

School Achievements

Grades: PK-5
Enrollment: 400 students
Principal: Mrs. Sharon Jefferies
Superintendent: Mr. Donald Andrews
Board Chair: Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr.

School Achievements:

1. During the 2018-2019 school year, the school received an "All Clear" accreditation status from the accreditation section of the State Department of Education.
2. During the 2018-2019 school year, the average daily attendance was 95%.

STAR ASSESSMENT STRENGTHS

Reading Scores

2nd grade shows 44% at/above benchmark in reading.

Math Scores

1st grade shows 52% at or above benchmark in math

2nd grade shows 53% at /above benchmark in math.

3rd grade shows 46% at/above benchmark in math.

4th grade shows 56% at/above benchmark in math.

5th grade shows 58% at/above benchmark 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: Angela Crosby

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Administrator: Sharon Jefferies

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Teachers: Casey Peeler and Tori Bush

Parents: Oletha Linder and Brittney Deyton,

PTO Officers

Evetta Montgomery, President

Tanesha Buckson, Vice President

Kirby Velazquez/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 four National Board Certifications.
2. Our 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. Our school has incorporated Project –based learning and 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 one part-time Behavioral Interventionist.



**Educating
Our Future**

B. D. Lee Elementary School

**"Report to Parents"
2018-2019**

**Sharon Jefferies
Principal**

**Julie Foster
Director of Early Learning**



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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 scores in ELA and Math and SCPASS scores in Science and Social Studies.
2. Implement one part-time Reading Interventionist to assist with small group instruction.
3. Promote School-Wide PBIS by implementing Character Education.
4. Monitor assessments by using Next Steps Assessments, Benchmarks, and STAR.
5. Incorporate technology to assist with classroom instruction.
6. Provide one full-time Reading Coach.
7. Incorporate a parent communication board.

Special Programs

National Beta Club
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
Freightliner Jet Toy Challenge (STEM)
Nestle Adopt-A-School Program

Student Achievements

1. National Beta Club.
2. Spelling Bee Winner: Madison Rice
3. 3K Kindergarten Brittney Deyton's class recognized for Writers Gala Class Book Entry.
4. Teacher Cadet (K-5) & Limestone College (Early Learning Center) partnerships.
5. ZyKyria Jefferies: State Elementary Honor Choir.
6. Lego Robotics Team & Odyssey of the Mind Team.

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:

Mandie Minton

Reading Teacher of the Year:

Brandi Jeter

Support Staff of the Year:

Nikki White

National Board Certified Teachers:

Cindy Byars, Renee Hill, Julie Foster and Karen Knight

Honor Recognition:

Red Carpet School, Exemplary Writing School, Honor Exemplary Reading School, PBIS Ribbon School, Palmetto Gold & Silver School,

School Events

Veteran's Day
Family Literacy
Jump Rope for Heart
Field Day
Black History Program
Dr. Suess' Birthday
Relay for Life
March of Dimes
Career Day
Dancing with the Bees