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 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

School of Entrepreneurial Leadership (SEL)
7500 Springcrest Drive  
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:  
680 students in grades Pre-K through 5
## 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

## 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 citizenship 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

## Test Scores

### 2017 Test Scores

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### 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)

## 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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