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JIES Campus Improvement Council receives grant from Bi-Lo Charities!

JAMES ISLAND— Because extensive research connects increased physical activity to academic achievement, stress reduction, positive behavior, and physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development, James Island Elementary School (JIES) has formed the Campus Improvement Council.

The purpose of the James Island Elementary Campus Improvement Council (CIC) is to support student achievement and development through positive changes to the school grounds. Comprised of teachers, assistants, the school nurse and parents, the CIC secures funding for playground improvement and school beautification projects. Its members plan to provide students with more challenging equipment, shade, and water fountains, in addition to making necessary repairs to existing structures so all children will be able to learn and grow as safely as possible. The CIC has raised over \$4,000 from fund-raisers and parent donations since the efforts began last Spring.

Most recently Mrs. Patterson, a kindergarten teacher at JIES, secured a grant from Bi-Lo Charities for \$2,293.68. The total project will cost over \$80,000. Anyone interested in helping the school with these efforts or would like to make a donation, please email christein_patterson@charleston.k12.sc.us.