

School Achievements

Grades: PK-5
Enrollment: 412 students
Principal: Dr. Sharon Jefferies
Superintendent: Dr. Dana Fall
Board Chair: Mr. Johnny Sarratt, Jr.

School Achievements:

1. During the 2019-2020 school year, the school received an "All Clear" accreditation status from the accreditation section of the State Department of Education.
2. During the 2019-2020 school year, the average daily attendance was 96%.

STAR ASSESSMENT STRENGTHS

Reading Scores

1st grade shows 45% at/above benchmark in math.
2nd grade shows 52% at /above benchmark in math and 53% at/above benchmark in reading.
3rd grade shows 63% at/above benchmark in math.
4th grade shows 45% at/above benchmark in math.
5th grade shows 53% 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: Dr. Sharon Jefferies

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Teachers: Cindy Byars and Lisa Philbeck

Parents: Alvin Smith and Charity McCluney,

PTO Officers

Evetta Montgomery, President

Tanesha Buckson, Vice President

Amber Mooney/ - 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 two National Board Certification.
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 collaborative learning and small group instruction 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 Reading Interventionist.



**Educating
Our Future**

B. D. Lee Elementary School

**"Report to Parents"
2019-2020**

**Dr. Sharon Jefferies
Principal**

**Mrs. 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. Implement RISE Framework for first through third grades.
7. Provide one full-time Reading Coach.
8. Provide one full-time Instructional Coach for Early Learning Center.

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

Student Achievements

1. Spelling Bee Winner: Madison Rice
2. District Student Leadership Award: Madison Rice
3. 3k Jamie Lyda and 1st grade Casey Peeler classes recognized for Writer's Gala School Book Winners.
4. Overall 5th grade TGFDF Writer: Aaryn Meyers:
5. Teacher Cadet partnership in K-5 grades.
6. Project-Based Learning implemented school-wide.

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:

Casey Peeler

Reading Teacher of the Year:

Wanda Staley

First Year Teacher of the Year:

Christina Jefferies

Support Staff of the Year:

Margaret Webster

National Board Certified Teachers:

**Cindy Byars, Renee Hill &
Karen Knight**

Honor Recognition:

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

School Events

Veteran's Day

Family Literacy

Jump Rope for Heart

Field Day

Dr. Suess' Birthday

Relay for Life

Career Day