

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



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

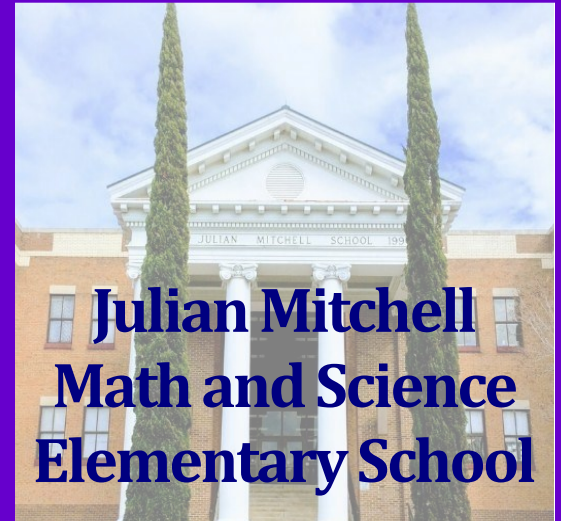
Dr. Amber Sainz, *Principal*
Mark Sokolowski, *Assistant Principal*
Marguerite Farrell, *Guidance Counselor*
Caurissa Greene, *Secretary, Bookkeeper*
Cierra Hennix, *Data Clerk*
Kristopher Rambert, *Behavior Interventionist*
Lindsay Merritt, *School Psychologist*
Dana McCarthy, *School Nurses*
Jennifer Bermudez, *Reading Coach*
Allison Rouse, *Mathematics Coach*

Teacher of the Year, 2023-2024

Sara Thompson

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*

2023-2024 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.

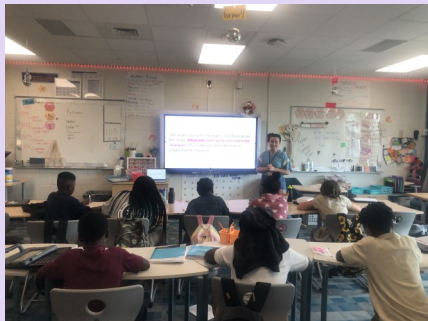
Our SIC Planning Cycle

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

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

Kicken 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 | 2023-24

Chiante Gourdine, *Chairperson*

Parents

Allison Hilton

Tierra Deleston

Teachers and Staff

Dr. Amber Sainz

Joanna Herscher

Sara Thompson

Mark Sokolowski

Community Members

Emily Kerr

Stephanie Eldridge

Accomplishments of the SIC

- Planned and held a 7 Habits Winter Dance
- Planned and held a Spring Growth Dance3
- 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.