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MEDIA ADVISORY

JAMES B. EDWARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO DEDICATE NEW GREENHOUSE IN HONOR OF KENNY SEAMON

Mt. Pleasant, SC - The staff, parents, and community partners of James B. Edwards Elementary School (JBE) are proud to announce the dedication of the new greenhouse on the school's campus. The dedication will take place at the greenhouse on Saturday September 22, 2018 at 8:30AM, with a short program starting at 8:45 AM.

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The greenhouse was constructed with private funds raised by the PTO, corporate grants, and community partner donations. The greenhouse provides the students of JBE an outdoor venue to learn about local horticulture while working in a collaborative environment, culminating in bi-annual plant sales where students will learn if their business model has been financially successful. Other elements of the student's weekly experience in the greenhouse involve all facets of STEM-related activities and experiments.

The greenhouse is being named in honor of local landscape architect Kenny Seamon, who passed away in 2016. Many of the people involved in the greenhouse, especially community partner Johnson Development, were inspired by Kenny's vision and work through his company, Seamon Whiteside and Associates, and believed this greenhouse was a perfect match in which to honor Kenny's life. Mr. Seamon was known as a tireless mentor of young people and that same mentoring trait is shared by the staff and volunteers of the greenhouse.

The greenhouse is one of the key pieces of JBE's Lowcountry Sustainability Program. The program encourages recycling, horticulture, and other sustainable practices presented in an educational and hands-on based format where students are encouraged to be leaders in the community. The goal of the program is to cultivate global leaders for a sustainable future.

"In just a short time, the greenhouse has become an integral part of the JBE experience." according to Robin Fountain, Principal of JBE. "Students are not only learning content, they are putting the JBE Leadership Principles into action every day."

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James B. Edwards Elementary School is a Charleston County School District school located at 855 Von Kolnitz Rd in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Robin Fountain is the principal

of the school. The Lowcountry Sustainability Program is an initiative of the staff and families of JBE.

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

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