

School Improvement Council

Bakir Williams, Chair

Sandra Knightner, Vice Chair

Mitchell Bailey, Secretary

Council Membership:

John Brown	Community Member
Sandra Knightner	Community Member
Bakir Williams	Parent
Kate Hart	Parent
Mitchell Bailey	Teacher
Joy Dato-on	Teacher
Alvera Butler	Ex-Officio
Patrina Smith	Ex-Officio
Whitney Prowell	Ex-Officio

PTO Board

Joy McClendon, President

Chrystal Stukes, Vice-President

Beverly Knox, Secretary

Tomeaka Murray, Treasurer

Clubs and Teams:

National Jr. BETA Club

JKE Chorus

Recycling Team

Grooming for Greatness

Girls with Pearls

USC-JKE Strings Project Consortium

Special Programs:

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

One to One Computing (K-5)

Small Group Reading & Math Interventions (K-5)

Reading Recovery (grade 1)

Summer Explorers (Summer Enrichment Program)

After-school Explorers (Tutoring/ Enrichment Program)

Little Cubs After-School Enrichment (Grades K-2)

Breakfast In the Classroom (BIC)

Dinner Program for After School Students

Weekend Backpack Food Program

Lunch Buddy Mentoring

Grooming for Greatness Partnership with the

Community Relations Council

Family Programs:

QuestZone

(Before— and After—School Care Programs)

Grandparent Support Group

Parents as Teachers -certified Parent Educator

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Partnership with Columbia Area Mental Health

Parent Universities

Report Card Pick-up Nights



Richland School District Two
6831 Brookfield Road
Columbia, SC 29206



School of Entrepreneurial Leadership (SEL)

7500 Springcrest Drive

Columbia, SC 29223

www.richland2.org/schools/jke

The faculty and staff of Joseph Keels Elementary School of Entrepreneurial Leadership, in partnership with students, parents, government, business partners, and the community guarantee each student optimum achievement in all areas of learning by providing a challenging and flexible learning program to meet individual needs by incorporating technology, field experiences, and support services to equip each student for life-long learning and responsible citizenship.

Daily School Hours:

8:00 AM—2:50 PM,

Monday through Friday

Total student enrollment:

450 students in grades Pre-K through 5

Highlights & Awards

Joseph Keels Elementary School of Entrepreneurial Leadership is a full-school magnet program housed in the heart of the Springwood Lake community in Northeast Richland County. Our students practice real-life skills such as banking, voting, working for and/or managing a business, and responsible citizenry through voting and civic participation as active members of our school society of Bearsville. Meant to replicate the greater community, the value of grade-level specific learning experiences is brought into greater focus through their application within the Bearsville society. The SIC in partnership with the school has worked hard to promote character and positive citizens within the Bearsville Community. Joseph Keels has continued its objective of recognizing students positively with the continued implementation of Honor Roll recognition and many positive support systems designed to enhance student growth. In addition, JKE continues to make providing students with “being-there” experiences a priority in its instructional plan. Students continue to excel academically and socially at Joseph Keels.

Awards & Recognitions

Two-time recipient: Palmetto's Finest School
Previous recipient: Red Carpet School
Recently named: National Beta Club School of Distinction & Merit, ASCD Whole Child Award, 2016 Let's Move Active Schools Recognition

Student Information

Ethnicity Distribution:

African American: 87%
White: 2%
Hispanic: 8%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: .15%
American Indian or Alaska Native: .15%
Two or more races: 1.04%

Number of teachers: 54
Number of National Board Certified: 6

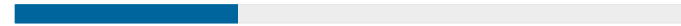
Test Scores

2019 Test Scores

SC Ready English Language Arts and Mathematics

English Language Arts (Reading and Writing) - [Percent Met or Exceeding](#)

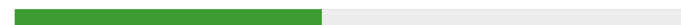
School 33.0% (75 / 227)



District 48.5% (6141 / 12652)

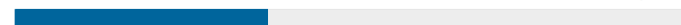


State 45.4% (159686 / 351481)



Mathematics - [Percent Met or Exceeding](#)

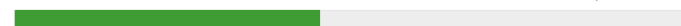
School 37.4% (85 / 227)



District 47.7% (6031 / 12652)



State 45.1% (158655 / 351479)



Technology for Instruction and Support:

1 Computer Lab
1:1 Chromebook Computing in Grades K-5
150 Literacy iPods for student check out
60 iPads for classrooms
ClearTouch Panel in every classroom
Study Buddies
1 ELMO (document camera) at each grade level
State of the Art news studio (WSEL)

Major Grants

ASCD Whole Child Grant Award
21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant
2016 Let's Move Active Schools Grant



Richland School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristic in its programs and activities.

Goals for 2019-2020

- ◆ Keels Elementary will implement a variety of instructional and academic initiatives that support teachers and students in becoming an increasingly rigorous and high achieving school.
- ◆ Build a positive, safe, respectful and nurturing environment in which our students will learn and live.
- ◆ Develop an environment that fosters professional learning communities.
- ◆ Expand support of Keels' School for Entrepreneurial Leadership through partnerships with parents and the greater community.



Administrative Team

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