

## School Achievements

Spelling Bee Winner 2021-2022 – Pierre Dawkins

Writers Gala: Lizbeth Gonzalez, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in district.

Mrs. Kristyn Philbeck was named Teacher of the Year – 2020-2021

Awarded a school garden grant through the Clemson Cooperative Extension

Students deposited over \$13,000 into their savings accounts at Carolinas Foothills Federal Credit Union

## Our School

Luther Vaughan Elementary School takes pride in helping all students develop world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, 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 416.

**School Colors:** Blue and Gold

**School Mascot:** Lion

**School Theme:** Together We Will Rise

## SIC Members

*Chair: Justin Garrett, Community*

*Principal: Loretta Holmes*

*Secretary: Elizabeth Davison, Teacher*

*Morgan Hughey, Teacher*

*Ginger Marshall, Parent*

*Phyllis Knighten, Parent*

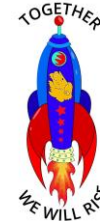
*Josh Davison, Community*

*Alvin Jennings, Community*

## 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 2021-2022



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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.

## Outstanding Features and Programs

- 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
- AVID Elementary School
- Lunch Buddies
- Champion Savers Credit Union

## SIC Annual Goals

**Goal 1: Luther Vaughan Elementary is committed to increase 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.
- Increase 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
- Curriculum nights where families participate in literacy-based activities together.
- Implementing AVID strategies throughout the content areas

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

- iReady Reading and Math Diagnostic Assessments
- Leveled Literacy Intervention System
- Next Steps to Guided Reading Assessments
- Creating common formative assessments

**Goal 3: Luther Vaughan Elementary will provided effective communication to promote school effectiveness by:**

- Bi-monthly parent newsletter
- Classroom newsletters and webpages
- School website
- Title I School, Home, and Family Agreement
- Parent/Student Handbook and agendas
- Facebook page
- School Twitter account

## Student Achievement

### Students Meeting at or Above on State Assessments

	Reading	Math	Science	Social Studies
3rd Grade	16%	11%	NA	NA
4th Grade	18%	10%	20%	NA
5th Grade	23%	8%	NA	NA

For more information, you may view the 2020-2021 report card for Luther Vaughan Elementary at <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; provide interpreters for meetings and other school functions
- 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.
- Become a school of engineering

### Partnership Opportunities

Contact us to find out how you can partner with us. We are always looking for new partners and fresh ideas to help meet the goals for improving the school. We also need bi-lingual participants to be able to meet and work in two languages (English/Spanish).