

## School Organization and Contact

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. Selina Latimore - Principal  
Mrs. Tiffany Price - Chair  
Mrs. LaSonya McMath - Vice Chair  
Ms. Kathleen Kane – Secretary

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Monica Adams	Antoinette Mursier
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### ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

The School Improvement Council of John P. Thomas Elementary School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last year's test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2015-2016, as well as, the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority for this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Mrs. Selina Latimore, Principal, or Mr. Wes Furgess, School Improvement Council Chair at (803) 735-3430.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Archery Team  
Student Council  
Curriculum Family Nights  
SASSY Girls/ Young G.E.N.Ts  
Second Grade Swimming Lessons  
JPT News Show  
DARE Program  
Principal's Writing Wall of Fame  
Midlands Reading Consortium  
Frances Burns Mentoring Program  
Tiger Pride Academy  
Girls on the Run  
Safety Patrol

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Books and Breakfast  
Donuts with Dads  
Muffins with Mom  
Parent University  
Comprehensive Remediation Program/Tiger Pride Academy  
Barron Academy After-school Program  
Chamber of Commerce Homework Center  
Reading Matters  
City Year- MLK Day of Service  
Real Men Read

### MISSION STATEMENT:

We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.



## John P. Thomas Elementary School



### 2015 – 2016 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

Columbia, South Carolina 29203  
Office (803) 735-3430  
Fax (803) 735-3369  
School Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Our Mission:

John P. Thomas Elementary School will promote academic excellence and enable students to become productive, knowledgeable, and responsible citizens with integration of technology, the support of family and involvement of community partnerships.

At John P. Thomas Elementary School,

*“Believe in the Possibilities”*

## School Highlights & Awards

Adequate Yearly Progress  
2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011

AdvancEd District Accreditation

HealthierUS School Challenge Award  
2012 Bronze Recipient  
2013 Silver Recipient  
2015 Gold Recipient

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Saks of Luv Weekend Backpack Program

### SCHOOL AWARDS

2012 Customer Service Award

## School Demographics

Total Enrollment

<1% White

96% African American

<1% Hispanic

2% Other

26 Homeroom Teachers

**(5 National Board Certified Teachers)**

## Test Information

**SC READY TEST RESULTS**  
**(Exceeding and Ready)**  
**SCPASS SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**(Exemplary and Met)**  
**DRA2+**  
**(At or above benchmark)**

English Grades 3-5: 23.1%  
Math Grades 3-5: 26.6%  
Science Grade 4-5: 45.6%  
Social Studies Grade 4- 5: 62.5%  
DRA2+ Kindergarten: 78.8%

### TECHNOLOGY

Smartboards / SMART TVs  
Document Cameras  
Two Fully Furnished Computer labs  
Nook Colors  
IPADs/Mini-Ipads  
DELL Laptops  
NEO2's  
Five Brainchild Devices  
Digital Learning Environment 1:1 (Grades k-1; 3-5)

### MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED

Conservation Collaborative Projects  
Target Physical Education Grant  
Fishing Program Grant  
USC Nature Based Inquiry Grant  
South Carolina Safe Routes Grant  
Fruit and Vegetable Grant

## Goals for Next Year

- ✓ To increase annually, student knowledge of major content areas as measured by SC READY and SC PASS until the percent meets or exceeds the statewide average (**Student Achievement Goal**)
- ✓ To increase the level of parental involvement beyond school-based activities,
- ✓ To ensure that students in JP Thomas Elementary become proficient readers by third grade (**Student Achievement Goal**)
- ✓ To increase the proficiency in technology for each student (**Student Achievement**)
- ✓ Create a professional learning community that ensures that faculty and staff are knowledgeable, competent and productive (**Teacher Quality**)
- ✓ To create, maintain and enhance a school environment that is child-centered, safe and healthy (**School Climate**)
- ✓ To enhance and annually increase parent-school partnership, in regards to home-school relations as

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measured by parent and student surveys (**School Climate**)

