

## *Jesse Boyd Elementary School 2023-2024 ---At A Glance---*

It was “Game On” this year at JBE as it has been an exciting year of growth and development. We have faced many challenges together and we have persevered together. We are very excited about the many things we have learned this year, and we are also continuing to look forward to a bright future. While each year begins with somewhat nervous anticipation, this year ends with more hope for what we will experience and how we will continue to grow. We also look forward to celebrating our school’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next school year!

Coming into this school year, our staff decided that our school theme would be “Game On, JBE!” We desired for our students and staff to place their focus on “leveling up” and on growth in the classroom and beyond. They faced so many challenges and experienced many triumphs together and so the choice of theme fit extremely well. We continued so many important traditions within our school year, such as Fall Festival and the Boosterthon fundraiser, our SUI and Ladies Lunch Initiatives, and more, and all have proven to truly be part of what makes JBE such a special place. We continue to focus on growing as a person, and working with our families and communities to help our students to be good citizens now who can take their learning and turn it into action.

As we began the year, we gathered data that would assist us growing our students as learners—this began with the iReady Fall Diagnostic in grades K-5 and through the use of Fountas and Pinnell’s Reading assessments as well as many more. Our teachers also continue to utilize our Math curriculum in conjunction with our SC State Math Standards to instruct and to gather data on our students through assessments, both formal and informal. By the time our students completed the iReady Winter Diagnostic, 32% of our students had already met their Annual Typical Growth in Reading and 18% had done so in Math. Our Spring Diagnostic results are already showing even greater growth, with 65% of our students



meeting their yearly typical growth in Reading and 53% of our students meeting their yearly typical growth in Math. JBE also lowered the percentage of students in Tier 3 (or two or more grade levels behind) in Math by over half (19% to 7%) and by seven percent in Reading (15% to 8%).

During the 2023-2024 school year, our staff has continued to look at our areas of need and has continued to make necessary adjustments so that the focus of our IB Primary Years Program is on the areas—Reading and Math. Our staff is continuing to work on making the necessary adjustments to the IB Planners in order to most effectively meet the needs of our students in those area. We are also preparing for our IB Evaluation visit, which occurs every five years, during the 24-25 school year. JBE is continuing to work towards three major goals: (1) Becoming a model IB school, (2) Becoming a model Balanced Literacy school, and (3) Becoming a model technology integration school. The vision that drives our goals is that JBE is continually working towards the effective integration of those three areas so that the three are happening more seamlessly as we learn and grow together.

JBE has continually strived to grow the culture that has existed here for many years—one that keeps our parents informed and includes all stakeholders as part of decision-making and program development and implementation. Our staff and leadership communicate with our families through many means, such as Class Dojo, Facebook, Instagram, and many others. These methods greatly assist us in keeping our families informed and in touch with the special happenings occurring at JBE. In addition, meetings were held face-to-face, over the phone, and over Microsoft Teams in order to best work with our families and other stakeholders. Our PTSO continually stayed connected and our School Improvement Council met. JBE held many celebrations such as our special Coffeehouse assemblies for a time, as well as holding our Black History Month program, concerts, our Veteran’s Day celebration, Field Days and much more!



JBE certainly is the place to be, and we could not be prouder of how our community has rallied around our school during another exceptional year, of how our families have been so amazing, and of how our teachers, students, and staff have worked to hard to level up! It has truly been “Game On, JBE!”

