

Goals for the Year

- 85% of students in grades 3-6 will score **Met** or above on SC Ready 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
- Study Island
- 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
- 4H Sewing Club
- 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:

Candido Cepeda, Chairperson
Sophia Stevenson Parent
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Pauline Dixon, Teacher
Melanie Garand, Curriculum Coordinator
Melissa Fulmer, Teacher
Margaret Gilder, Teacher
Nadia Bull, Teacher
Maggie Gilder, Teacher
Oscar Gregg, 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

2015–2016
“Reaching for the Stars”



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.
- ♦ The local chapter of Phi Beta Sigma donated supplies to 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. Nadia Bull, one of our kindergarten teachers, was selected as our Teacher of the Year.
3. Tracey Matney, one of our classroom assistants, 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 \$3000 this year.
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. Relay for Life was supported by students and staff. Students and staff members who have battled cancer were honored by torches.
7. The school continued to wear school uniforms this year. Over 90% of all students wore uniforms daily.
8. Students spearheaded our efforts in receiving a grant from Keep Florence Beautiful to set up recycling stations at the school.
9. The school received the state Gold Award for student achievement and the Silver Award for closing the achievement gap.



State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	Excellent
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Good



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