

School Organization and Contact

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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 2023-2024, as well as, the desired results for student learning that have been 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:

Archery Team
Girls in STEM
Curriculum Family Nights
Girls Circle/ Boys Council
Second Grade Swimming Lessons
JPT News Show
DARE Program
Principal’s Writing Wall of Fame
Boys on the Move
Girls on the Run
Safety Patrol
Spring Fling

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Very Important Person (VIP)
Parent University
Comprehensive Remediation Program/Tiger Pride Academy
Barron Academy After-school Program
R.O.A.R. Project
City Year
Real Men Read
AVID
Mindfulness
Capturing Kids’ Heart
Saks of Luv Weekend Backpack Program
Junior League of Columbia
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
2012 Bronze Recipient
2013 Silver Recipient
2015 Gold Recipient
2018 Gold Recipient
2019 Bronze Recipient
2020 Bronze Recipient
2022 Bronze Recipient

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Saks of Luv Weekend Backpack Program

SCHOOL AWARDS

2012 Customer Service Award

School Demographics

Total Enrollment
3% White

86.1% African American
2.4% Hispanic

8.5% Other/Two or more Races

17 Homeroom Teachers

(3 National Board Certified Teachers)

Test Information

SC READY ELA/ MATH 2023 SC READY Science (Exceeds/Meets or Exemplary/Meets)

*ELA Grades 3-5: 33.7%

*Math Grades 3-5: 23.2%

*Science Grade 4: 9.3%

KRA Test 23-24 (Approaching/ Demonstrating) KRA Kindergarten: 54%

TECHNOLOGY

Smartboards / SMART TVs
Document Cameras
IPADS/Mini-Ipads
DELL Laptops
NEO2's
Five Brainchild Devices
Digital Learning Environment 1:1 (Grades 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

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 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 parent-school partnership, in regards to home-school relations as measured by parent and student surveys (**School Climate**)

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