

# *Mt. Gallant Elementary School*

## 2013-2014 Annual Report to Parents

4664 Mt. Gallant Road

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Rock Hill Schools



**A Palmetto Gold School**



**2013 S.C. School of Character**

### MGES Mission Statement

Working together with the student, home, and community, the Rock Hill School District and Mt. Gallant Elementary will ensure that all students have the skills, knowledge, and desire to become lifelong learners and succeed in a changing world.

#### P.A.S.S. Absolute Rating

2013-Excellent

2012-Excellent

2011-Good

2010- Good

2009- Good

2008- Average

2007- Good

2006- Good

#### P.A.S.S. Improvement Rating

2013-Good

2012-Good

2011-Good

2010- Good

2009- Average

2008- At-Risk

2007- At-Risk

2006- Below Average

#### Adequate Yearly Progress- AYP

2013: 99.8/A

2012: 98% A

2011 YES 17-17 Objectives Met

2010 YES 17-17 Objectives Met

2009- YES 19-19 Objectives Met

2008- NO 15-21 Objectives Met

2007- NO 19-21 Objectives Met

2006- NO 19-21 Objectives Met

<http://mg.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/>

# S.I.C. Goals and Progress

**Goal #1:** Student test score improvement in English Language Arts and Mathematics.  
Our school leadership team developed goals for student achievement based on M.A.P.S. and P.A.S.S. test results. Our entire staff wrote our 2013-2014 school improvement plan to address these areas.

**Goal #2:** Provide information and facilitate parent education workshops to impact student achievement.  
Our School Improvement Council made two presentations to parents regarding standards based report cards, home school communications, and providing academic support for students at home.

**Goal #3:** Offer staff development opportunities for teachers across grade levels.  
Staff development opportunities are ongoing and widely varied. Our teachers met collaboratively bi-monthly in Professional Learning Teams to share instructional ideas, design lessons, develop assessments, and analyze student performance.

**Goal #4:** Gaining and maintaining highly qualified teachers.  
All teachers at Mt. Gallant Elementary are highly qualified according to South Carolina Department of Education requirements.

**Goal #5:** Develop and implement an appropriate character education program.  
In addition to our character education program, we added a new character club for female students in grades four and five. Our Gallant Girls Club meets twice a month to focus on leadership, academics, and social skill development. We also earned status as a 2013 South Carolina School of Character.

**Goal #6:** Develop and maintain an updated Crisis Management Plan  
The goal is in action with a plan for crisis intervention. There is a plan with staff responsibilities outlined and easily accessible to faculty and staff members.

## Accomplishments and Enrichments

- ⇒ 2013 South Carolina School of Character
  - ⇒ 2013 Palmetto Silver School
  - ⇒ 2012 Palmetto Gold School
  - ⇒ 2011 Palmetto Silver School
  - ⇒ 2010 Palmetto Silver School
- ⇒ Superlative Grant Award winners 2008: The "Knightway is the Right Way" and "Step Into Fitness"-2008
  - ⇒ Red Carpet School- 2004
  - ⇒ Knightway is the Right Way!- Character Ed.
    - ⇒ Knights of the Roundtable Club
      - ⇒ Gallant Girls Club
      - ⇒ Knightline News
      - ⇒ Safety Patrol
    - ⇒ Knight's Breakfast Club

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**SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA 2012**

Adequate Yearly Progress: 99.8%A  
Absolute Rating: Excellent  
Growth Rating: Good  
Summary of Report

Mt. Gallant Elementary is proud to be a 2013 Palmetto Gold School. Due to our continued excellence in student achievement, we have been recognized by the State Department of Education, and were named a 2013 Palmetto Gold School, for our continued improvement in student achievement. We are proud of the accomplishments of our staff, parents, and students. Our school has a long standing tradition of excellence and we work continuously to make forward progress in the area of student achievement each school year. This year we were recognized for our school improvement efforts by increasing our AYP index to 99.8% and receiving an improvement rating of "Good" and an absolute rating of "Excellent". We continue to make significant improvement in the area of student achievement.

During this school year, the PTO provided support by recruiting volunteers, sponsoring school activities, and raising funds for school projects. Mt. Gallant Elementary parents and community members contributed a tremendous amount of hours as school volunteers, field trip chaperones, and helpers at PTO-sponsored events. The School Improvement Council held a campus beautification day and invited families to help make our school beautiful and inviting.

In addition to our character education program, "The Knightway is The Right Way", we continued our character clubs for young men in grades four and five called Knights of the Roundtable and for girls in grades four and five called Gallant Girls. We also earned a Palmetto Gold award for 2013 for the academic performance of our students and because of the hard work of our teachers.

I want to thank each family for the support that you provide for your child and our school. It is great to be a part of a school that has much to offer school-aged children and their families. We are committed to a continuous strive for excellence as we work together to prepare our future, one child at a time.

Latoya N. Dixon  
Principal