

## Points of Panther Pride

### Community Collaboration:

Kings Academy student volunteers and faculty sponsors assisted students with reading in Theodore Lester's special education and general education classrooms. They also helped beautify the school by painting faded doors and signs.

**Lester Student Council Members** visited area nursing homes, read with and took gifts to the elderly.

**Young Miss Club** was established and partnered with Lester's Gentlemen's Club to help Lester's youth help themselves to be their best and help others in the community through service projects.

**Pro Dad's Organization** brought noted community speakers Orlando Hudson and Decor Brown into the school as guest speakers to talk to fathers about the powerful role they play in educating their children.

**Student Charity:** Our students continue to make a positive impact in many areas of the community. From giving of their talents to organizing, collecting and distributing Pennies for Patients, clothing, and food drives.

**Parent Workshops:** Lester's PTA and SIC Committee Collaborated to sponsor parent workshops based upon parent surveys. Workshops included Literacy Night, Math/Technology Night, and Make-and-Take Autism workshops.

**Math Boot Camp** Lester's fifth grade students participated in a rigorous math boot camp, an afternoon math tutorial program designed to increase students' proficiency.

## Computer-based Programs to Individualize Student Learning

Theodore Lester Elementary students have school and at-home access to the below computer programs designed to individualize instruction and increase student learning:

Math Minion	Achieve 3000
Study Island	Front Row
Cool Math	Moby Max
Khan Academy	Readworks.org
Scholastic Math	Mastery Connect
Mastery Connect	ABCYa.com
Accelerated Reader	Prodigy
IXL Math	ABCYa.com

Smarty Ants  
Studies Weekly (paper and online)  
Starfall  
[www.florencelibrary.org](http://www.florencelibrary.org) (tumblebooks)  
[www.pebblego.com](http://www.pebblego.com)  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)  
Brainpop Jr.  
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## School Improvement Council Members

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## Florence School District One Theodore Lester Elementary School 2017-2018 School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents



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## 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.

## 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 Mission

**Lester Elementary School's mission is to provide a quality education for all students to become successful, responsible citizens in life." The school has high expectations for all students.**

### Our Beliefs

#### We believe...

- The community and school should work together collaboratively to educate all students so they be successful.
- Educational excellence is best achieved through everyone's high expectations and high teaching of standards.
- All individuals can learn and experience success.
- Learning is a life-long process.
- All individuals have worth and deserve recognition and support
- Have the right to learn in a safe, inviting environment
- All individuals have the responsibility to be good citizens and positive contributors to society by demonstrating character attributes.
- Our school values and accepts cultural diversity.

Members of Theodore Lester's SIC and school leadership team partnered to review state testing results, school safety, and physical building needs. Results of SC Ready ELA and Math Spring 2017 test results and their implications are listed below.

2017					
Grade	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE	SOC. STU.	Disabled Students Tested
3th	39.2	36.54			18.87
4th	14.6	14.9	22.2	75.6	33.9
5th	24.6	10.5	17.9	50.0	26.3
6th	33.6	14.7	31.4	69.7	25.0
Disabled Students Scoring Meets/Exceeds					
Grade	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE	SOC. STU.	
3th	3.8	1.9			
4th	6.25	4.16	6.38	2.1	
5th	3.5	1.75	4.38	1.7	
6th	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

On average, fifty percent or greater of Theodore Lester Elementary students in each homeroom teachers' class did not meet grade level reading proficiency. In addition to enhanced learning students who live in the Theodore Lester Elementary school zone, Lester also houses most of the elementary students autism population for Florence School District One. Enhanced or Special Education learners made up an average of roughly 30% of Lester's 2017 tested student population. Lester administration and the district's Exceptional Needs Department is working collaboratively to determine a better accountability process for sharing out-of-zone student test scores.

### Goals for the Year

**Goal #1:** Increase community and business volunteer involvement in our school to provide mentoring and economic assistance to students.

**Goal #2:**

Teachers will collaborate as grade-level teams to collect and analyze data, and create action plans for students.

**Goal 3:** Teachers and students will collaborate to set measurable short-term goals and develop a strategic plan for strengthening students' reading skills.

**Goal #4:** Increase number of 3-6 grade students scoring Met or above on SC Ready in ELA and math.