

Awards and Grants

- CCSD Top 5 Teacher of the Year—
Chakadasovavan Or, 2022
- *Fruits & Vegetables* Healthy Snack Program
- Regional Science Fair 2nd Place, 2018

What Makes Mitchell ES Special?

- *D-20 Night* with Burke High School
- *Green Heart* urban farm education program and annual *Harvest Dinner* celebration
- *Honors and Awards* quarterly ceremonies
- *Interactive Literacy* monthly family programs
- *Make-It Take-It* Family Events
- *Kaleidoscope* afterschool enrichment program
- Science as a Related Art
- *Star Student of the Week* recognitions
- *Strings* Grades 3-5 violin lessons
- *Terrific Kids*
- *Empowering Minds* partnership
- *Charleston Hope* partnership



Julian Mitchell ES is known across the district for the many murals and displays of student art and classwork throughout the school.

Administrative Leadership Team

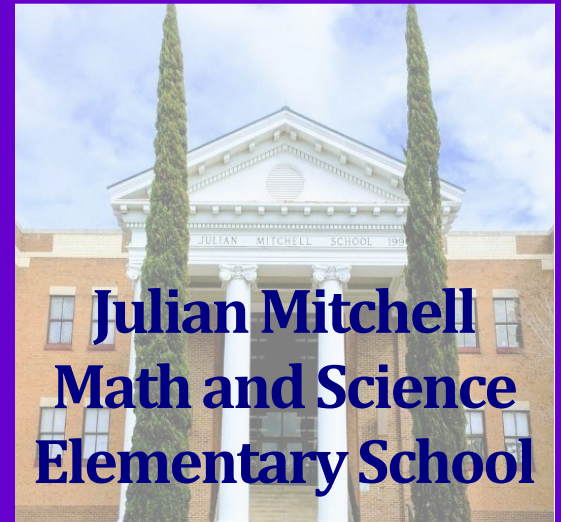
Dr. Amber Sainz, *Principal*
Mark Sokolowski, *Assistant Principal*
Marguerite Farrell, *Guidance Counselor*
Morneek Holloway, *Secretary, Bookkeeper*
Cierra Hennix, *Data Clerk*
Kristopher Rambert, *Behavior Interventionist*
Christina Nance, *School Psychologist*
Kate Seay, *School Nurses*
Courtney Canosa, *Reading Coach*
Allison Rouse, *Mathematics Coach*

Teacher of the Year, 2022-2023

Jennifer Bermudez

Our PBIS Positive Behavior Program

S – Safe | *Be Careful*
H – Honest | *Be Trustworthy*
A – Ambitious | *Do Your Best*
R – Respectful | *Be Courteous*
K – Kind | *Help Others*



Julian Mitchell Math and Science Elementary School

*A Historic School Preparing Students
for 21st Century College and Career-Ready Success*

2022-2023 Annual School Improvement Council

Report To Parents



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Our Shared Mission at Julian Mitchell Elementary School is creating a safe, supportive, and loving environment where all students can become independent and lifelong learners.

SIC Purpose and Goals

The purpose of this annual *School Improvement Council Report to Parents* is to highlight the progress our school is making in achieving the goals and objectives for our *School Renewal Plan*. This report has been developed to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers.

Mitchell Purpose Statement

Mitchell Elementary will close the opportunity gap for its scholars by ensuring all students are engaged in rigorous academics, provided equitable opportunities, have a safe, caring, and supportive learning environment, find their voice, and are able to pursue their hopes and dreams. Mitchell students will move mountains.

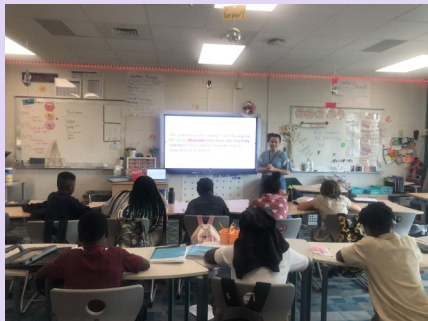
Our SIC Planning Cycle

At our first meeting this year, the members of our SIC used this plan to guide or work:

1. Learn about our school's needs
2. Choose one area of focus
3. Set a goal for improvement for that area
4. Decide on a SIC activity to meet that goal
5. Make a plan to implement and evaluate the activity—did we accomplish our goal?

Area of Focus for 2023-2024

Family Engagement and Communication



Community Partnerships

TBonz Foundation—Rev Foods Restaurant Group Sponsors of the *Yoga*, *REACH Sailing*, and *Green Heart Urban Farm* Programs at Mitchell ES

Rotary Readers

Volunteers read weekly with our students

Charleston Hope

Supports parents and students with *Math Mentors*, *Girls Step-In*, counseling, and PTA activities

Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity

Provides classroom supplies, clothing, & holiday gifts for students as well as classroom volunteers

Burke HS and Simmons Pinckney MS

Host the annual *Read Across America Literacy Carnival* for Mitchell students in Grades CD-2

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity & City of Charleston

Provides mentors for the *Lunch Buddies* program

Kiwanis Club of Charleston

Sponsors the monthly *Terrific Kids* program

Unitarian Church of Charleston

Funds field trips transportation for Grade CD-5

LowCountry Food Bank

Supplies *Backpack Buddies* weekend food kits

MUSC TeleHealth and Carolina Access Dental

Offers student medical/dental services at school

Empowering Minds-Supports yoga in the classrooms.

D20PCP-A partnership with 5 schools to support scholars and families through family coaching, tutoring, and other activities such as Mathnasium and field trips.

For more information, you may view Julian Mitchell Elementary School's "SC School Report Card" for previous school years online at www.ed.sc.gov

Julian Mitchell School Improvement Council Members | 2022-23

Florence Peters, *Chairperson*

Parents

Allison Hilton

Morneek Holloway

Teachers and Staff

Dr. Amber Sainz

Leigh Williams

Sara Thompson

Caroline Sammons-

Mary Beth DiNunzio

Community Members

Emily Kerr

Accomplishments of the SIC

- Helped, planned and participated in Literacy Night
- Identified areas for improvement in the school's systems (communication, parent engagement)
- Helped clarify and streamline communication systems (Class Dojo implemented)
- Facilitated and planned end-of-year celebrations
- Gathered stakeholder input on plans for the coming school year (spending, programs, staff)

The Julian Mitchell SIC meets on the last Wednesday of each month and all Mitchell parents, community members, and teachers are invited to attend to provide input into school activities, budgets, instructional and operational decisions with the focus of supporting school-wide goals for improvement.