

School Organizations

School Improvement Council 2023-2024

Lower Campus Chairperson - Jackie Abbot

Upper Campus Chairperson- Dr. Sherisse Jackson

Upper Campus Co-Chairperson - Emily Glenham

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Parent/Teacher Organization 2023-2024

President - Brittany Moebes

Co-Vice Presidents - Dr. Deborah Sims & LaTrice Ryant

Secretary - Dr. Katie Woodlief Smith

Treasurer - Shatika Spearman

Fundraising Chair - Courtney Williams

Volunteer Co-Coordination - Samantha Young White & Sanja Harris

Celebrations Co-Coordination - Kisha London & Molly Parisher

Lower Campus Representatives- Dr. Jacqueline Norton & Nicholas Gillcrese

Upper Campus Representatives - Dr. Keicha Chandler-Smith & Gregory Lewis

SIC Activities

USO Snack Drive

During the month of March, Student Council hosted a snack drive to support the South Carolina United Service Organization. They collected two boxes of goods, and a student and his family delivered them to the USO at Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

Good News Club

A fellowship in which trained teachers from *Village Church* meet with children after school with the permission of their parents

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 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 "Socktober" Sock Drive

Students competed as grade levels to collect and donate new socks for a local homeless shelter during the month of October.

Kids Heart Challenge

In February, students learned about their hearts and completed fun and exciting heart healthy activities to raise money for the American Heart Association. This program promotes physical and mental well being for students, families and staff.



Teacher Cadet Scholarship Fundraiser

Students and staff donated money during the month of April to raise funds for the Richland 2 Teacher Cadet Scholarship program. As a result, one of the assistant principals was pied in the face for having the most funds put towards him.

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

565 Students in 3rd - 5th Grades

African American—52%
Asian—3%
Hispanic— 13%
White—27%
Other—5%

44 Certified Teaching Staff
(8 National Board Certified)

Service Learning Projects

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

This community event held on Sunday, April 14 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.



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.