

## School Achievements

LVES was awarded the 2019 Golden Peach Award for the Best School in Cherokee County.

Antwana Marks won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the District Writer's Gala 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade poetry.

Mr. Earl Diones won Cherokee County Special Olympics Coach of the Year

Tedrick Byers won Cherokee County Special Olympics Athlete of the Year

Mr. Earl Diones was named Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Angelica Marmolejo was named Support Staff Member of the Year

### Outstanding Features and Programs

- Good News Club in Partnership with Providence Baptist Church
- LVES Mentoring Program with Mentor Upstate
- Quarterly Academic Recognition Ceremonies
- Boys and Girls Club
- Recycling Program
- Safety Patrols
- PBIS School
- Weekly Backpack Program Sponsored by Central Baptist Church

## Our School

Luther Vaughan Elementary School takes pride in helping all students develop world class skills as well as life and career characteristics aligned with the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe and orderly environment that promotes learning. We believe education must be relevant to 21st century learning and it is essential for the advancement of society. We share the responsibility with our families and community in preparing our students for productive citizenship.

Our current enrollment is 378.

**School Colors:** Blue and Gold

**School Mascot:** Lion

**School Theme:** IMPACT – Inspiring Minds while Promoting Achievement by Collaborating Together

### SIC Members

**Chair:** Helen Cunningham, Parent

**Co-Chair:** Justin Garrett, Community

**Principal:** Loretta Holmes

**Secretary:** Hope Bennett, Teacher

**Rick Fernandez, Teacher**

**Bradley Morgan, Parent**

**Shenae Robbs, Community**

**Maria Cordova, Parent**

### Purpose of the Report

*This Report is issued by the Luther Vaughan Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.*

## Luther Vaughan Elementary School

### Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2018-2019



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### Mission

Our Mission, in partnership with family and community, is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to become responsible, productive citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> century society by providing a variety of learning experiences that address the diverse needs of every student.

### Vision

Nurtured by a supportive environment, students will surpass academic challenges, develop as leaders, and form collaborative relationships with peers. Our graduates will be independent, productive, responsible and creative individuals capable of making original contributions to society.

## SIC Annual Goals

**Goal 1 - Luther Vaughan Elementary is committed to increasing student achievement in all subject areas by:**

- Aligning the school's English language arts, reading, math, science, and social studies curriculum, instruction, and assessment system with the SC state standards to maximize student learning.
- Increasing student access to books through various methods including classroom libraries that match student interests and ability levels.
- Creating PBL units
- Providing field trip experiences focusing on college and career ready skills
- Providing financial and career planning workshops for students
- Providing curriculum nights where families participate in literacy and STEM based activities together.

**Goal 2 - Use data to guide instruction at Luther Vaughan Elementary by utilizing:**

- STAR Reading and Math Assessments
- Leveled Literacy Intervention System
- Next Steps to Guided Reading Assessments
- STAR and NSGR data to identify students that need intervention in reading
- STAR data to identify students that need intervention in math
- Creating common formative assessments

**Goal 3 - Luther Vaughan Elementary will provide effective communication to promote school effectiveness by providing:**

- Bi-monthly parent newsletters
- Classroom newsletters and webpages
- A school website
- Title I School, Home, and Family Agreements
- Parent/Student Handbooks and agendas
- A Facebook page
- A school Twitter account

## Student Achievement

### Students Scoring Met or Above on State Assessments

	Reading	Math	Science	Social Studies
3rd Grade	11%	11%	NA	NA
4th Grade	11%	9%	6%	NA
5th Grade	14%	19%	NA	34%

On the school report card, Luther Vaughan Elementary improved its overall rating from Unsatisfactory to Below Average for the 2017-2018 school year. Luther Vaughan received an average rating in the area of Student Engagement. The school received a good rating in the area of Student Progress.



For more information, you may view the 2017-2018 report card for Luther Vaughan Elementary <https://www.screportcards.com>.

## Plans for the Future

Luther Vaughan Elementary continues to collaborate with teachers, families, business and community members to accomplish the following:

- Increase student achievement
- Improve communication between home, school, and community with information in a language that all can understand by providing interpreters.
- Support family involvement in school functions
- Provide learning opportunities for families
- Promote programs and accomplishments of the school using social media, the local newspaper, as well as other community outlets
- Foster a positive school climate that supports learning



### Volunteers are Needed!

We are always looking for new members and fresh ideas to help meet the goals for improving the school. We need bi-lingual participants in order to meet the needs of our bilingual community.