

## Goals for the Year

- 85% of students in grades 3-6 will score **Met** or above on PASS in ELA and math.
- 75 % 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:

- Donuts for Dad
- Muffins for Mom
- Special Needs Picnic
- Student/Staff Basketball Game
- Student Basketball Tournament
- Fall Carnival
- Christmas Program
- Field Day Activities
- 6th Grade Cookout
- 6th Grade Graduation
- 5K Graduation
- Grades 1-5 Awards Day
- Good News Club
- Junior Optimist International
- Monthly Star Student Program

## School Improvement Council Members:

Janelle Allen-Gregg, Chairperson  
Brenda Dutcher, Parent  
Candido Cepeda, Parent  
Oscar Gregg, Teacher  
Melanie Garand, Curriculum Coordinator  
Oscar Gregg, Teacher  
Cindy Lewis, Teacher  
Fawn Pruitt, Teacher  
Peggy McCaskill, 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 2013-2014

**"Reaching for the Stars"**



**Federal Report Card Grade—D**  
**Report Card Rating— Average**  
**Growth Rating— Average**

**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 in conjunction with the Wilson High Teacher Cadets helped our students with reading skills
- ♦ Our Good News Club reached over 60 students.
- ♦ Our Math Academy was organized to assist students with math skills.

## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Over 200 students participated in the school's science fair.
2. Mary Glenn Eldridge, our fourth grade teacher, was recognized as the school's Teacher of the Year.
3. Kinda McInnis, our 4K assistant, was recognized as our Staff Support Person of the Year.
4. Student Council planned and organized "Pasta for Pennies" for the SC Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They raised over \$2000.
5. JOOI (Junior Optimist) Club grew plants and potted plants for their annual plant sale. The money helps with the beautification of our school.
6. 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.
7. Relay for Life was supported by students and staff. Students and staff members who have battled cancer were honored by torches.
8. Junior Beta Club volunteered at Toys for Tots.
9. Lester's Leaders was organized to target sixth grade students as they transition to middle school. The sponsors provided social and cultural activities to prepare students for the future.

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10. Junior Beta Club and Lester's Leaders performed community service activities.
11. The school instituted school uniforms this year. Over 90% of all students wore uniforms daily.
12. The school highlighted students' musical talents at its first student talent show.
13. Teachers received grants to provide materials to improve teaching and learning from Donors Choose and Pee Dee Federal Credit Union.
14. Isayah Andrews was recognized as AARP South Carolina's Safety Patrol of the Year at a Charlotte Hornets basketball game.
15. Eight of our students will have their poems published in the *Young American Poetry Digest*.

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