

School Achievements

Grades: PK-5
Enrollment: 603 students
Principal: Dr. Sharon Jefferies
Superintendent: Dr. Dana Fall
Board Chair: Mr. Mark Nix

School Achievements:

1. During the 2022-2023 school year, the school received an “All Clear” accreditation status from the accreditation section of the State Department of Education.

iREADY STRENGTHS

Reading Scores:

Typical Growth 89%

Math Scores

Typical Growth 90%

Mission Statement

The mission of B. D. Lee Elementary School is to inspire, lead and provide each student, in partnership with family and community, the educational foundation to be a responsible, productive individual through a safe, nurturing environment and a challenging curriculum in a global society.

School Improvement

Council Members

Chairperson: Angela Crosby
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Administrator: Dr. Sharon Jefferies
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Teachers: Julie Hall, Kirby Velazquez and Christina Kendrick

Parents: Ada Littlejohn , Olga Littlejohn, Yuhadhera Gowda

PTO Officers

Shae Norris, President
Sukanya Shippy - Vice President
Ada Littlejohn - 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 two National Board Certification.
2. B. D. Lee School serves children 3K-5th grades.
3. B. D. Lee 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. B. D. Lee School has incorporated AVID strategies to assist students with increasing student achievement.
5. This year our 3K-5K teaching program participated in the Lena Grow Program.



**Educating
Our Future**

B. D. Lee Elementary School

**“Report to Parents”
2022-2023
Dr. Sharon Jefferies
Principal**

**Assistant Principals
Mrs. Julie Foster
Mrs. Wanda Staley**



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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 IREADY Reading, 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. Implement AVID strategies.
5. Monitor assessments by using Next Steps Assessments, Benchmarks, and IREADY.
6. Incorporate technology to assist with classroom instruction.
7. Increase parental involvement.
8. Increase student attendance from 82% to 97%.

Student Achievements

1. Spelling Bee Winner: Joshua Sims
2. Lego Robotics
3. Writer Gala Winners:
K-1st Poetry: 3rd place: Kayla Tyrell
2nd place: Colbie Savage
1st place: Madelyn Lee
K-1st Prose: 3rd Place: Mikeria Jefferies
2nd place: Kayla Tyrell
1st place: Jontrey Stuard
2nd - 3rd Poetry: 3rd Place: Quaterrin Bonner
2nd Place: Chloe Marroquin
1st Place: Kadence Lankford
2nd - 3rd Prose: 3rd Place: Tyrah Dixon
2nd place: Makiyah Jefferies
1st Place: Brooklyn Meyer
4th - 5th Poetry: 3rd Place: Tariah Bonner
2nd Place: Kensley Littlejohn
1st Place: Farah Aldhafeeri
4th - 5th Prose: 3rd Place: Avaree Hill
2nd Place: Kyndal Hardy
1st Place: Xavier Littlejohn
District Winners:
K-1st Grade Poetry: 3rd Place Colbie Savage
2nd - 3rd Grade Poetry: 3rd Place Kadence Lankford
2nd - 3rd Grade Prose: 3rd Place Brooklyn Meyer
4th - 5th Grade Prose: 1st Place Avaree Hill

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:

Amber Mooney

Reading Teacher of the Year:

Amy Blanton

Support Staff of the Year:

Katie Sellars

National Board Certified Teachers:

Cindy Byars

Honor Recognitions:

Odyssey of the Mind

State Champions

Crystal Apple Administrators:

**Dr. Sharon Jefferies &
Ms. Julie Foster**

Special Programs

AVID Elementary
PBIS School
Nestle Adopt-A-School Program
Talent Show
Lego Robotics
Bee Proud Award Assemblies