



Welcome to Cape Romain Environmental Education Charter School, *Where Learning Comes Naturally*. It is with great pleasure that we begin Cape Romain Environmental Education Charter School's twelfth year. I want to thank the families who helped make the past years such a success and welcome new families to our school.

At CRE ECS, our mission is to create a small and diverse collaborative learning community that immerses students in critical thinking, environmental stewardship, and engaged citizenship through meaningful and innovative learning experiences. CRE ECS engages family and community in the commitment to nurturing the whole child in preparation for a global society by emphasizing ecological conservation and sustainability.

A typical day at CRE ECS begins with students reporting to classrooms, listening to the morning announcements, and participating in a classwide morning meeting focusing on social-emotional learning. In addition to core classes, students participate in special area classes, including Environmental Education, Physical Education, and Art. Beginning this year, a team of trained Project-Based Learning teachers will collaborate across the curriculum to provide hands-on, project-based learning units for Kindergarten through Grade 8 students. Our unique campus offers students access to our playground, farm, and other green spaces daily, with plenty of time for play and exploration.

CRE ECS staff comprises highly qualified educators dedicated to ensuring growth and success for all students. Our newly created parent volunteer organization supports our students and teachers. Some of our accomplishments include the implementation of [IMSE](#), [PBLWorks](#), [Responsive Classroom](#), [Wit & Wisdom® - Elementary and Middle School ELA Curriculum](#), [Eureka Math® - Elementary and Middle School Math Curriculum](#), being named a National Department of Education Green Ribbon School, a Palmetto Gold School, and a two-time winner of SC DHEC's Champions of the Environment Award. The [South Carolina Public Charter School District](#) authorizes CRE ECS.

As a reminder, my door is always open, and our staff welcomes your input. Please feel free to contact me via email or call the front office to make an appointment to discuss any ideas you think will contribute to the success of our students.

Go Terrapins!
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