

## School Organizations

### School Improvement Council 2021-22

Lower Campus Chairperson - Alicia Gripper  
Upper Campus Chairperson - Sharon Nelson  
Secretary - Meg Caristi  
PTO Representative - Kimberly Toogood

Dr. Keicha Chandler-Smith  
Ann Marie Erny  
Nicholas Gillcrese  
Emily Glenham  
Katie Hood  
Dr. Sherisse Jackson  
Kathy Knight  
Dr. Jacqueline Norton  
TJ Wallace  
Jeff Williams

### Parent/Teacher Organization 2021-22

President - Kimberly Toogood  
Vice President - Brittany Moebes  
Secretary - Jennifer Kantrovich  
Treasurer - Delia Miles  
Shaneki Bell  
Megan Caristi  
Katrina Holmes  
Dina Knight  
Stacey Knutson  
Duncan "Mac" Phail  
Dr. Jacqueline Norton  
Penny Rutherford  
Dana Sawyer  
Alika Schwartz  
Blair Sexton  
Valery Walthell  
Jennifer Watson  
Jeff Williams

## 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.
- Partnering with the PTO, *Chalk the Walk* was a community event involving parents and children in the area. They wrote inspiring, positive, and encouraging messages as well as drawing fun art work on the sidewalks surrounding both campuses.



## 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

### Valentines for Veterans

Students created hand-made cards that were delivered to local veterans for Valentine's Day. This is especially meaningful as many of our students are members of military-connected families.

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

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.



## Goals for 2022-2023

- ◇ Continue 7 Mindsets program to strengthen character education program
- ◇ Continue with AVID strategies school-wide
- ◇ 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
- ◇ 100% of 3rd graders will be on grade level by the end of the year in reading and math



## Student and Teacher Information

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

African American—50%  
Asian—3%  
Hispanic— 8%  
White—34%  
Other—8%

**37 Certified Teaching Staff**  
(10 National Board Certified)



## 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.