

## School Organizations and Contacts

### School Improvement Council

Courtney Bailey, Chair

DeAnna Bookert, Vice Chair

Tory Toland, Secretary

Council Membership:

Courtney Bailey	Community Member
Tory Toland	Community Member
Caressa Louallen	Community Member
DeAnne Bookert	Community Member
Stephanie Clarkson	Parent Educator
Lashondra Anderson	Parent
Laticia McCanic	Parent
Lisa Pauling	Teacher
Jasmyne Spain	Teacher
Alvera Butler	Ex-Officio
Patrina Smith	Ex-Officio
Christi Wuori	Ex-Officio

### PTO Board

Joy McClendon, President

## Extracurricular Activities

### Clubs and Teams:

National Jr. BETA Club

First Lego League

Recycling Team

Grooming for Greatness

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 K-5)

Small Group Reading & Math Interventions (grades K-5)

Reading Recovery (grade 1)

Summer Explorers (Summer Enrichment Program)

After-school Explorers (After-School 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:

Boys' and Girls' Club of the Midlands

(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

Single Parent Support Group



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6831 Brookfield Road  
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## Joseph Keels Elementary



### School of Entrepreneurial Leadership (SEL)

7500 Springcrest Drive

Columbia, SC 29223

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*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:**

**680 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%

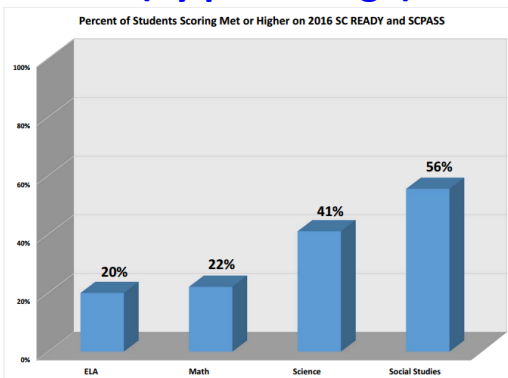
Number of teachers: 54

Number of National Board Certified: 6

## Test Scores

### 2016 Test Scores

(by percentage)



### Technology for Instruction and Support:

1 Computer Lab  
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  
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



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## Goals for 2017-18

- ◆ 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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