



# The Journal

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**The Stellie J. Jackson Enrichment Center**

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## Welcoming New Leadership to SJJEC

August and September brought some changes in the leadership of the Stellie J. Jackson Enrichment Center. At the August 2023 SJJEC Board of Directors Meeting, Dr. Millicent Whitener Dickey was elected as new chairperson and Sharon Perot was elected vice chair. Long-serving former chair Elizabeth Johnson continues her work with the Board as Executive Director of the center and Chair Emeritus. Each individual brings a wealth of experience and is committed to working tirelessly as the Board implements the Five-Year Strategic Plan focusing on a solid program of academics, character education, and the arts.

Also re-elected to their positions are Ann Alexander, secretary; Frankie Bennett, treasurer; and George Smith, financial secretary.

In July, the Board of Directors began a search for a supervising teacher for the program. The Board is pleased to announce that Sheri Ciurlik started working as the supervising teacher with the afterschool program in September. Mrs. Ciurlik is a well-known volunteer in the Clover and Lake Wylie communities. She was most recently a Clover School District Board of Trustees member. Ciurlik is also a former elementary school educator with a wealth of experience and passion for helping students excel. We welcome her on board!



## SJJEC Welcomes Supervising Teacher



We are happy to announce the hiring of our first Supervising Teacher, whom many of you may know: Sherri Ciurlik.

The focus for a person taking this position is to help prepare and organize duties and activities for staff and students. We have many activities at our center and additional ones are being considered.

Ms. Sherri Ciurlik, will introduce innovative ways to capture the students' attention in helping them spiritually and academically.

Ms. Ciurlik is a former Clover School Board member who served for 12 years. Her talents will be an asset to our programs.

Ms. Ciurlik states: "I am grateful and excited to be able to work with the Stellie J. Jackson Enrichment Center's students and staff. It will be very rewarding to help our students grow in faith and in academics."

All of us at the Stellie J. Jackson Enrichment Center are excited to have Ms. Ciurlik on our staff.

## The Gregory Miller Foundation

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Are you interested in a simple way to earn and save money for your child's college or technical school education? Stellie Jackson Enrichment Center now partners with The Gregory Miller Foundation to help parents save for education and help students avoid incurring student loan debt.

Mr. Miller spoke to the SJJEC Board on his mission to help families make college affordable for all. The Board is also grateful for his generosity to the center. Please click the link for more information <https://www.thegregorymillerfoundation.org>

## Yum, Yummy!



Lunches at the camp this summer were the best ever! We had a center full of students this summer at camp, and five of our wonderful neighboring restaurants provided delicious lunches for them each day!

Thanks so much to: **Hardee's, KFC/Taco Bell, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, and Subway.**

Each of these establishments supplied over 20 meals multiple times in order to feed these hungry, active children.

We ask that you support these sponsors by frequenting their restaurants when you are in the mood for some good food!

### SJJECH Hosts Annual Summer Camp

The Stellie J. Jackson Enrichment Center hosted its annual summer camp from June 12-July 26, 2023. 22 students, ages 4-8, took advantage of this enrichment experience.

The campers received daily instruction in reading and math, focusing on literacy through daily story time. Field trips added to the learning each student received. Trips to Creatif-Paint, Baker's Buzzin', York Recycling Center, Miracle Park, and the *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* movie are all memorable experiences for the students. As a part of the movie trip, students each received a copy of the *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* book to take home. Lowe's of York employees assisted campers in building birdhouses and mini golf courses with students. A visit from Brightside Farms was a hit with the students.

The SJJECH board is grateful for the vision and creativity of Ms. Melanie Sims, the lead teacher for the program. Ms. Sims and her staff did an incredible job providing the students an amazingly educational and fun summer.



## Beginning The School Year With

On September 23, the staff of the Stellie J. Jackson Enrichment Center had the opportunity to take some students on a field trip to Camp Thunderbird, sponsored by the American Boating Club. There, the students had the opportunity to fish, get their faces painted, learn about conservation, dance and the highlight, take a boat ride on Lake Wylie. A great time was had by all, thank you the American Boating Club.



## Circle of Friends News



With the excitement of a new school year, a newly hired Supervising Teacher and the prospect of expanding our outreach and programs, it is our hope that our Circle of Friends will keep on growing.

We are so grateful to all of you for your financial contributions and your prayers. Without you, there would be no field trips, no tee shirts for the kids, and no special treats and no Summer Enrichment Program.

We are also extremely grateful to the YMCA for their continued support of our operation. Watch your mailbox in November for a special thank you from our kids.

Monique Boekhout & Ann Alexander



Bible Time with Ms. Sherri