

# JAMES B. EDWARDS

## SCHOOL OF GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

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



### School Improvement Council 2023-2024

## 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.

### Principles of Leadership

*These principles guide how we interact with each other & the world around us.*

Leaders are responsible.

Leaders work hard.

Leaders plan for success.

Leaders respect others.

Leaders collaborate.

Leaders make the world a better place.

**Teacher of the Year:** Katie Burkeen

**Rookie Teacher of the Year:** Taylor Fagan

**Classified Employee of the Year:** Emily Funcik

**School Colors:** Blue & Green

**Mascot:** Egret

### School Improvement Council Members

Ashley Dorsey, Principal

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Kyniqua Euland, Parent

Ryanne Dodds, Parent

Katie D. Edwards, Parent & PTO  
President

Mihaela Coopersmith, Parent

Chesnut Denton, Parent

Todd Ericsson, Parent

Fran Hawk, Grandparent

Gillian Henes, Teacher

Andrea Jamison, Teacher

Emily Taylor, Teacher

Ken Burkeen, Teacher

Sarah Newton, Teacher

Kaite Schulken, Teacher

Rylee Jost, Teacher

Ashley Pomposelli, Teacher

Betty Sweet Atkinson, Teacher

Christine Garman, Teacher

Allison Papadopoulos, Counselor

### 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

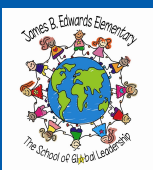
There's a school tucked away down the road  
It's been there for a while, you may know it  
In the halls, you will hear hello  
Or bonjour, comment ça va  
We are circling the globe

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!  
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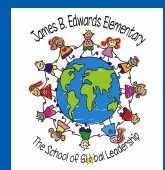
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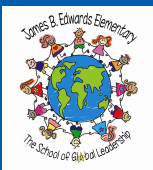


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## Report To Parents

- 77% of students **Met or Exceeded Expectations** on the 2023 SC Ready ELA test
- 70% of students **Met or Exceeded Expectations** on the 2023 SC Ready Math test
- Students testing **on or above grade level** on iReady Reading grew 22% from fall '23 to winter '24
- Students testing **on or above grade level** in iReady Math grew 28% from fall '23 to winter '24
  - Earned a rating of **Excellent** on our state report card
  - Recognized over 320 **Leaders of the Month**
  - The **Reading Buddies** program supported 16 students
  - 75+ students served through our **Reading Intervention** program
  - 40+ students served through our **Math Intervention** program
- Students and the school community benefited from over 11,000 hours of **volunteer service** inside the school
- **JBEOne**, the school's PTA, invested over 2,500 hours to organize events and raise over \$240k during the year
  - Returned to in-person **Literacy & Math Nights**
  - **Library checkouts** increased by 250%
- Fifth graders built and launched four boats in partnership with the **Lowcountry Maritime Society**
  - 24 students participated in the **Strings program**
  - The technology class piloted **Code Monkey & a digital citizenship program**
    - 130+ students served through the **SAIL program**
  - 20+ fifth graders served in The **Ambassadors leadership program**
- Students worked with **Neighbors Together** to help supply holiday meal kits and participated in the **IOP Beach Clean Up Week**
- Continued our partnership with **Engaging Creative Minds** which included experiences with the arts and entrepreneurship
  - The 70 members of JBE's **Tennis Team** had another successful season
    - JBE's **Basketball Team** made it to the finals
  - Partnered with **Rack Room Shoes** and supplied over 30 pairs of shoes to JBE students
  - JBE Students spent over 11,900 hours learning in our state of the art **Greenhouse**
- Students propagated and sold plants in the greenhouse, raising \$10,000 for the **horticulture program**
- Students published JBE's first edition of the **Egret Echo** and continued to host the **daily news show**
  - Adopted 48 students from the **Angel Tree** program
  - Mailed over 720 **Positive Postcards** to families
- Participated in the **SC Sea Grant Consortium Program** "From Seeds to Shoreline"
  - Partnered with **local VFW group** to place flags on veterans' graves
  - 90 students supported with our **Weekend Snack** program
  - Increased college awareness with nine **College Wear Wednesdays**
- Celebrated our differences during **Down Syndrome Awareness Day** and **Autism Awareness Month**
- Celebrated **Hispanic Heritage Month** and **Black History Month** with decorating contests and more



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