

Goals for the Year

- 85% of students in grades 3-6 will score **Met** or above on PASS in ELA and math.
- 60 % 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
- 21st Century Afterschool Program
- Compass Lab
- Reading Buddies
- Roche Tutoring Program
- Larson's Math Lab
- Smartboard Lessons
- Differentiated Instruction
- Reading Renaissance
- Reading Coach
- IXL Math

Special Activities:

- Pastries for Parents
- Special Needs Picnic
- Student/Staff Basketball Game
- Student Basketball Tournament
- PASS Pep Rally
- Sweetheart Ball
- Fall Carnival
- Christmas Program
- Monthly Star Student Program
- Annual Prom
- Field Day Activities
- 6th Grade Cookout
- 6th Grade Graduation
- 5K Graduation
- Grades 1-5 Awards Day

School Improvement Council Members:

Roselyn Green, Chairperson
Amy Lance, Parent
Shannon Suggs, Parent
Janelle Allen-Gregg, Parent
Regina Black, Parent
Melanie Garand, Curriculum Coordinator
Oscar Gregg, Teacher
Matthew Pearce, Teacher
Fawn Pruitt, Teacher
Maggie Rodgers, 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 2011-12

"Reaching for the Stars"



AYP Status– Not Met
Report Card Rating– Average
Growth Rating– Average

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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

- ◆ Food was collected for Harvest Hope in November and December.
- ◆ JOOI Club organized a "Super Bowl of Caring". Single serve items were collected and labeled for McLeod's Hospice House.
- ◆ The Lester Pep Squad organized a PASS Pep Rally.
- ◆ Junior Beta Club presented "Pastries for Parents".

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Over 150 students participated in the school's science fair.
2. Xavier Thomas, a sixth grade student, won the school's spelling bee.
3. The pep squad, African drum ensemble, and the school chorus participated in the district-wide "Music in Our Schools" festivities.
4. The pep squad represented the school in a competition in Mullins.
5. Kristen Black won the Florence District One Writing Award for fifth grade students. She also attended the Young Writer's Conference in Ballentine, SC.
6. The school won a Palmetto Silver Award for three consecutive years of student achievement growth.
7. Ronald Oates, our fifth grade math teacher, was recognized as the school's Teacher of the Year.
8. Students and staff raised money for Erma's Angels to help a former staff member in need of a heart transplant.
9. Student Council planned and organized "Pasta for Pennies" for the SC Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They raised \$2645.91.
10. JOOI (Junior Optimist) Club grew plants and potted plants for their annual plant sale. The money helps with the beautification of our school.

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11. Fifth and sixth grade classes worked with child development and special needs classes. Some of the activities included reading with students, working in centers, organizing and implementing snack time and games on the playground.
12. Relay for Life was supported by students and staff. A mosaic bottle cap cancer ribbon was donated and displayed at our local event. Students and staff members who have battled cancer were honored by torches.
13. Students, staff members, and parents, with help from community volunteers, created mosaic art.
14. Junior Beta Club volunteered at Toys for Tots.
15. Mrs. Eldridge's sixth grade class collected money for the Salvation Army by participating in the Red Kettle project. These students raised over \$300.

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