

## Message from the School Improvement Council

Hickory Grove Sharon Elementary is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment, increasing student social-emotional well being and individualized learning paths. HGSE is working hard to increase teacher capacity through leadership opportunities and professional development. We are a thriving learning organization in York School District One where teachers, staff, and students can Learn together, Serve together, and Give as One.

Hickory Grove Sharon Elementary meets the needs of our students by providing social emotional support, academic support, and community partnerships and support.

Social emotional and Extra Curricular Activities:

- Partnership with mental health, Boys and Girls Club of York County, Positive Behavior Intervention, HGS mentoring program, Chorus, Stem Club, 4H Program, Hand Bell Choir, Fitness Club

Academic:

- Math RtI, Reading RtI, Flexible grouping and personalize learning for all students, Math Team

Community:

- Literacy Night, Movie Night, Fall for Reading, Career Fair, Wake Up and Read, Talent Show, See you at the Park!, Sharon Tree Lighting Chorus Performance, Bobcat Fun Run, Field Day, Service Learning Projects

Hickory Grove Sharon Elementary is committed to our Strategic Plan and Literacy Plan to strengthen our teachers' and students' capacity in growth and achievement. We strive to align the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate and the York School District One's plan which outlines multiple pathways for students to reach College, Career, and Citizenship Readiness.

Together in Education,

HGSE School Improvement Council



***Learn, Serve, Give as One***

***For more information, visit our school website using the QR code below.***



## School Information

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Grades: Pre-K through Grade Six  
Mascot: "Bobby the Bobcat"



## Report to Parents

2023-2024

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## HGSE Mission and Beliefs

### Our Vision

To Learn, Serve, and Give as ONE

### Our Mission

Our mission is to cultivate a service-oriented community of learners who strive for personal growth and excellence and communicators, creators, and critical thinkers.

### Our Beliefs

- \* Learning is a life-long, ever-changing process for students and staff.
- \* 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 is a tool that should be leveraged to enhance the teaching and learning process.
- \* Teaching and learning should be relevant, individualized, and intentional to equip students for success.

### **Parent Teacher Organization**

HGS has a strong, supportive PTO. Parents, students, faculty and staff at our school benefit from the countless hours that PTO members volunteer each year. Our PTO organizes various events throughout the year that promote strengthening community and family involvement. Each event is an event the entire family can enjoy together!

## Highlights of 2023-2024:

Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary is dedicated to serving the needs of the whole child by moving towards a student centered learning environment. This environment will focus on providing each child with a personalized learning experience.

The school year began with a kick-off at the park where families and students met teachers and staff.



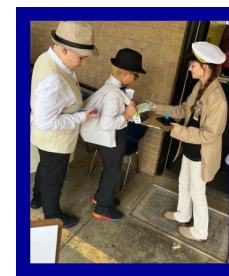
HGS Chorus continued into its second year and students sang at the community tree lighting service. HGS Band is at its highest enrollment!

HGSE continued our "Character Counts" to promote good character in students. Through this program, we were able to recognize 360 students..



Students in K-6th learned about Agriculture through a grant and partnership with Duke Energy that allowed students to visit a mobile agriculture classroom and learn how plants help us.

Fifth Grade Students enjoyed Immigration Day with a simulation of what people experienced at Ellis Island.



Our Fall Hall Crawl was a success! Students and their families joined our staff to learn about the importance of reading. Every student received a free book!

Fifth graders learned about energy and force through project-based learning where they created an apparatus to protect an Egg in an Egg Drop Competition. The local fire department came and used a truck for the drop.



Students from YCHS visited our school and showcased a variety of career options and course offerings through our district's technology center.