

School Achievements

Grades: PK-5
Enrollment: 337 students
Principal: Mrs. Sharon Jefferies
Superintendent: Dr. Quincie Moore
Board Chair: Mr. Mike Ellis

School Achievements:

1. During the 2014-2015 school year, the school received an "All Clear" accreditation status from the accreditation section of the State Department of Education.
2. During the 2014-2015 school year, the average daily attendance was 97%.

SCPASS

Students in grades 3rd –5th scored 64.1% Met and Above in ELA.

Students in grades 3rd-5th scored 63.5% Met and Above in Math.

MAP

Language Usage Scores
4th and 5th grades demonstrated strengths in Language.

Reading
4th and 5th grades demonstrated strengths in Reading.

Math Scores
4th and 5th grades demonstrated strengths in Math.

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: Karen Martin, Cindy Byars, Kayce Palmer and Lisa Richards

Parents: Samantha Logan, Nicky Montgomery, Quinnesia Jefferies, Starsha Camp, Keisha Sims, Keon Girdner, Kathy Addy and Ketkee Patel

PTO Officers

Evetta Montgomery, President
Labresha Ratchford –Vice President
Samantha Logan - 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"
2014-2015**

**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 ASPIRE scores in ELA and Math and SCPASS scores in Science and Social Studies.
2. Increase School Report Card rating.
3. Implement two part-time Reading Interventionist to assist with small group instruction.
4. Promote School-Wide PBIS by implementing Character Education.
5. Monitor assessments by using SCPASS scores, Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark, Dominic, 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: Cadence Meyer
2. Kemari Dawkins: Regional Science Fair Winner
3. 5K Kindergarten Beth Murray's class recognized for Class Book Entry.
4. Limestone College Majors provide tutoring assistance to 5K kindergarten and first grade students.
5. Teacher Cadet partnership in K-5 grades.
6. Math Out of Box (MOOTB) implemented in Project Goal.
7. Limestone College students mentor through the Call Me Mister Program.
8. Community Tutors: for second grade students.

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 re-named 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:

Jenna Kite

Reading Teacher of the Year:

Karen Martin

Support Staff of the Year:

Brandon Watkins

National Board Certified Teachers:

Cindy Byars

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

Relay for Life

Career Day