

## SHARE THAT HORNET PRIDE

### School Accomplishments

- GHES is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and maintains an "All Clear" status from the State Department of Education.
- GHES met Annual Yearly Progress in all groups.
- 16 teachers are National Board certified.
- 79.6% of our teachers have advanced degrees.
- GHES is a Professional Development Partner in collaboration with Winthrop University.
- Mary Gover is Teacher of the Year 2014.
- Tricia Caruso is Support Staff of the Year 2014.
- 10 teachers have received grants.
- 40 Teachers are trained with South Carolina Economics.
- GHES offers Junior Achievement in all K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes.
- GHES offers Engineering is Elementary K-5.
- 17 Teachers have attended South Carolina Economics mini-Economy Training.
- All K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes participate in LEGO Education; K-StoryStarters
  - 1-Early Simple Machine
  - 2/3- Simple Machines
  - 4/5-We Do Robotics
- 20 teachers and one administrator attended the South Carolina Consortium for Gifted Education Conference.
- K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade English, Language Arts, and Math Curricula continue to be revised.
- GHES offered Camp Invention Summer Program.
- 2 teachers completed their Master's Degree this year.
- GHES has a school community garden.
- GHES collected tabs to be recycled for money as a donation to the Levine Children's Hospital.
- GHES is a Bronze Partner with Safe Routes to School.
- GHES collected 1,522 pounds of food for the Student Hunger Drive.



## Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Gold Hill 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.



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## 2013 - 2014

Our Mission:

**Gold Hill Elementary School in partnership with its students, parents, community, and the Fort Mill School District will**

- G**uide learning opportunities in a safe and nurturing environment
- H**ave high expectations to encourage one's personal best
- E**ngage students in progressive and challenging lessons
- S**tay student focused by making all decisions based on "what is best for our students".

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## What are Our Current Goals?

### Increase student achievement

- The school uses Fountas & Pinnel Benchmark Assessment System, Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI), STAR Reading, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), CompassLearning Odyssey, and common grade level assessments data to monitor and guide instruction.

- Teachers continue to work in Professional Learning Communities for team lesson planning, student assessment, grouping students for extra support and enrichment, and working with students to actively engage in goal setting and monitoring progress.

- Daily classroom instruction integrates technology: SMARTBoards, document cameras, computers, digital cameras, iPads, chrome books, and closed circuit TV programming.

- To help boost student achievement in all grade levels and content areas, GHES course offerings include Engineering is Elementary, Financial Literacy, Junior Achievement, and LEGO Education.

### Ensure best practices and resources in learning, teaching, and leadership

#### Increase teacher and student attendance rates

- 2013 average teacher attendance – 96.5%
- 2013 average student attendance – 97.1%

#### Build positive home communication and school environment

#### Promote healthy habits and healthy lifestyles



### Performance Progress Report

#### GHES Ranking Over 6-Year Period

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Excellent	Excellent
2008	Excellent	Good
2007	Excellent	Good
2006	Excellent	Good

#### End of Year Reading Performance % of Student Reading on Grade Level

Grade	2012-13	2013-14
K	90%	91%
1	94%	95%
2	92%	91%
3	95%	91%
4	96%	95%
5	98%	98%

#### PASS Performance by Grade Level

Grade	% Met or Exemplary		
	2011	2012	2013
<b>English/Language Arts</b>			
3	95.2	96.1	98.1
4	99.1	94.4	96.3
5	94.3	98.3	96.9
<b>Mathematics</b>			
3	92.7	94.1	96.8
4	99.1	97.6	97.5
5	92.4	98.3	96.2
<b>Science</b>			
3	88.7	90.9	94.9
4	99.1	93.7	96.9
5	84.6	100	92.4
<b>Social Studies</b>			
3	96.8	98.7	100
4	97.4	94.5	98.1
5	96.2	93.4	95.4

### Additional Information

GHES PTA offers school support through volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, and assisting with school and family-oriented activities that enhance learning.

### Enriched Student Education:

- Accelerated Reader Support, prizes
- Grade Level Agendas
- Engineering is Elementary Program
- Teacher Professional Development
- Purchased 7 Dell Computers for the LEGO Lab
- Compass Odyssey
- Raz-Kids, Learning A to Z
- Tumblebooks Reading Website
- Community Assistance (Angel Tree and Fieldtrip Scholarships)
- Junior Achievement
- Field Day Supplies
- Healthy Hornets Materials and Supplies
- School Garden Care
- Books for Classrooms
- Math Superstars
- Recycling Supplies
- Beautification Outside of Normal District Provided
- Summer Bridge Summer School
- Boosterthon Fun Run

### Enhanced Parent Involvement and Communications:

- Spring Carnival
- Monthly Beeline Newsletter
- Student Directories provided by PTA



### Extra-Curricular Activities

Math Superstars Program, Accelerated Reader Program, Buzzy Beats & Hornets in Harmony Music Groups, GHNN News Crew, Let Me Run for Boys Jogging Club Health & Fitness Club, Green Team Recycling Club, Girls on the Run, Safety Patrol

