# **School Organizations**

## **School Improvement Council 2022-23**

Lower Campus Chairperson - Emily Glenham Upper Campus Chairperson - Dr. Sherisse Jackson Upper Campus Co-Chairperson - Gregg Heinisch Secretary - Katie Hood

Crystal Banks
Nicholas Gillcrese
Katrina Holmes
Katie Hood
Cor'Deija Horne
Sharon Nelson
Dr. Jacqueline Norton
Dr. James Ann Sheley
Kim Toogood
TJ Wallace
Dr. Jennifer Watson
Dr. Mary Wilson
Brittany Moebes- Ex-Officio (PTO President)

#### Parent/Teacher Organization 2022-23

President - Brittany Moebes Vice President - Julie Garrison Secretary - Katie Woodlief Smith Treasurer - Shatika Spearman

Jessica Burgess
Dr. Keicha Chandler-Smith
Jamie Davis
Lavettia Leggette
Dina Knight
Dr. Jacqueline Norton
Alika Schwartz
Joey Wallace
Mary Jones Wilson

## **SIC Activities**

- Fresh produce grown by staff and students in the school's garden was donated to Christian Assistance Bridge, a local non-profit organization assisting individuals and families in crisis.
- School Beautification Project was put in place to bring vibrance to the exterior of our school so that it could mirror the inside of the school.

## **Peer Buddies**

The Peer Buddy program is a collaboration between students in the self-contained special needs class and grade level mentors, which are students in third, fourth, and fifth grade. Mentors work closely with students with special needs to assist them in daily skills, play, and creativity. With this "we are connected" partnership, students have been tremendously impacted and learned the importance of inclusion. Leadership opportunities like this have strengthened our school culture and has authenticated what it means to have an "attitude of gratitude".

## **School Beliefs**

"Sailing Beyond Excellence" in

- Leadership
- Community / Service Learning
- Rigorous Instruction



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In partnership with our community, we work to develop the global citizens of tomorrow – citizens who are prepared to lead and excel in their chosen pathway.

# Lake Carolina Elementary Upper Campus



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SAILING BEYOND EXCELLENCE by...

Leading with respect by appreciating and valuing the ideas and differences of others.

Supporting rigor through challenging and differentiating instruction to develop critical thinkers.

Collaborating to achieve shared goals.



## **School Highlights & Awards**

- DODEA STEM Grant 2018-2022
- DODEA Grant 2016-2021
- Victory Initiative Grant 2011-15
- NAPDS Award for Exemplary Professional Development School Achievement 2013
- National Schools of Character Award from Character Education Partnership 2010
- South Carolina Schools of Character Award 2009
- National Blue Ribbon 2008
- Palmetto's Finest 2007-2008
- South Carolina Report Card Rating Excellent 2002-14, 2017-2018
- Closing the Achievement Gap Award 2003-2014
- Palmetto Gold Award for Academic Achievement 2004-2014, 2017-18, 2018-19

## **Service Learning Projects**

#### "For the Love of Justice" Memorial 5K and Fun Run

This community event held on Sunday, March 27 was a memorial to Lt. Justice R. Stewart. "For the Love of Justice" is a fundraiser for the *Empowering Justice Foundation* to promote pathways out of poverty.







#### Prisma Health Children's Hospital Toy Drive

Students came together to donate toys for children who endure long stays at Prisma Health Children's Hospital.



## Goals for 2023-2024

- ♦ Continue 7 Mindsets program to strengthen character education program
- Acquire a "certified" or higher distinction by the AVID Center based on the annual Coaching and Certification Instrument. (CCI)
- Increase rigor to challenge students at their academic level
- Use benchmark data to support student growth
- Continue to provide differentiated instruction and build online collaboration for students
- Provide extended planning time for all teachers
- Maintain a strong community partnership
- ♦ Help new families transition to our school

## **Student and Teacher Information**

#### 545 Students in 3rd - 5th Grades

African American—50% Asian—3% Hispanic— 11% White—26% Other—9%

## 43 Certified Teaching Staff

(9 National Board Certified)

# **Service Learning Projects**

### **Pet Supply Drive for Cats & Dogs in Animal Shelters**

Our students also generously donated food, toys, and comfort supplies for dogs and cats in local animal shelters.



#### Canned Food Drive

Students brought in donations for the "Attitude of Gratitude" Food Drive to help the Christian Assistance Bridge. Students used the mindset of "live to give" to fill the backpacks.

## **SIC Initiatives**

- Both School Improvement Councils of Lake Carolina Elementary continue to ensure that we are "one school, two campuses" since the Upper Campus opened in August 2014.
- Our SIC partnered with a local business to offer a Mother's Day Bouquet to our families. This effort was not a fundraiser for our school, but rather a way to provide a service to our families and support a local business.