

## Message from the School Improvement Council

Hickory Grove Sharon Elementary School kicked off the school year with a powerful slogan, "Knowledge is our Super Power!" One of our main goals here at HGSE is to make decisions that are aligned with our vision, mission, and beliefs. Our decision making process involves stakeholders including School Improvement Counsel, PTO, teachers, staff, parents, and community members. Our ongoing collaboration ensures that we stay focused on our children making positive decisions and student achievement. We strive for our students at HGS to develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the SC Graduate! This report highlights a few of the wonderful opportunities that we offer here at HGS. Our teachers and students certainly have demonstrated our slogan "Knowledge is our Super Power!"

Together in Education,

HGSE School Improvement Council

*Members: Tiffany Statzer, Chair, Judi Edwards, Kim Howe, Dale Smarr, Johnny Doan, Larry Earl, Rebecca Dover, Ashley Yon*



***"Knowledge is our Super Power"***

At Hickory Grove-Sharon,  
we want every student to be SUPER!

Smart, Understanding, Polite,  
Encouraging, and Respectful.

### School Information

Name: Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary  
Address: 4901 Hickory Grove Road  
Hickory Grove, South Carolina 29717  
Phone: 803.925.2116 Fax: 803.925.2218  
Website: <http://www.york.k12.sc.us/HGS/>  
Grades: Pre-K through Grade Six  
Mascot: "Bobby the Bobcat"

***Sparking Potential,  
Inspiring Success***



Report to the People

2015-2016

REBECCA DOVER, PRINCIPAL

ASHLEY YON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## HGSE Mission and Beliefs

### Our Vision

Building the foundation for tomorrow by sparking potential and inspiring success.

### Our Mission

Working with the community, we will provide a diverse, innovative education in a safe environment enabling students to become responsible citizens in a global society.

### Our Beliefs

- \* Learning is a life-long, ever-changing process.
- \* Each child is unique and should have the opportunity to reach his/her full potential.
- \* A safe, orderly and nurturing environment is essential for learning.
- \* Education is a cooperative effort between schools and the community.
- \* Technology enhances teaching and learning and should be current.

## 2015-2016 Data in Review

### SC PASS 2015

*Below are the percentages of students scoring Met or Exemplary:*

	Science	Social Studies
4th	70.7	84.5
5th	64.3	76.2
6th	41.7	64.6

### ACT Aspire 2015

*Below are the percentages of students scoring Ready or Exceeding:*

	English	Reading	Writing	Math	Science
3rd	54%	21%	7%	61%	28%
4th	75%	42%	9%	61%	32%
5th	64%	19%	14%	74%	57%
6th	67%	38%	38%	46%	38%

## Highlights of 2015-2016:

- \* We implemented "Character Counts" to promote good character in students. Through this program, we were able to recognize 204 students.



- \* Our school showcased student leaders from third through sixth grades through the implementation of a student ambassador program. "Bobcat Ambassadors" welcomed visitors into our school during special events.



- \* HGSE kicked off the school-wide mathematics incentive program entitled "March Madness." The ceilings were adorned with links to represent students' mastery with grade appropriate math facts.
- \* We participated in two major service learning projects; Relay for Life and Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

- \* HGSE launched "Bobcat News," our school's live streaming news show directed and produced by sixth grade students.
- \* HGSE joined the Winthrop NETSCOPE partnership and will be a host school for future educators.
- \* We hosted our first annual "Art Showcase/Family Night" which offered parents an opportunity to learn how to better meet the academic needs of their child.



- \* Our "Palmetto Reading Bowl" Pep Rally featured four teachers getting a pie in the face, an incentive for reaching the school-wide reading goal.

- \* First, Second, Fifth, and sixth grade students participated in the filming of an upcoming television series. Through this opportunity, students were exposed to a variety of careers in film production.



- \* We hosted our first Veteran's Day Program and provided a breakfast and musical presentation to honor Veterans.