

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
- Compass Lab
- Reading Buddies
- Larson's Math Lab
- Smartboard Lessons
- Differentiated Instruction
- Reading Renaissance
- Reading Coach
- IXL Math

Special Activities:

- Star Student Programs honoring Terrific Kids
- Core Essentials Character Education Program
- Grandparents Day
- Fire Safety Week
- Red Ribbon Week
- American Education Week
- Service Learning Projects
- Fall Carnival
- Christmas Program
- Pastries for Parents
- Mentoring Program/ Reading Buddies
- Junior Optimist International
- Good News Club

School Improvement Council Members:

Roselyn Green, Chairperson
Shannon Suggs, Parent
Janelle Allen-Gregg, Parent
Melanie Garand, Curriculum Coordinator
Oscar Gregg, 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 2012-2013

"Reaching for the Stars"



Federal Report Card Grade— A
Report Card Rating— Average
Growth Rating— Good

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

- ◆ 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 along with our resource teacher and fifth grade teachers organized a PASS Pep Rally.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Over 200 students participated in the school's science fair.
2. Jeremiah Filyah, a sixth grade student, won the school's spelling bee.
3. A sixth grade ensemble participated in the district-wide "Music in Our Schools" festivities.
4. Our safety patrols participated in Safety Patrol of the Year and travelled to a Charlotte Bobcats.
5. The school won a Palmetto Silver Award for years student achievement and academic growth.
6. Mary Eldridge, our sixth grade science teacher, was recognized as the school's Teacher of the Year.
7. Students and staff raised money for Erma's Angels to help a former staff member in need of a heart transplant.
8. Student Council planned and organized "Pasta for Pennies" for the SC Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They raised \$2115.
9. JOOI (Junior Optimist) Club grew plants and potted plants for their annual plant sale. The money helped with the beautification of our school.
10. 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

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and games on the playground.

11. Pawsitive Panther Partners paired 5th/6th graders with students and staff members. Activities included working in centers, organizing and implementing snack time and playground games, as well as cleaning the school.
12. Students, staff members, and parents, with help from community volunteers, created mosaic art.
13. Junior Beta Club performed community service projects.
14. Several teachers received grants to provide materials to improve working with students from Donor's Choose, The School Foundation, and Pee Dee Federal Credit Union.

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