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Our SIC meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 4:00-5:00 pm.

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Highlights and Family Engagement

At Mitchell, we are proud of the rich experiences and strong sense of community we have built together. Throughout this final year, we have remained committed to creating meaningful opportunities that support both student learning and family engagement. Our students and families have benefited from a wide range of programs and partnerships, including:

- Green Heart Urban Farm education program and Annual Harvest Dinner Celebration
- Weekly, Monthly, and Quarterly Honors and Awards Ceremonies
- Rotary Club monthly recognition awards
- Heart Math partnership
- Charleston Hope partnership
- Dads Partnership
- Strings program for grades 3-5 (violin lessons)
- Kaleidoscope after-school enrichment program
- Saturday Morning Breakfast Club
- Mitchell Running Club
- Schoolwide reading incentive program
- Math and ELA-focused family nights
- Interactive Literacy monthly family programs
- Winter and Spring dances

Julian Mitchell Math and Science Elementary School

A Historic School Preparing Students for 21st Century College and Career-Ready Success



School Improvement Council Report to Parents 2025-2026

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SIC Goals

- To achieve 100% family engagement in academic events. As part of this effort, we will shift from primarily social activities to events with a stronger academic focus. Planned initiatives include academic family nights and student data conferences, with a focus on academic achievement.
- We implemented academic-focused family engagement events, including planning for academic nights and student data conferences. We communicated expectations to families, provided flexible scheduling options, and used incentives such as meals to encourage participation. As a result, we increased awareness and participation in academic events, making progress toward our goal of 100% family engagement.



School Statistics/Data

School Report Card

[https://screportcards.com/overview/print/?q=eT0yMDI1JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MTAwMTA2MA](https://screportcards.com/overview/print?q=eT0yMDI1JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MTAwMTA2MA)

Mitchell Math and Science Elementary supports students in developing the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity. Our mission is to provide a safe, supportive, and loving environment where all students become independent, lifelong learners.

As part of CCSD's Acceleration Schools Initiative, we work closely with staff, families, and community partners to support the whole child academically, socially, and culturally. We are also in our Leader in Me journey, embedding the 7 Habits into daily instruction. Students set Wildly Important Goals (WIGs), participate in leadership roles, and lead student conferences to share their growth and accomplishments.

Our top priority is student achievement and academic growth.

Family and community engagement remain a priority. We communicate through multiple platforms and host events such as Family Math Night, Leadership Day, seasonal celebrations, and school-wide showcases of student learning and WIG goals.

School Improvement Goals

Our School Improvement Plan focused on increasing academic achievement, improving attendance, and strengthening school culture and relationships.

- **Goal 1** - By May 2026, the percentage of students scoring "Meets or Exceeds" on SC READY ELA will increase by 20%
- **Goal 2**-By May 2026, the percentage of students scoring "Meets or Exceeds" on SC READY MATH will increase by 35.6%
- **Goal 3**-By May 2026, the percentage of chronically absent students will decrease to 19.1%
- **Goal 4**-By June 2026, the percentage of students agreeing or mostly agreeing that "students of different backgrounds get along well at school will increase to 77.8%

To support our goals, we implemented targeted ELA and math interventions, increased family engagement through academic events, and strengthened attendance through incentives and communication. We also promoted a positive school culture through Leader in Me, student recognition, and partnerships. As a result, we saw stronger student engagement, improved family involvement, better attendance, and continued progress toward academic and school climate goals.