

School Organizations

School Improvement Council 2024-2025

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SIC Activities



Good News Club

An after-school fellowship led by trained teachers from Village Church, meeting with students with parent permission to participate in the program.

Peer Buddies

The Peer Buddy Program is a collaboration between students in the self-contained special needs class and peer mentors from third, fourth, and fifth grades. Mentors work closely with students with special needs, supporting them in daily skills, play, and creative activities.

This "We Are Connected" partnership has had a powerful impact, teaching the value of inclusion and creating meaningful relationships. Leadership opportunities like this have strengthened our school culture and brought to life the true meaning of an "attitude of gratitude."

School Beliefs

Sailing Beyond Excellence...in the most joyful place to learn, work, and thrive!

*Leadership

*Community/Service Learning

*Rigorous Instruction



*Richland School District Two
763 Fashion Drive*

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 Upper Campus



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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 2016-2024
- 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

Student Council – Ronald McDonald House Service Project

Our Student Council has been leading a heartfelt initiative to support the Ronald McDonald House in Columbia. Students have been generously sending in donations to help provide comfort and care for families with hospitalized children. This act of kindness reflects our school's commitment to compassion and community service, and we are proud of our students for making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.



In February, our students participated in the Kids Heart Challenge—a fun and meaningful event focused on heart health and wellness. Throughout the month, students learned about how their hearts work and took part in exciting heart-healthy activities that promoted movement, mindfulness, and kindness.

Through their efforts, they also raised funds to support the American Heart Association, helping to fight heart disease and promote healthier communities. This program not only encourages physical activity but also supports the mental well-being of our students, families, and staff.

Goals for 2024-2025

- *Implement Conscious Discipline to strengthen the character education program
- *Continue to maintain the distinction of certification by the AVID Center based on the annual Coaching and Certification Instrument (CCI)
- *Increase rigor to challenge students at higher academic levels
- *Use benchmark data to support student growth and guide instruction
- *Continue to provide differentiated instruction and build online collaboration for students
- *Provide multiple extended planning opportunities for all teachers
- *Maintain strong community partnership with stakeholders

Student & Teacher Information

537 Students in 3rd - 5th Grades

African American—54%
Asian—3%
Hispanic— 11%
White—25%
Other—7%

44 Certified Teaching Staff
(8 National Board Certified)

Service Learning Projects



“For the Love of Justice” Memorial 5K and Fun Run

Held on Sunday, April 27, this meaningful community event honored the memory of Lt. Justice R. Stewart.

“For the Love of Justice” serves as a fundraiser for the Empowering Justice Foundation, which is dedicated to creating pathways out of poverty and supporting those in need. It was a powerful day of remembrance, unity, and purpose.

SIC Initiatives

*Both School Improvement Councils at Lake Carolina Elementary continue to promote the vision of being “one school, two campuses” since the opening of the Upper Campus in August 2014.

*SIC Book Drive

During March and April, students donated gently used books to support a local shelter. They collected 465 books to share with those in need.