

School Achievements

Grades: PK-5
Enrollment: 340 students
Principal: Dr. Sharon Jefferies
Superintendent: Dr. Dana Fall
Board Chair: Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr.

School Achievements:

1. During the 2020-2021 school year, the school received an "All Clear" accreditation status from the accreditation section of the State Department of Education.
2. Palmetto State Literacy Association Distinguished Literacy Administrator of the Year 2019-2020.
3. Palmetto State Literacy Association Cherokee County Administrator of the Year 2019-2020.

STAR ASSESSMENT STRENGTHS

Reading & Math Scores

1st grade shows 64 % at/above benchmark in math.
2nd grade shows 48% at /above benchmark in math and 59% at/above benchmark in reading.
3rd grade shows 67% at/above benchmark in math and 57% in reading.
4th grade shows 47% at/above benchmark in reading and 67% in math.
5th grade shows 49% at/above benchmark in math.

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 Improvement

Council Members

Chairperson: Angela Crosby

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Administrator: Dr. Sharon Jefferies

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Teachers: Cindy Byars and Lisa Philbeck

Parents:: Ada Littlejohn

PTO Officers

Shun Knuckles, President

Tanesha Buckson, Vice President

Madison Surratt- Secretary

Patti Byars - Treasurer

Community Members:

Kimberly Bonner & Boys & Girls Club

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 has three National Board Certifications.
2. Our school serve children on Hybrid and Virtual.
3. Our school has been recognized for the following awards: Red Carpet School, Exemplary Writing, State School of Character, Palmetto Silver & Gold, Promising Practices and Blue Ribbon School for PBIS.
4. Our school has incorporated collaborative learning and small group instruction to assist students with increasing student achievement.
5. This year our 3K teaching program participated in the Lena Grow Program.
6. Implement AVID for elementary school.



**Educating
Our Future**

B. D. Lee Elementary School

**"Report to Parents"
2020-2021**

**Dr. Sharon Jefferies
Principal**

**Mrs. Julie Foster
Director of Early Learning**



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OUR SCHOOL MOTTO IS:

**If You Can Believe It,
Our Bees Will Achieve It!**

SIC Annual Goals

1. Increase School-Wide student achievement in STAR Reading, STAR Math, and Next Steps to Guided Reading.
2. Promote School-Wide PBIS by implementing Character Education.
3. Implement strategies to help with Social and Emotional Learning.
4. Monitor assessments by using Next Steps Assessments, Benchmarks, and STAR.
5. Incorporate technology to assist with classroom instruction.
6. Increase parental involvement by

Student Achievements

1. Spelling Bee Winner: Ja'Lyn Shippy
2. Spelling Bee Runner up: Huda Abdin
3. District Christmas Card Winner: Jaylia Jackson
4. Writer Gala Winners
Prose K-1st Grade
1st place: Carter Huey
2nd place: Brooklyn Meyer
3rd place: Makiyah Jefferies
Kyree Bonner
Poetry K-1st Grade
1st place: Brooklyn Douglas

Prose 2nd-3rd Grade
1st place: Destiny Gurgua

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. 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, Dr. Carlotta Redish (a former B.D. Lee Bee) was named Principal to begin at the start of the 2006-07 school year. School year 2007 to Present Dr. Sharon Jefferies (a former B.D. Lee Bee) was named Principal.

Recognition

Teacher of the Year:

Wanda Staley

Cherokee Literacy Administrator of the Year:

Dr. Sharon Jefferies

Reading Teacher of the Year:

Karen Martin

First Year Teacher of the Year:

Macie Smiley

Support Staff of the Year:

Margaret Webster

National Board Certified Teachers:

Cindy Byars, Renee Hill & Karen Knight

Honor Recognition:

Red Carpet School, Exemplary Writing School, Honor Exemplary Reading School,

Special Programs

AVID Elementary

PBIS School

Nestle Adopt-A-School Program

Jump Rope for Heart

Bee Proud Award Assemblies