

## *Our School*

**Grades:** PK-5

**Enrollment:** 420 students

### **School Report Card:**

Adequate Yearly Progress... Yes

Met 13 out 13 Objectives

Students in grades 3-5 scored 59.7% Met and above in ELA

Students in grades 3-5 scored 61.3 Met and above in Math

Sharon Jefferies, Principal

Dr. Edgar Taylor, Superintendent

Mr. Donnie Smith, Board Chair

### **Title I School**

### **PTO Officers**

Stephanie McAninch, President

Julie Humphries, Vice President

Donna Smith, Secretary

Pattie Byars, Treasure

### **School Improvement Council Members**

Administrator: Sharon Jefferies

Chairperson: Tanya Roberts

Teachers: Karen Martin, Cindy Byars, Beth Murray, Debbie Phillips, Jessica Dover,

Parents: **Stephanie McAninch, Patty Bloomer, and Alice Wilkins**

## **Mission Statement**

The Mission of B. D. Lee Elementary School, through a safe and caring environment, innovative curriculum, and unique facility, in cooperation with family and community, is to provide all students the educational foundation to excel in middle school education in order to become responsible members of society.

## **School Goals**

1. Implement small group instruction.
2. Improve student social skills by implementing School -Wide Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS).
3. Monitor assessment using Dominie and MAPS assessment.
4. Increase test scores in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.



OUR SCHOOL MOTTO IS: **If You Can Believe It, Our Bees Will Achieve It!**



**Educating Our Future**

## **B. D. Lee Elementary School**

**Report to the People  
2010-2011**

**Sharon Jefferies  
Principal  
Lindsay Blanton  
Literacy Coach**



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## ENRICHMENT

Computer Enrichment  
After School Program  
Reading Recovery  
Boys & Girls Club  
RIF Books Distributions  
Computer Lab  
School Based Literacy Program  
Speech/Language Therapist  
Guidance  
Project Goal  
Intervention  
Small Group Instruction

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bee Proud Assemblies  
Nestle Buddies Program  
Nestle Pen Pal Program  
Black History Program  
Nutrition Program  
Jump Rope For Heart  
Monthly Reading Awards  
Young Writer's Gala  
Family Reading Night  
Family Night  
Bee Book Club  
Student of the Week  
Ronald McDonald Show  
Grandparents Luncheon  
Breakfast in the Classroom  
Relay For Life  
Computers for Education  
Principal's Book Club  
Principal's Tea

## PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform parents and community members of the great progress and changes that have been made at B. D. Lee.

1. B.D. Lee now has 4 National Board Certifications.
2. Our school has been recognized as an Red Carpet School for providing a warm and friendly atmosphere.
3. Our school has been recognized as an Exemplary Writing School for demonstrating the most effort in writing.
4. Our school has been recognized as an Honor School for Exemplary Reading.
5. Our school has been recognized as an State School of Character.
6. Our school has been recognized as an Promise & Practice School
7. Our school has incorporated small grouping to assist students with increasing student achievement.

## SCHOOL HISTORY

B. D. Lee School serves students from urban and rural communities and is located within walking distance of the growing business district of Floyd Baker Boulevard. The school opened in the fall of 1954 as Gaffney's first junior high school with Mr. Luther L. Vaughan as principal. Gaffney Junior High School served students in grades seven and eight for fourteen years. In 1968, the schools of Cherokee County were desegregated, and the junior high became a sixth grade school. The school was renamed B. D. Lee elementary in honor of former school Superintendent Bevin D. Lee. During this time, the school served all sixth graders west of Broad River and Mr. Archie Fowler was Principal. In 1975, after seven years, the school was changed to an elementary school. In 1978, Dr. Bertha T. Harris was named Principal. The school was completely renovated at a cost of over a million dollars in 1989. After serving 27 years as Principal, Dr. Harris submitted a letter of retirement to become effective the end of June, 2006. In March of 2006, Ms. Carlotta Redish (a former B.D. Lee Bee) was elected Principal to begin at the start of the 2006-07 school year. School year 2007 to Present Mrs. Sharon Jefferies (a former B.D. Lee Bee) was named Principal..

## RECOGNITION

Teacher of the Year:

**Treasa Bagwell**

Reading Teacher of the Year:

**Debbie Phillips**

National Board

Certified Teachers:

**Gayla Millwood**

**Karen Henderson**

**Cindy Byars**

**Sharon Story**

Honor Recognitions:

**Red Carpet School,**

**Exemplary Writing School**

**Honor Exemplary Reading School**

**State School of Character**

**Promise & Practice Award**

**Odyssey of the Mind Second Place  
Winner**

## School Events

Veteran's Day  
Family Literacy  
Jump Rope for Heart  
Field Day  
Dr. Seuss Birthday  
Children's Book Week