# School Organization and Contacts

## School Improvement Council

Malcolm Pressley Chair
Markesia Jones Vice Chair
Latisha McCanic Secretary

# Council Membership

Stephanie Moore Community Member
Malcolm Pressley Community Member

Kate Hart Parent
Richelle Sinkler Parent
Markesia Jones Teacher
Alvera Butler Ex-Officio
Robert Carswell Ex-Officio
Katrina Holmes Ex-Officio



# Extracurricular Activities

#### Clubs, Teams & Partnerships

National Jr. BETA Club
JKE Chorus
TIED to Success Mentoring
Girls with Pearls Mentoring
USC-JKE Strings Project Consortium
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
(Columbia Alumni Chapter)
Forest Acres Rotary Club
Shane and Emily Beamer Family Foundation
WJKE Morning News Show

### Special Programs

One to One Computing (K-5)
Americorp Foster Grandparent Program
Small Group Reading & Math Interventions (K-5)
Summer Explorers
(Summer Enrichment Program)
21st CCLC After-school Explorers
(Tutoring and Enrichment Program)
Little Cubs After-School Enrichment (K-2)

#### Family Programs

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Quest Zone (Before and After School Care
Programs)
Parent and Grandparent Support Group
Parent Educator
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Partnership with Columbia Area Mental Health
Parent Universities

# Joseph Keels Elementary



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The faculty and staff of Joseph Keels Elementary 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.

#### Vision Statement:

At Joseph Keels Elementary, we have high expectations for organization and preparation and a mindset without limitations.

Alvera C. Butler, Principal abutler@richland2.org

Daily School Hours: 7:10 AM- 2:30 PM Monday through Friday

# Highlights and Awards

Joseph Keels Elementary School is housed in the heart of the Springwood Lake community in Northeast Richland County. Our students are provided grade-level specific learning experiences, taught using engaging hands-on methods, where students have the opportunity to learn foundational skills and then apply them to real-life scenarios. Students receive rigor and support to meet the high expectations we have at JKE. 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 it's instructional plan. Students continue to excel academically and socially at JKE.

#### Awards & Recognitions

National Youth Advocacy and Resilience 2025 High Flying School Award National Beta Club School of Distinction & Merit Project Unify Champion Award ASCD Whole Child Award

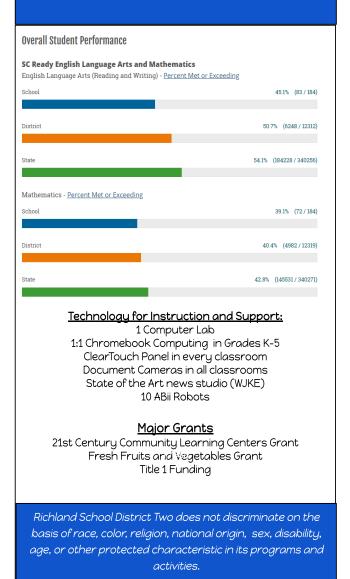
# Student Information

#### Ethnicity Distribution:

African American: 81.5% White: 2.31% Hispanic: 9.87% Asian: 0.63% Two or more races: 3.57%

Number of teachers: 47 Number of National Board Certified: 4

### Test Scores



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# Goals for 2025-26

- 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

### Administrative Team

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