

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 2015-2016, 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. Wes Furgess, School Improvement Council Chair at (803) 735-3430.

Extra-Curricular Activities

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:

Archery Team
Student Council
Curriculum Family Nights
SASSY Girls/ Young G.E.N.Ts
Second Grade Swimming Lessons
JPT News Show
DARE Program
Principal's Writing Wall of Fame
Midlands Reading Consortium
Frances Burns Mentoring Program
Tiger Pride Academy
Girls on the Run
Safety Patrol

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Books and Breakfast
Donuts with Dads
Muffins with Mom
Parent University
Comprehensive Remediation Program/Tiger Pride Academy
Barron Academy After-school Program
Chamber of Commerce Homework Center
Reading Matters
City Year- MLK Day of Service
Real Men Read

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



2015 – 2016 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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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,

“Believe in the Possibilities”

School Highlights & Awards

Adequate Yearly Progress
2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011

AdvancEd District Accreditation

HealthierUS School Challenge Award
2012 Bronze Recipient
2013 Silver Recipient
2015 Gold Recipient

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Saks of Luv Weekend Backpack Program

SCHOOL AWARDS

2012 Customer Service Award

School Demographics

Total Enrollment

<1% White

96% African American

<1% Hispanic

2% Other

26 Homeroom Teachers

(5 National Board Certified Teachers)

Test Information

SC READY TEST RESULTS
(Exceeding and Ready)
SCPASS SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES
(Exemplary and Met)
DRA2+
(At or above benchmark)

English Grades 3-5: 23.1%
Math Grades 3-5: 26.6%
Science Grade 4-5: 45.6%
Social Studies Grade 4- 5: 62.5%
DRA2+ Kindergarten: 78.8%

TECHNOLOGY

Smartboards / SMART TVs
Document Cameras
Two Fully Furnished Computer labs
Nook Colors
IPADs/Mini-Ipads
DELL Laptops
NEO2's
Five Brainchild Devices
Digital Learning Environment 1:1 (Grades k-1; 3-5)

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

Goals for Next Year

- ✓ To increase annually, student knowledge of major content areas as measured by SC READY and SC PASS until the percent meets or exceeds the statewide average **(Student Achievement Goal)**
- ✓ 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 Goal)**
- ✓ 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

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measured by parent and student surveys **(School Climate)**

