### What Makes Mitchell ES Special?

- Leader in Me School (Began 2023-2024)
- 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
- Family night events
- Winter and Spring Dances
- 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

#### **Awards and Grants**

- CCSD Top 5 Teacher of the Year— Chakadasovavan Or, 2022
- Fruits & Vegetables Healthy Snack Program
- Regional Science Fair 2nd Place, 2018
- CCSD Moving on Up : Improving in Overall Rating State Report Card 2023-2024
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Julian Mitchell ES is know across the district for the many murals and displays of student art and classwork throughout the school.

### **Administrative Leadership Team**

Dr. Amber Sainz, *Principal*Alison Rouse, *Math Lead Teacher and Coach*Marguerite Farrell, *Guidance Counselor*Claurissa Greene, *Secretary, Bookkeeper*Cierra Hennix, *Data Clerk*Janielly Paige *School Psychologist*Millicent Getz *School Nurses*Jennifer Bermudez, *Reading Coach*Allison Rouse, *Mathematics Coach*Monica M. Torres Guevara, *Parent Advocate* 

### Teacher of the Year, 2024-2025

Coach Jenna Lamb

### Our PBIS Positive Behavior Program

**S** – Safe | *Be Careful* 

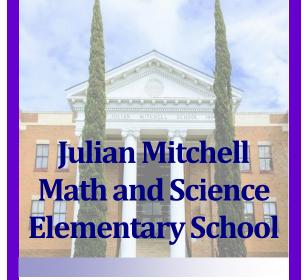
**H** – Honest | *Be Trustworthy* 

A – Ambitious | *Do Your Best* 

R - Respectful | Be Courteous

**K** – Kind | *Help Others* 





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

# 2024-2025 Annual School Improvement Council

# **Report To Parents**



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Our Shared Mission at Julian Mitchell Elementary School is to create a safe, supporting and loving environment where all students can become independent and life long 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**

The Citadel-Cadets and supervisors volunteer at school events

**College of Charleston-**Partnerships with the Athletic and Education Department

Chick-fil-a-Provide staff and student incentives

Sonic-Provide staff and student incentives

Kickin Chicken-Provide student incentives

#### TBonz Foundation—Rev Foods Restaurant Group

Sponsors of the *Yoga* and Green *Heart* Urban Farm Programs at Mitchell ES

**Rotary Club of Charleston**-Support Staff member of the month and other school needs.

**Bridges of Hope-**Grief group counseling

**IPW Construction Group**-Donations for holiday gifts for our students

#### **Charleston Hope**

Supports parents and students with Girls Step-In,

THRIVE mental health supports, and staff and student culture.

#### **Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity**

Provides clothing,, holiday gifts for students, and other school or family needs.

#### **Burke HS and Simmons Pinckney MS**

Partner with Mitchell for a wide variety of activities throughout the school year including Literacy activities and our Testing Carnival.

#### Be a Mentor

Provides mentors for students during lunchtime or after school.

#### **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 schol-

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 | 2024-2025

Chiante Gourdine, Chairperson

#### **Parents**

Chiante Gourdine Tarra Deleston

### Teachers and Staff

Dr. Amber Sainz Joanna Herscher Sara Thompson Alison Rouse

Casedra McGinnis Stephanie Eldridge

### **Accomplishments of the SIC**

- Planned and held a 7 Habits Winter Dance
- Planned and held a Math Fall Festival
- Identified areas for improvement in parent engagement
- Helped promote Leader in Me to families

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.