

School Achievements

Grades: PK-5
Enrollment: 571 students
Principal: Dr. Sharon Jefferies
Superintendent: Dr. Dana Fall
Board Chair: Mr. Matt Davis

School Achievements:

1. During the 2021-2022 school year, the school received an "All Clear" accreditation status from the accreditation section of the State Department of Education.

IREADY & NSGR ASSESSMENT STRENGTHS

IREADY Reading & Math Scores:

5k 33% mid or above level in Phonological Awareness.
5K 38% mid or above level in Phonics.
5K 28% mid or above level in Number & Operations.

NSGR Scores:

3rd grade 35% at or above grade level.
4th grade 42% at or above grade level.
5th grade 38% at or above grade level.

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: Amy Blanton, Charity Howard and Kelsey Nance

Parents: Ada Littlejohn , Olga Littlejohn, Yuhadhera Gowda

PTO Officers

Shun Knuckles, President

Julie Foster- 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. 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"
2021-2022
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. Monitor assessments by using Next Steps Assessments, Benchmarks, and IREADY.
5. Incorporate technology to assist with classroom instruction.
6. Increase parental involvement.

Student Achievements

1. Spelling Bee Winner: Landon Lankford
2. Lego Robotics - Core Values Award
3. Writer Gala Winners:

	Poetry	Prose
K-1	3rd Ava Pearson	Gabriella Evans
	2nd Zemina Robinson	Jontrey Stuard
	1st Addilyn Gaston	Raelyn Lee
2-3	3rd Samari Gregory	Jaxon Sims
	2nd Andre Rodriguez	Miracle Rodgers
	1st Kristian Bennett	Roderick Wallington
4-5	3rd Quadasia Armstrong	Kingston Husky
	2nd Ja'leah Sawyer	Braylon Butler
	1st Karmen Ervin	Kennedy Harris

Writer Gala Class Book Winners:
Grayson Padgett -3K All About Pets
Kimberly West -5K Catching Leprechauns

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:

Lisa Philbeck

Melinda Johnson

Reading Teacher of the Year:

Leslie Ellis

Support Staff of the Year:

Kirby Velaquez

Watson Armstrong

National Board Certified Teachers:

Cindy Byars

Honor Recognition:

Inez Tenenbaum Honoree

Dr. Sharon Jefferies

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