

## School Organization and Contact

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mrs. Selina Latimore – Principal**  
**Mr. Dexter Ashford – Chair**  
**Mrs. Mary Priester-Clarke - Vice Chair**  
**Vacant– Secretary**

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Dana Amaker        | Jarrian Wilson          |
| Rhoda Chatman      | Tammy Coleman           |
| Antoinette Freeman | Robin Cooper            |
| Justin Gates       | Clauddie Henryhand-King |
| Stanley Nash       | Wesley Porch            |
| Clemmie Washington | Keith Washington        |

### 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 improvement plans this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2025-2026, 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 on the Move  
Second Grade Swimming Lessons  
JPT News Show  
DARE Program  
Girls Who Code  
Girls on the Run  
Safety Patrol  
Spring Fling  
Urban Gardening  
Music- Drummers,Ukeles, Keyboards,  
Guitars and Recorders  
5<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra

### 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  
Capturing Kids' Heart  
Saks of Luv Weekend Backpack Program  
Girls who Code  
Girl Scouts 29203  
R1 CHAMPS  
Student Advocacy (prek-5<sup>th</sup>)  
Visible Learningg

### 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



### 2024-2025 Annual Report to Parents

Columbia, South Carolina 29203  
Office (803) 735-3430  
Fax (803) 735-3369  
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, 2024,2025**

**Supporting School Health Services & Cultivating Staff Well- Being- 2025**

**SCHOOL AWARDS**  
2012 Customer Service Award  
The People’s Garden  
Richland Conservation Education Mini Grant 2025

## School Demographics

Total Enrollment  
.9% White  
89.6% African American  
2.5% Hispanic  
6.9% Other/Two or more Races

17 Homeroom Teachers  
**(3 National Board-Certified Teachers)**

## Test Information

**SC READY ELA/ MATH 2025**  
**SC READY Science**  
**(Exceeds/Meets)**  
\*ELA Grades 3-5: 44.5%  
\*Math Grades 3-5: 31.7%  
\*Science Grade 4: 14.3%

**KRA Test -FALL 2025**  
**(Approaching / Demonstrating)**  
KRA Kindergarten: 51.8%

**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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