School Organizations and Contacts

School Improvement Council

James McQuilla, Chair

Sandra Knightner, Vice Chair

Bakir Williams, Secretary

Council Membership:

James McQuilla Community Member

Sandra Knightner Community Member

Bakir Williams Parent
Kate Hart Parent

Mitchell Bailey 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)

 \sim Small Group Reading & Math Interventions (Grades K-5)

~Reading Recovery (Grade 1)

~21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant (After-School & Summer Enrichment Program) ~Little Cubs After-School Enrichment (Grades K-2)

~Breakfast In the Classroom (BIC)

~Snack & Dinner Program for After School Students

~Weekend Backpack Food Program

~Lunch Buddy Mentoring with

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

~Grooming for Greatness Partnership with the Greater Columbia 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



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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: 530 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 it's instructional plan. Students continue to excel academically and socially at Joseph Keels.

Awards & Recognitions

Palmetto's Finest School Red Carpet School National Beta Club School of Distinction & Merit ASCD Whole Child Award Let's Move Active Schools Recognition

Student Information

Ethnicity Distribution:

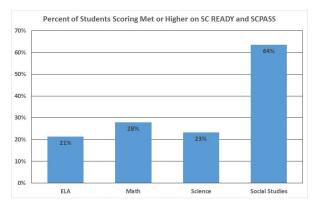
African American: 84.8%
White: 1.3%
Hispanic: 8.5%
Asian: 1.7%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: .18%

Two or more races: 3.4%

Number of teachers: 53 Number of National Board Certified: 6

Test Scores

2018 Test Scores



Technology for Instruction and Support:

1:1 Chromebook Computing in Grades K-5 iPads for Classrooms SMARTBOARDS in Every Classroom Document Camera in Every Classroom 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 Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant (FF&V)



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Goals for 2018-19

- 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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