

## Academic Programs, Accomplishments and Highlights

Balanced Literacy Training

Success Maker Computer Lab

Book Talks

Reading Mastery-- 5K-1st

Connecting Math Concepts-- 5K

MAP-Primary Testing-Kindergarten & 1st

MAP Testing-- 2nd Grade

Class field trips

Comprehension Tool Kit and training for teachers

Interactive Read Aloud training for teachers

Dominie Testing

Leveled Literacy Intervention for first grade

Family Math and Reading Night

Lucy Calkins Writing Program

Family Field Day

Fancy Nancy Night for Moms and Daughters

All-Star Sports Night for Dads and Sons



## A Note From Your Principal

We strive to meet the individual needs of all our children. Our teachers are loving and professional. Through staff development and graduate courses, they continue to improve instruction. Being the principal of Lamar Elementary School is an honor for which I am proud. Through your cooperation and help, we will successfully educate your child. Please remember that my door is always open and you are always welcome at Lamar Elementary School.

Garry R. Flowers  
Principal



## Lamar Elementary School Report to the Parents 2013-2014

**This report was prepared to inform parents of the progress that has been made at LES.**

**Excellent 2013 School Report Card Rating**

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Our School Mission: "Excellence in Teaching and Learning for All"

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Lamar Elementary serves approximately 300 PreK-2nd grade students. The School Improvement Council assisted with preparing this report using data collected for the 2013-14 school year. This year has been a very good year with many challenges and accomplishments.

**Our School Vision:**

The Lamar community will gain citizens who have received a quality education and are honest, respectful, and cooperative.

The Lamar Elementary School families can expect their children to succeed socially and academically through communication and cooperation between school and home.

The Lamar Elementary School students will become life-long learners and productive citizens in a safe, instructionally sound environment which allows for individual growth and development.

The Lamar Elementary School staff will work in an environment that is positive, enjoyable, and focuses on practices that best meet the needs of our children.

**Challenges:** Our challenge is to continue to make progress in reading and math. We also need to have more parent involvement at the home and school level.

90% of 5K-2nd grade students met the DCS Exit Standards for their grade at the end of 2013.



Four goals were developed to bring this school to the highest level of success. Our goals were developed in accordance with the South Carolina State Department of Education requirements of the Education Accountability Act of 1998.

**Goal 1:** Based on the Darlington County School District's reading assessment, 80% of first and 86% percent of second grade students will score on grade level.

**Supporting Activities:** Guided reading professional development, standards-based instruction, the Dominie Reading Assessment, full implementation of the Reading Mastery program, monthly planning for teachers to assess data, Explicit Direct Instruction training for teachers, etc.

**Goal 2:** Based on the MAP spring assessment 80% of second grade students will meet standard in math

**Supporting Activities:** Standards-based instruction, Mastering Math Facts, Connecting Math instruction in 5K, use of manipulatives in the classrooms, administering PASS-like assessments, and Math Solutions training for teachers

**Goal 3:** Increase collaboration between school, parents, and community as measured by parent and community involvement records.

**Supporting Activities:** Family Reading and Math Night, Parent-Teacher conferences, Career Day, Family Fun Day, Principal's Chat, All-Star Sports Night, Fancy Nancy Night

**Goal 4:** Increase the use of technology to improve student academic achievement.

**Supporting Activities:** Student access to computers, teacher use of computers in planning and creating student materials, Success Maker lab used

by Kindergarten, first, and second grade students, teacher use of Power Teacher, MAP Testing and Practice Skills Assessments, and Promethean boards in classrooms.

Dominie Reading Assessment showed 76% of first graders and 86% of second graders were on grade level at the end of 2013.

MAP Math Assessment showed 93% of first graders and 86% of second graders scored MET at the end of 2013.

MAP Reading Assessment showed 73% of first graders and 80% of second graders scored MET at the end of 2013.

**School Improvement Council**

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- Scarlett Gee      Ede Howard
- Cameron Bridgeman



Parents and Community

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- Auzha Clark      Jennifer Burney
- Tina McElveen      Edel George
- Sharon Singleton

Principal

Garry R. Flowers, ex-officio