
- ◆ SAIL (Gifted and Talented Program)
- ◆ 5th Grade Field Trip to SeeWee Coastal Retreat
- ◆ 1st and 3rd Grade Field Trips to Columbia
- ◆ Junior Tech Tigers
- ◆ Spanish for Grades K-5