

## School Organizations and Contacts

### School Improvement Council

DeVon Chisolm, Chair  
Qiana Whitted, Vice Chair  
Marilyn Gomez, Secretary  
Stephanie Barriera, Parent  
Tommie Glover, Parent  
Summer Etheredge, Parent  
Des Haynes, Parent  
Shannon Haynes, Parent  
Ronshontokie Coney, Community  
Nikki Gilmore, Magnet Coordinator  
Denise Webster, Assistant Principal  
Wanda Wells, Assistant Principal  
Stacey Gadson, Principal

### Parent/Teacher Organization

Tamara Hammonds, Interim President/Treasurer  
Kisha Thomas, Secretary  
Tabitha Glover,  
Krizia Webster-Gaither,  
Andelyn Nesbitt-Rodriguez  
Alicia Goodwin  
Kristen White  
Deniz Foster  
Victoria Johnson  
Beatrice Smiling, Hospitality  
Tommie Glover, School Representative  
Rice Creek Teachers  
Wanda Wells, Assistant Principal  
Denise Webster, Assistant Principal  
Stacey Gadson, Principal

### Community Partnerships

Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands  
Sandhills Community Church  
Rehoboth Baptist Church  
Ridge View High School  
USC Professional Development  
American Red Cross  
EdVenture  
The Human Bean

## All About RCE



Rice Creek Elementary School of Academics, Innovation and Leadership (SAiL) challenges students through an integrated approach to learning in the areas of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math and Medical curricula (sports medicine).



Rice Creek students will be college and career ready. AVID assists our students in reaching their academic goals. We instill the value of organization, study skills, and higher levels of thinking.

Rice Creek is a Leader in Me School. We teach our students to be leaders of their actions and academics using Covey's 7 Habits of Happy Kids.



\* Be Proactive \* Begin With End In Mind \*  
Put First Things First \* Think Win-Win  
Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood  
\* Synergize \* Sharpen the Saw \*

### Student Leadership

#### Dolphin 2 Dolphin

Dolphin 2 Dolphin members welcome new students through a student ambassador program. Student leaders are selected based on established criteria.

#### Tech Squad

Tech Squad members assist the TLC with completing technology projects in and around the school building including chrome book cleaning and management, development of student activities, and support for students through a help email. Student leaders are selected based on established criteria.

#### Service Learning Projects

Walk for Life  
American Heart Association  
Winter Wishes with RVH

## Rice Creek Elementary



### Mr. Stacey Gadson Principal


Rice Creek Elementary strives to be the premier elementary school—a learning and working environment where all partners are committed to creating, sustaining and investing in a culture and environment of excellence and where all are afforded the opportunity to maximize their gifts and talents as they pursue their pathways to purpose.

*Where Students Learn Today, Lead Today.*

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**Student Enrollment: 750**

**Grades: Pre-K - 5th**



## Dolphin Data

### Dolphin Events

\* Parent University \* STEAMM Showcase Day \* Veterans Day \* D.A.R.E. \* Field Day \* New Family Orientation \* Chorus Performances \* Spring Fling \* Art Show \* American Red Cross Blood Drive \* Family Virtual Paint Night \* Scholastic Book Fairs \* Chick-Fil-A Night \* Grade Level Recognitions/Town Halls \* Read Across America/Literacy Month \* Read Across Rice Creek \* Reading with the Gamecocks/Fireflies \* Career Day/Community Day \* Family Fitness Night \* Principal's Daily Trivia \* Dynamic Dolphins \* Kids Heart Challenge Jump \* BoosterThon Fun Run \* Box Tops for Education

### Student Information

83% African American  
8% White  
7% Hispanic  
2% Asian  
0% Other

### Teacher Information

58 Teachers  
(8 National Board Certified)

### Rice Creek SIC:

- Instrumental in successful MSAP grant application and support of STEAMM to build sustainability
- Parent survey/support as Uniform School
- 2020 School Needs Assessment & 2022 Action Plan
- Advisement/Support throughout the Pandemic

## School Highlights & Awards

### Did you know?

Rice Creek students speak 9 different languages!

We have a large military population!  
We have a specialized counselor for our military students.

Rice Creek students can participate in Boys and Girls Club—with the largest chapter in the State we've been recognized as a model program!

Our Media Center encourages reading through parent friendly virtual reading events—including Family Fun Nights!

### Major Grants Received

The Whole Child Initiative  
(Department of Defense 2020-2025)  
MSAP - MedPro 21: Healthcare for a Caring Community Grant (STEAM-M)  
R2 Innovation Winner

### Awards

- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence  
School of Promise
- Two-time Red Carpet Recipient
- National Association of Professional Development Schools Award Recipient
- Palmetto Silver Recipient
- Palmetto Gold Closing the Achievement Gap
- Leader in Me School
- National Beta School of Merit
- Richland 2 Nurse of the Year
- Richland 2 Rookie Teacher of the Year
- Richland 2 Learning Support Staff Member of the Year



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## Goals for the next school year

- ⇒ Empower students, faculty, and staff through the STEAM-M Magnet, with a focus on sports medicine.
- ⇒ Provide an academic environment that promotes high expectations, respect, and safety for all students, faculty, and staff.
- ⇒ Create a professional learning environment that attracts and supports a high quality core of teachers and staff.
- ⇒ Support the Social Emotional Learning of Rice Creek Students.
- ⇒ Foster strong relationships with families and the community to enhance and support the well-being of students.
- ⇒ Continue to support school-wide uniform policy.

