

## School Organizations and Contacts

### School Improvement Council

Courtney Bailey, Chair

Dr. Josie Bright-Stone, Vice Chair

Bakir Williams, Secretary

Council Membership:

Courtney Bailey	Community Member
Dr. Josie Bright-Stone	Community Member
Bakir Williams	Parent
Margarita Aviles	Parent
Laticia McCanic	Parent
Mari Frye	Teacher
Mezetta Huggins	Teacher
Alvera Butler	Ex-Officio
Patrina Smith	Ex-Officio
Whitney Prowell	Ex-Officio

### PTO Board

Joy McClendon, President

Kristy Quattlebaum, Vice-President

Christina Hughes, Secretary

## Extracurricular Activities

### 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)

*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

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



Richland School District Two  
6831 Brookfield Road  
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## Joseph Keels Elementary



### School of Entrepreneurial Leadership (SEL)

7500 Springcrest Drive

Columbia, SC 29223

[www.richland2.org/schools/jke](http://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:**

**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

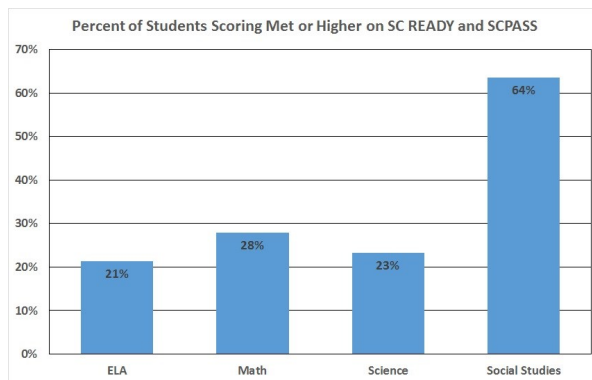
### Ethnicity Distribution:

African American: 85%  
White: 1.8%  
Hispanic: 8.1%  
Asian: 2%  
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: .18%  
Two or more races: 2.7%

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

## Test Scores

### 2017 Test Scores



### Technology for Instruction and Support:

1 Computer Lab  
1:1 Chromebook Computing in Grades K-5  
60 iPads for classrooms  
SMART Boards in every classroom  
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



## 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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