School Organizations and Contacts

School Improvement Council

Jessica Johnson, Chair

Katie Smalley, Vice Chair

Michelle Wiggins, Secretary

Council Membership:

Caressa Louallen Community Member
James Benson Community Member
Mary Thurman Community Member

Alvera Butler Ex-Officio

Tammer Roberts Ex-Officio

Christi Wuori Ex-Officio

Danika Armstrong Parent

Michelle Bennen Parent

Marlena Gore Teacher

Doris Smith Teacher

Lynn Bookert Student Data Coordinator

Kimberly Flowers Teacher
Lisa Pauling Teacher
Latonya Ishmal Teacher

PTO Board

Deana Tillison, President

Felicia Green, Vice President

Patrice McFadden, Secretary

Danica Armstrong, Treasurer

Andrena Belton and Marcia Heyward,

Volunteer Coordinators

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs and Teams:

Garden Club
Recycling Team
Joseph Keels "Awesome" Step Team
USC-JKE Strings Project Consortium

Special Programs:

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

SC Economics Council Classroom Mini Economy

One to One Computing (grade 3-5

Small Group Reading Interventions (grades K-5)

Reading Recovery (grade 1)

Summer Explorers (Summer Enrichment Program)

After-school Explorers (After-School Enrichment Program)

McKinney-Vento After-School Enrichment (Grades K-2)

Breakfast In the Classroom

Dinner Program for After School Students

Weekend Backpack Food Program

Family Programs:

Boys' and Girls' Club of the Midlands
(Before— and After—School Care Programs)

Hope Worldwide Saturday Academy

Parents as Teachers -certified Parent Educator

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Partnership with Columbia Area Mental Health

Grandparent Support Group



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Joseph Keels Elementary



School of Entrepreneurial Leadership (SEL)

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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:
698 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 reallife 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.

Awards & Recognitions

Two-time recipient: Palmetto's Finest School Previous recipient: Red Carpet School Recently named: Home Depot Community Impact school

Student Information

Ethnicity Distribution:

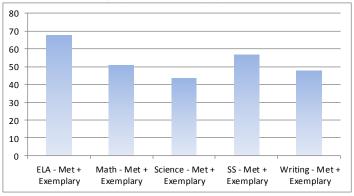
African American: 89% White: 3% Hispanic: 6% Other: 2%

Number of teachers: 48 Number of National Board Certified: 6

Test Scores

2013 PASS Scores

(by percentage)



Technology for Instruction and Support:

2 Computer Labs
1:1 Chromebook Computing in Grades 3-5
150 Literacy iPods for student check out
60 iPads for classrooms
60 Nook Colors for classroom checkout
SMART Boards in every classroom
CPS systems at every grade level
3 Laptop Carts
Study Buddies
1 ELMO(document camera) at each grade level

State of the Art news studio (WSEL)

Major Grants Received

21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant

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Goals for next year

- Keels Elementary will implement a variety of academic initiatives as it establishes and expands the School of Entrepreneurial Leadership.
- 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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