

School Achievements

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 374 students

Principal: Mrs. Sharon Jefferies

Superintendent: Dr. Quincie Moore

Board Chair: Mr. Mike Ellis

School Achievements:

1. During the 2012-2013 school year, the school received an "All Clear" accreditation status from the accreditation section of the State Department of Education.
2. During the 2012-2013 school year, the average daily attendance was 96.4%.

PASS

Students in grades 3rd –5th scored 41.3% Met and Above in ELA

Students in grades 3rd-5th scored 43.1% Met and Above in Math

MAPS

Math MAP Scores

- 3rd grade met a projected growth of 11.1
 - 4th grade met a projected growth of 8.6
 - 5th grade met a projected growth of 8.0
- In math grades 3rd – 5th BDL students met the same overall projected growth as the district when compared from fall to spring.

Reading MAP Scores

- 3rd grade met a projected growth of 9.9
 - 4th grade met a projected growth of 7.3
 - 5th grade met a projected growth of 5.6
- In reading grades 3rd – 5th BDL students exceeded the district-projected growth when compared from fall to spring.

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: Cynthia Hicks

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Administrator: Sharon Jefferies

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Teachers: Mandie Minton, Wanda Carson,
Jeanna Pressley and Nicki Holsclaw

Parents: Ammar Abdin, Adeldra Smith, and
Terry Wood

PTO Officers

Phillip Robbs - President

Evetta Montgomery, Vice President

Nicki Holsclaw - Secretary

Patti Byars - Treasurer

Community Members:

Kymberly 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 Certifications.
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 was selected to participate in the Literacy Matters Pilot Program.
5. Two full-time and one part-time Reading/Math Interventionist were added.



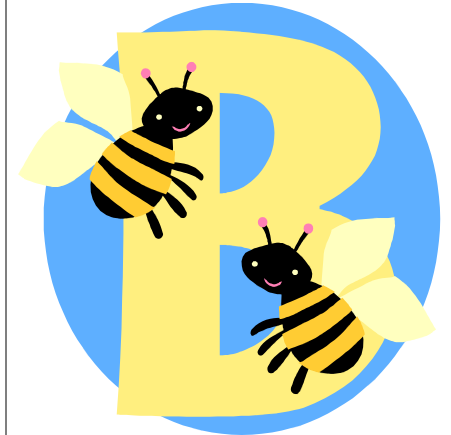
Educating Our
Future

**B. D. Lee
Elementary
School**

**"Report to Parents"
2012-2013**

**Sharon Jefferies
Principal**

**Cindy Byars
Instructional 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 PASS test scores in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
2. Increase School Report Card rating.
3. Implement full-time and part-time Reading and Math Interventionist to assist with small group instruction.
4. Promote School-Wide PBIS by implementing Character Education.
5. Monitor assessments by using PASS scores, Dominie, and MAPS.
6. Implement after-school Math program.
7. Implement Literacy Matters State Pilot Program.
8. Incorporate technology to assist with classroom instruction.

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
Literacy Matters Pilot Program
Smarter Balanced Pilot School

Student Achievements:

1. Spelling Bee Winner: Nathan Marlowe
2. Jada White named Heart Ambassador for Jump Rope for Heart
3. Writer's Gala & Science Fair Winners
4. 5K Kindergarten Beth Murray's class recognized for Outstanding Class Entry
5. Limestone College Majors provide tutoring assistance to 5K kindergarten and first grade students
6. Odyssey of Mind & Lego Robotics participants
7. Math Out of Box (MOOTB) implemented in Project Goal.

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 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:

Wanda Carson

Reading Teacher of the Year:

Lisa Richards

Support Staff of the Year:

Sandra Turney

National Board

Certified Teachers:

Cindy Byars

Sharon Story

Honor Recognition:

Red Carpet School, Exemplary Writing School, Honor Exemplary Reading School, PBIS Ribbon School Palmetto 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