

JAMES B. EDWARDS

SCHOOL OF GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

Pre-K-5th Grade Elementary School in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina



School Improvement Council 2024-2025

Report To The Community

James B. Edwards

School Improvement Council

The JBE SIC is made up of parents, teachers, and community members and exists to support James B. Edwards in ways such as:

- ...assisting in the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan;
- ...writing the annual SIC Report to the Parents;
- ...and preparing, with the principal, the annual narrative for the SC School Report Card.

Pillars of Leadership

Knowledge, Character, Citizenship

The Egret's Promise

I am a JBE Egret: I lead with my head, my heart, and my hands. Knowledge helps me think deeply, Strength of Character help me act wisely, and Citizenship guides me to make the world better for myself and others.

Teacher of the Year: Sarah Sweatt

Rookie Teacher of the Year: Anna Darrell

Classified Employee of the Year: Abby Potts

School Colors: Blue & Green

Mascot: Egret

School Improvement Council Members

Leanne Sheppard, Interim Principal
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Sarah Newton, Teacher

Christine Garman, Teacher

Shona Rivers, Teacher

Fran Hawk, Community Member

Ken Burkeen, Community Member

Rebecca Ellerton, Community Member

Charlotte Laird, Community Member

Mission

To provide authentic, challenging, creative learning experiences in an equitable and engaging environment in order to develop global leaders with a strong character ready to serve their communities.

JBE SMILES

by Charlotte Laird

There's a school tucked away down the road
It's been there for a while, you may know it
In the halls, you will hear hello
Or bonjour, comment ça va
We are circling the globe

Woah, JBE Smiles; Woah, JBE Smiles

We take care of the Earth, we help it grow
Making sure to take time,
so that our leaders of tomorrow know
The importance of working together
Hand-in-hand is the only way we can
make this world better

Woah, JBE Smiles; Woah, JBE Smiles

Our differences are what make us unique
Each and every smile at JBE is magnifique!
Woah, JBE Smiles; Woah, JBE Smiles



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Assistant Principals: Robert Ledford & Graylon Trammell

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Report To Parents

- 73% of students **Met or Exceeded Expectations** on the 2023 SC Ready ELA test
- 67% of students **Met or Exceeded Expectations** on the 2023 SC Ready Math test
- Students testing **on or above grade level** on iReady Reading grew 35% from fall '24 to spring '25
- Students testing **on or above grade level** in iReady Math grew 44% from fall '24 to spring '25
 - Earned a rating of **Good** on our state report card
 - 40+ students served through our **Reading Intervention** program
 - 25+ students served through our **Math Intervention** program
 - Students enjoyed 164 **Mystery Readers**; a new volunteer program
- **JBEOne**, the school's PTO, invested over 2,500 hours to organize events and raise over \$240k during the year
 - Hosted **Literacy & Math Nights**
 - Students have logged more than 400,000 minutes on **Beanstack**
 - Our **Library** added almost 500 new books and exceeded 20,000 checkouts
 - Made it to the finals for CCSD's **Battle of the Books**
 - Fifth graders built and launched five boats in partnership with the **Lowcountry Maritime Society**
 - 26 students participated in the **Strings program**
 - 120+ students served through the **SAIL program**
 - 50+ fourth and fifth graders served in The **Ambassadors leadership program**
- To help give back to the community, students partnered with **Palmetto Music Therapy** and raised almost \$1,600 to sustain the program, collected 650+ items for the **Charleston Animal Society**, and collected almost 2,000 pairs of under garments for the **Neighborhood House**.
 - Continued our partnership with **Engaging Creative Minds** which included experiences with the the science of cooking and geology
 - JBE's **Boys Basketball Team** won the championship!
- Partnered with **Rack Room Shoes** and the **Rotary Club** to help support 70+ families and adopted 28 families with the **Friends of Santa** program
 - JBE Students spent over 3,000 hours learning in our state of the art **Greenhouse** with a team of 700+ volunteers
 - Students propagated and sold plants in the greenhouse, raising \$10,000 for the **horticulture program**
 - Students published JBE's first edition of the **The Egret Etch!** and continued to host the **daily news show**
 - Mailed over 720 **Positive Postcards** to families
 - 130+ students participated in the **SC Sea Grant Consortium Program** 'From Seeds to Shoreline'
 - Developed a **community partnership** with the Town of Mt. Pleasant for a sweetgrass nursery
- Partnered with **local VFW group** to place flags on veterans' graves and learn about the significance of vets throughout American history
 - 40+ students supported with our **Snack program**
 - Increased college awareness with nine **College Wear Wednesdays**
- Celebrated our differences during **Down Syndrome** and **Autism Awareness Weeks** and **7 Cultural Awareness Programs**



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