

School Activities & Student Opportunities

- 100 Book Challenge
- A Day of the Child
- Career Day
- Core Essentials Program
- Chorus
- Food Drives for Local Food Banks
- JMB Jr. Beta Club
- JMB Talent Show
- Jumping into Kindergarten
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Kiwanis Terrific Kids
- Math Madness
- One JMB
- Picture Person Program
- PTO Family Movie Night
- Relay for Life
- Rotary Student of the Quarter
- Summer Reading Program
- Tiger Relays
- White Christmas Program
- YMCA After-School Program



Mission

The mission of James M. Brown Elementary School is to develop life-long learners who are respectful, responsible, and honest citizens by providing meaningful educational experiences for all students.

Vision

We envision a welcoming school that provides an atmosphere in which students are motivated to learn. With the support of the community, instruction is enhanced to meet the academic and developmental needs of each student. James M. Brown Elementary School empowers children to positively impact the world in which they live.

Beliefs

We believe that...

Education is a lifelong process.

Education will provide opportunities for students to learn to communicate effectively, solve problems, think critically and display their creativity.

Students will utilize resources that will prepare them for our evolving technological society.

All students will learn and achieve academic success within a secure environment.

Students are the center of the education process and will accept the responsibility to be actively engaged in the learning process.

Parents and guardians will accept the responsibility to actively support the learning process.

The educational process will be valued and supported by the local community.

All individuals will be treated with dignity and respect.

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2012-2013

Report to the Parents

School Renewal Goals for 2012-2013

- We continue to analyze and utilize data from school-wide, district-wide and state-wide assessments. 
- We continue to differentiate instruction and provide interventions to meet the learning needs of our students.
- We continue to utilize technology as an instructional tool by purchasing iPads, netbooks, laptops, and student desktops for classrooms.
- Provide professional development on data analysis, Common Core State Standards, Balanced Literacy, Highly Engaged Classrooms, and Everyday Math.
- We continue to have 100% of our staff meet the requirements for "Highly Qualified" status as defined by NCLB.

School Improvement Council

Parents: Micky Ward (Chair), Karen Vissage, Lynn Lowery, Karen Kerr, and Alma Arriaga

Teachers: Becky Chmelar, Rebekah McCall, Paige Lowe, and Sheila Mabry

Community Members: Tony Grant, Maerab Arriaga, and Angela Cannon

Ex-officio Members: Michelle Grant, April Adams, Virgil Highsmith, Sandy King, and Nivia Miranda

JMB's Goals

Student Achievement: Performance Goal

By 2013, 90% of the students in grades 3-5 participating in state-wide testing will score met or exemplary on PASS.

Progress Achieved:

I. ELA, Math, Science, & Social Studies - Teachers are implementing our new Common Core State Standards into their instruction. Teachers analyze test data (PASS, MAP, & benchmark assessments) to determine enrichment opportunities for students. Our Assistant Principal for Instruction, Literacy Coach, 100 Book Challenge Coach, and Literacy Representative provide professional development for teachers to assist them with reading, writing, and math.

II. Student Remediation - JMB continues to excel in providing **Interventions in the areas of reading and math** for our students. This year, each grade level has an interventionist that works with a particular grade level. These interventionist work with students in the areas of reading and math.

We continue to offer interventions in the following areas: *Early Reading Intervention (ERI)* to support at-risk students in Kindergarten and *Reading Recovery* to support at-risk 1st grade students.

JMB's Facts & Information

Grades:	Pre-K thru 5th Grade
Enrollment:	659 Students
Average Pupil to Teacher Ratio:	18 to 1
Students Served Free/Reduced Lunch:	81%
English as a Second Language:	27%
Average Daily Attendance:	96%
2012 School Report Card Absolute Rating:	Average
2012 School Report Card Improvement Rating:	Average

Recognitions & Awards

Carolina First Palmetto's Finest School
SC Exemplary Reading Honor School
SC Red Carpet Award School (2 years)
2006 Palmetto Silver Award Winner
2005 National Anthem Project All Star School
2007 Adequately Yearly Progress -Met
2008-2009 District Teacher of the Year
2010-2011 District Teacher of the Year
2010-2011 Safe Kids of the Upstate School
5 National Board Teachers
2011 Palmetto Silver Award Winner