

School Achievements

Grades: PK-5
Enrollment: 630 students
Principal: Dr. Sharon Jefferies
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas White, Interim
Board Chair: Mr. Mark Nix

School Achievements:

1. During the 2023-2024 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 80%

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

Alexis Foster, 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 School serves children 3K-5th grades.
2. 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.
3. B. D. Lee School has incorporated AVID strategies to assist students with increasing student achievement.



**Educating
Our Future**

B. D. Lee Elementary School

**“Report to Parents”
2023-2024
Dr. Sharon Jefferies
Principal**

**Assistant Principal
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 to 97%.

Student Achievements

1. Spelling Bee Winner: Miracle Rodgers
2. Odyssey of the Mind—1st Place State winners
3. Writer Gala Winners:

Prose K-1 Winners:

Timothy Lyda (Richards)
I Want a Dog
Melanie Hopper (Richards)
The Duck
Abubakr Latifzoda (McCluney)
Statue of Liberty

Poetry & Prose 2-3

Essence Davidson (Ellis) Rain
Kenzi Wilson (Ellis) Fun in the Snow
Sir James Littlejohn (Ellis) Rain
Arianna Rash (Ellis) The Big E
Valina Angel (Ellis) Rain
Nova Hyatt (Ellis) Leprechauns

Daniel Sellinger (Philbeck) Funny Cow
Skye Savage (Crosby) Writing allows me...
My'Layah Holmes (Philbeck) The Stars
Jahanna Dawkins (Crosby) Writing allows me...
Sophia Sanborn (Philbeck) Cats
Aaliyah Littlejohn (Crosby) Dear Dr. King, Jr.

Writer Gala Class Book Winners:
Grayson Padgett & Ms. Reid -3K Kindness

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.

Recognition

Teacher of the Year:

Brittany Reams

Reading Teacher of the Year:

Alisa Phillips

Firs Year Teacher of the Year:

Charity McCluney

Support Staff of the Year:

Angela Crosby

Honor Recognitions:

Odyssey of the Mind

State Champions

Crystal Apple Winners:

**Ms. Amber Mooney and
Ms. Margaret Webster**

Special Programs

AVID Elementary

PBIS School

Nestle Adopt-A-School Program

Talent Show

Lego Robotics

Bee Proud Award Assemblies

Odyssey of the Mind

Flag Bearers