





Purpose Statement


“Building the foundation for students to reach their full potential and succeed as life-long learners”


Direction Statements

At J.D. Lever Elementary, we will:

 create the foundation for developing independent life-long learners through a technology-infused, student-centered environment utilizing standards-based curriculum and rigorous experiences.

 build and strengthen relationships among students, staff, families, and the community to support the academic, emotional, social, and physical development of each child in a safe and nurturing environment.

 cultivate a faculty and staff who are committed to providing instructional excellence in a stimulating and caring environment while working cooperatively with students, parents, and the community.

 provide ongoing professional development utilizing research-based strategies and best practices to promote continuous professional growth for faculty and staff.

Grants

At JDLES, we have received over \$12,000 in grants for the 2013-2014 school year from the following:

Dollar General Education Grant
Lowe’s Community Grant
SRNS Education Grants
Multiple Project of the Month Grants from Public Education Partners
Aiken County Leadership Award with Public Education Partners
Sam’s Club Community Grant
SRR STAR Grant
Aiken County International Reading Association Grant
SC International Reading Association Grant

Awards

Palmetto Gold & Silver Award, 2004-05
Palmetto Silver Award, 2010-11
Palmetto Gold & Silver Award, 2011-12
Red Carpet School, 2008-11
First Lego League State Winner
Council for Social Studies Award
SCASA School of Promise

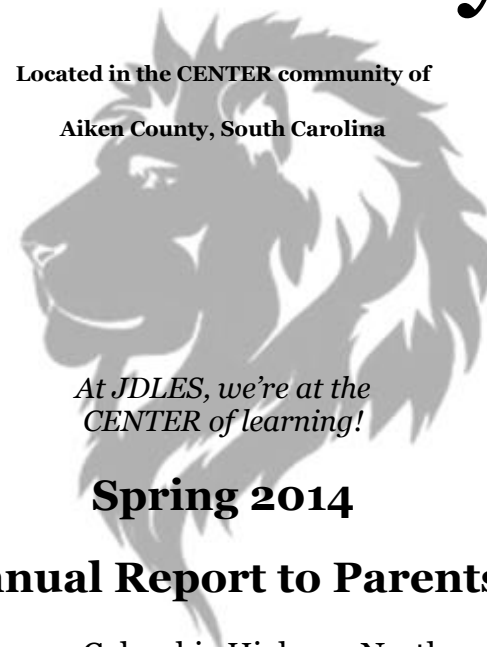
School Improvement Council (SIC) Goals 2014-2015

- 1) Outdoor Learning Center
- 2) Courtyard Renovation
- 3) Center Community Business Partners
- 4) Technology in Education
- 5) Palmetto Garden
- 6) Positive Behavior Reinforcement Program



J.D. Lever Elementary

Located in the CENTER community of
Aiken County, South Carolina



*At JDLES, we're at the
CENTER of learning!*

Spring 2014

Annual Report to Parents

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The purpose of this report is to inform community members and parents of the accomplishments and goals of the J.D. Lever Elementary School Improvement Council. Included you will find test scores, awards and programs offered at our school.

Cathy Ellis, Principal

Patricia Wilson, Assistant Principal

Our History

J. D Lever Elementary School is located in the northern part of Aiken County, just off Interstate 20 at exit 22. The school is situated in the heart of the Center community. Lever Elementary serves approximately 540 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school was opened in 1936 in a two-story, red brick building which was located on the current campus, and was named Center Elementary. In 1975 the school was renamed J.D. Lever Elementary School to honor, Jesse Daniel Lever, who served as principal of the school from 1942 until 1975. In 1988, the current facility was built and classes were moved into the new building. An additional wing was added in 1998 to accommodate a growing population.

Statistics

Student enrollment: 540 students
 Number of Certified Staff: 43
 Number of Advanced Degrees: 31

School Improvement Council

The JDLES School Improvement Council (SIC) meets monthly. Any interested parents and community members are invited to attend. SIC meetings are announced in the monthly school newsletter and posted on our School Fusion Website. The following served as SIC members for the 2013-2014 school year:

Ms. Cathy Ellis, Principal
 Mrs. Patricia Wilson, Assistant Principal
 Mr. Michael Truitt, Instructional Coach
 Mrs. Beth Bartlett, co-chair Teacher
 Mrs. Jenny Edwards, co-chair, Title One Facilitator, Teacher
 Mrs. Rebecca Dixon, Secretary, Teacher
 Dr. Bridget Coleman, Parent
 Mrs. Janet Ramsey, PTO representative
 Mrs. Leigh Watkins, Instructional Coach
 Mr. Drew Sapp, Parent
 Mrs. Renee Harper, Guidance Counselor
 Mrs. Regina Fulmer, Community/Business Member
 Mr. George Tallmadge, Community/Business Member



2013 PASS Scores

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Percent Met & Exemplary			
	3rd	4th	5th
Writing	79.8	80.6	66.7
ELA (Reading)	83.3	73.4	71.7
Math	65.5	83	58.6
Science	65.1	61.7	56
Social Studies	73.2	79.8	56.3

2013-2014 MAP SCORES

Reading MAP 2013-14	Reading FALL 2013	Reading SPRING 2014	Growth F to Sp
Grade 1			
J.D. Lever	157.8	172.7	14.9
District Average	160.9	177	16.1
Grade 2			
J.D. Lever	170.4	182.7	12.3
District Average	173.7	185.7	12
Grade 3			
J.D. Lever	190.2	196.2	6
District Average	189.5	198.1	8.6
Grade 4			
J.D. Lever	194.7	200.1	5.4
District Average	198.5	204.7	6.2
Grade 5			
J.D. Lever	203.9	210.3	6.4
District Average	205.1	211.4	6.3

Math MAP 2013-14	Math FALL 2013	Math SPRING 2014	Growth F to Sp
Grade 1			
J.D. Lever	156.9	174.2	17.3
District Average	161	178.1	17.1
Grade 2			
J.D. Lever	173.8	188.3	14.5
District Average	175.6	187.7	12.1
Grade 3			
J.D. Lever	189.6	197.4	7.8
District Average	190.5	200.4	9.9
Grade 4			
J.D. Lever	197.6	207.7	10.1
District Average	201	209.1	8.1
Grade 5			
J.D. Lever	210	217.7	7.7
District Average	209.5	217.8	8.3



Outstanding Programs

Gifted & Talented Program
 Student Ambassador Program
 Outdoor Courtyard
 Gingerbread House Day
 5th Grade Career Program
 Veteran's Day Program
 Winter Arts Fest
 Powerschool Parent Portal
 Spelling Bee
 Spring Arts Show
 Parent/Student Technology Night
 Blackboard Connect Electronic~
 Notification System
 Muffins for Moms
 Doughnuts for Dads
 Grandparent's Day Program
 COMPASS Learning Lab
 Principal's Pride Student Luncheon
 MAP Celebration
 Happy Pass-Positive Office Referrals
 Bucket Filler Program
 Quest Zone –After School Program
 Monthly Student Character~
 Recognition Program
 Drug Awareness Program
 Recycling Awareness Guest Speaker
 Smokey the Bear Visit
 Building Better Readers Program
 Field Day
 Lion's Pride Newsletter
 Outdoor Learning Area
 Aiken Rotary Club Student Dictionaries
 Kids Love Art sponsored by the Aiken County
 Help Line
 Aiken Electric Co-Op Electricity Program
 Zaxaby's Family Night
 Family Literacy Night
 Professional Development School in Partnership
 with USCA