

School Organization and Contact

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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ABOUT THIS REPORT...

The School Improvement Council of John P. Thomas Elementary School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last year’s test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2024-2025, as well as the desired results for student learning which was made a priority for this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Mrs. Selina Latimore, Principal, or Mr. Derrick Ashford, School Improvement Council Chair at (803) 735- 3430.

Extra-Curricular Activities

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

All KIDs Bike
Curriculum Family Nights
Girls Circle/Boys Council
Second Grade Swimming Lessons
JPT News Show
DARE Program
5th Grade Tutors
Girls who Code
Girls on the Run
Safety Patrol
Spring Fling
Urban Gardening

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Very Important Person (VIP)
Parent University
Comprehensive Remediation Program/Camp C.A.P.
Urban Garden Farmers
R.O.A.R. Project
City Year
Real Men Read
AVID
Capturing Kids’ Heart
Saks of Luv Weekend Backpack Program
Girls who Code
Girl Scouts 29203
R1 CHAMPS
Student Advocacy (prek-5th)

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.

John P. Thomas Elementary School



2023-2024 Annual Report to Parents

Columbia, South Carolina 29203
Office (803) 735-3430
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School Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Our Mission:

John P. Thomas Elementary School will promote academic excellence and enable students to become productive, knowledgeable, and responsible citizens with integration of technology, the support of family and involvement of community partnerships.

At John P. Thomas Elementary School,
“Together We Make it Happen”

School Highlights & Awards

Adequate Yearly Progress

2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011

AdvancEd District Accreditation

US Healthier School Challenge

Award- Bronze Recipient

2012, 2019-2020, 2022-2024

2013 Silver Recipient

2015 Gold Recipient

2018 Gold Recipient

**Alliance for a Healthier Generation's
America's Healthiest School Recipient-
Bolstering Physical Education &
Activity- 2023, 2024**

SCHOOL AWARDS

2012 Customer Service Award

The People's Garden

School Demographics

Total Enrollment

2.8% White

88.8% African American

2.5% Hispanic

5.9% Other/Two or more Races

18 Homeroom Teachers

(3 National Board-Certified Teachers)

Test Information

SC READY ELA/ MATH 2024

**SC READY Science
(Exceeds/Meets)**

*ELA Grades 3-5: 32.8%

*Math Grades 3-5: 31.6%

*Science Grade 4: score not
reported in 2024

**KRA Test 24-25
(Approaching / Demonstrating)**
KRA Kindergarten: 58.6%

TECHNOLOGY

Smartboards / SMART TVs

Document Cameras

IPADs/Mini-Ipads

DELL Laptops

NEO2's

Five Brainchild Devices

Digital Learning Environment 1:1 (Prek-5)

Video-conference equipment

Webcams

MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED

Conservation Collaborative Projects

Target Physical Education Grant

Fishing Program Grant

USC Nature Based Inquiry Grant

South Carolina Safe Routes Grant

Fruit and Vegetable Grant

Toshiba Grant

ALL Kids Bike Grant

WISE 3.0 Grant

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Saks of Luv Weekend Backpack Program

Goals for Next Year

- ✓ To increase annually, student knowledge of major content areas as measured by SC READY until the percent meets or exceeds the statewide average **(Student Achievement)**
- ✓ To increase the level of parental involvement beyond school-based activities,
- ✓ To ensure that students in JP Thomas Elementary become proficient readers by third grade **(Student Achievement)**
- ✓ To increase the proficiency in technology for each student **(Student Achievement)**
- ✓ Create a professional learning community that ensures that the faculty and staff are knowledgeable, competent and productive **(Teacher Quality)**
- ✓ To create, maintain and enhance a school environment that is child-centered, safe and healthy **(School Climate)**
- ✓ To enhance and annually increase the parent-school-home partnership as measured by parent and student surveys **(School Climate)**

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