

## Goals for the Year

- 85% of students in grades 3-6 will score **Met** or above on PASS in ELA and math.
- 85% of students in grades 3-6 will score **Met** or above on PASS in social studies and science.

## Strategies to Improve Learning:

- Part-Time Teachers
- Compass Lab
- Reading Buddies
- Math Lab
- Smartboard Lessons
- Differentiated Instruction
- Reading Renaissance
- Reading Coach
- IXL Math
- iPads
- I-Station
- Math Academy

## Special Activities:

- Safety Patrols
- Band
- Donuts for Dad
- Student Talent Show
- LES Chorus
- Muffins for Mom
- Student/Staff Basketball Game
- Student Basketball Tournament
- Fall Carnival
- Strings
- Christmas Program
- Field Day Activities
- Pep Squad
- 6th Grade Cookout
- 6th Grade Graduation
- 5K Graduation
- Grades 1-5 Awards Day
- Good News Club

## School Improvement Council Members:

Janelle Allen-Gregg, Chairperson  
Robert Morrison, Parent  
Candido Cepeda, Parent  
Oscar Gregg, Teacher  
Melanie Garand, Curriculum Coordinator  
Jan Chatlosh, Teacher  
Cindy Lewis, Teacher  
Vanessa Harkless, Teacher  
Maggie Gilder, Teacher  
Karen Newton, Teacher  
Marlene Williams, Community Member  
Evelyn Heyward, Community Member  
**Gregory J. Mingo, Principal**

## Our Vision

*The vision of Theodore Lester Elementary School is to inspire in all the desire to learn and succeed. Our school will be a safe learning community that celebrates our achievements and encourages active partnerships with families and the entire community. We will empower students to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future.*

Florence School District One  
*Theodore Lester Elementary School*

## Report to Parents School Improvement Council

### 2014 - 2015

### "Reaching for the Stars"



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**Federal Report Card Grade—C**  
**Report Card Rating— Average**  
**Growth Rating— Excellent**

**Accredited by Southern Association of  
Colleges and Schools (SACS)**

## Purpose of the Report:

This report is issued by the Lester 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.



## School Projects

- ◆ The Florence Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta helped with Muffins for Mom and Donuts for Dad
- ◆ The Florence Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta helped out with the Fall Carnival.
- ◆ Our Good News Club continued to reach over 60 students.
- ◆ Our Math Academy was organized to assist students with math skills (morning and after school).

## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Over 200 students participated in the school's science fair.
2. Jessica Crowson, our first grade teacher, was recognized as the school's Teacher of the Year. She was also awarded Distinguished Teacher of Reading honors at the SCIRA conference. She was also recognized as a FSDI Honor Roll Teacher.
3. Kinda McInnis, a 4K assistant, was recognized as our Support Staff Person of the Year.
4. Student Council planned and organized "Pasta for Pennies" for the SC Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They raised over \$2000 for at least 10 years.
5. JOOI (Junior Optimist) Club grew plants and potted plants for their annual plant sale. The money helped with the beautification of our school.
6. "Explore the Stars of Your Future" career projects were displayed by students and family members.
7. Relay for Life was supported by students and staff. Students and staff members who have battled cancer were honored by torches.
8. The school continued to wear school uniforms this year. Over 90% of all students wore uniforms daily.
9. Teachers received grants to provide materials to improve teaching and learning from Donors Choose and Pee Dee Federal Credit Union.

## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

10. The school received an "Excellent" improvement rating on the state report card.
11. Josias Cepeda, fifth grade student, made a perfect score on the PASS test.
12. Florence Public Library came to read with 3K to second grades.
13. The school held its first Nickelodeon Day of Play.



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