

## School Achievements

**Grades:** PK-5

**Enrollment:** 337 students

**Principal:** Mrs. Sharon Jefferies

**Superintendent:** Dr. Quincie Moore

**Board Chair:** Mrs. Cheryll Smith

### **School Achievements:**

1. During the 2015-2016 school year, the school received an "All Clear" accreditation status from the accreditation section of the State Department of Education.
2. During the 2015-2016 school year, the average daily attendance was 97%.

### ASPIRE

Students in grades 3rd –5th scored 60% Exceeding and Ready in English.

Students in 4th grade scored 73% Met and Above in Social Studies and students in 5th grade scored 60% Met and Above in Social Studies.

### MAP

**Language Usage**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> showed strengths in Grammar.

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade showed strengths in Editing Mechanics.

### **Reading**

1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> show strengths in vocabulary.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> show strengths in Literature.

### **Math Scores**

5<sup>K</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> show strengths in Geometry.

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> show strengths in Numbers & Operations.

## 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:** Nicole Montgomery

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**Administrator:** Sharon Jefferies

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**Teachers:** JoAnne Burchstead, Treasa Bagwell,  
and Cindy Byars

**Parents:** Nicky Montgomery, Wyonna Littlejohn, Leslie Littlejohn

### PTO Officers

Evetta Montgomery, President

Labresha Ratchford –Vice President

Brandon Watkins/Parenting - 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 one National Board Certification.
2. Our school has been recognized for the following awards: Red Carpet School, Exemplary Writing, State School of Character, Palmetto Silver, Promising Practices and Blue Ribbon School for PBIS.
3. Our school has incorporated small grouping to assist students with increasing student achievement.
4. This year our school participated in the Read To Succeed Literacy Program.
5. Our school has two part-time Reading Interventionist.



**Educating  
Our Future**

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

**"Report to Parents"  
2015-2016**

**Sharon Jefferies  
Principal**

**Cindy Byars  
Reading Coach**



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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 SCREADY sores in ELA and Math and SCPASS scores in Science and Social Studies.
2. Increase School Report Card rating.
3. Implement one part-time Reading Interventionist to assist with small group instruction.
4. Promote School-Wide PBIS by implementing Character Education.
5. Monitor assessments by using ASPIRE scores, Next Steps Assessments, Benchmarks, STAR and MAP.
6. Implement after-school Math program.
7. Incorporate technology to assist with classroom instruction.
8. Implement Daily Five Framework.
9. Provide one full-time Reading Coach.

## Special Programs

Bee Proud Assemblies  
Nestle Buddies Program  
Nestle Pen Pal Program  
Black History Program  
Jump Rope For Heart  
Monthly Reading Awards  
Young Writer's Gala  
Family Reading Night  
Family Night  
Gamecocks Reading Program  
Bee Book Club  
Student of the Week  
Relay For Life  
Computers for Education  
VIP Program  
Dancing with the Bees  
Yearly Honor Roll Banquet  
Summer Reading Program  
Links, Inc. Nutrition Program  
Call Me Mister Mentor Program  
Nestle Adopt-A-School Program

## Student Achievements

1. Spelling Bee Winner: Ellyson Tate
2. 5K Kindergarten Beth Murray's class recognized for Class Book Entry.
3. Teacher Cadet partnership in K-5 grades.
4. Project-Based Learning implemented school-wide.

## 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, Ms. 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 Mrs. Sharon Jefferies (a former B.D. Lee Bee) was named Principal.

## Recognition

Teacher of the Year:

**Nikki Holsclaw**

Reading Teacher of the Year:

**Casey Peeler**

Support Staff of the Year:

**Elsa Motts**

National Board Certified Teachers:

**Cindy Byars & Karen Knight**

Honor Recognition:

**Red Carpet School, Exemplary Writing School, Honor Exemplary Reading School, PBIS Ribbon School, Palmetto Gold & Silver School, Promising Practice Character Award and State School of Character.**

## School Events

Veteran's Day

Family Literacy

Jump Rope for Heart

Field Day

Dr. Suess' Birthday

Children's Book Week

Relay for Life

Career Day