

## School Statistics

Enrollment : 725

White: 490 Asian: 67 African-American: 74  
Hispanic: 57 Other: 37

Grades Served	K-5th Grade
Free/Reduced Lunch	15%
Special Education (students with primary disabilities other than speech/language)	8%
Academic Gifted Program Grades 3-5	15%
English Language Learners	8%

\*As of April, 2016

## Share that Hornet Pride

- Fully accredited by AdvancED
- "All Clear" status from the S.C. State Department of Education
- Palmetto Gold Winner for Overall Performance and Palmetto Silver Winner for Closing the Achievement Gap
- Partner School with Winthrop University
- Teachers trained with Project Lead the Way and Engineering is Elementary
- Faculty and Staff trained in the in the 7 Habits of Highly of Effective People
- 2 Teachers presented at the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association Conference
- 6 Teachers attended the South Carolina Consortium for Gifted Education Conference—4 Conference Presenters
- 6 Teachers attended The Leader In Me Symposium in Spartanburg, SC
- 2nd Grade Teachers attended Discovery Place Professional Development on Biomedical Engineering
- Adrienne Sanders selected for STEM Fellows Program with Discovery Place
- Received five \$1,000 PPG Grants
- DonorsChoose Grants awarded
- LEGO Education
  - ◊ K – Story Starters
  - ◊ 1 – Early Simple Machines
  - ◊ 2/3 – Simple Machines
  - ◊ 4/5 – We Do Robotics
- Camp Invention Summer Program
- School Participation in National Engineers Week
- Silver Partner with Safe Routes to School
- Comprehensive PE program including a Walk at School Day, a morning Jog & Fit Club, and various other opportunities for students to remain physically active
- Hornet Reading Heroes Program to encourage reading
- Mr. Bill White, Teacher of the Year
- Ms. Emily Mayhew, Support Staff of the Year

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### Mission

Gold Hill Elementary School in partnership with its students, parents, community, and the Fort Mill School District will put children first by committing to create an environment that nurtures academics, responsibility, and leadership.

### Vision

Our vision for GHES is to provide a safe, positive and nurturing learning environment where all students are encouraged to achieve their academic and personal goals. We value a collaborative community as we prepare our students to become leaders in an ever-changing global society.

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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 Hybridge, and common grade level assessment data to help 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, Project Lead the Way, Junior Achievement, and LEGO Education.

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

#### Increase teacher and student attendance rates-

2015 average teacher attendance – 96.8%

2015 average student attendance – 97.0%

#### Build positive home communication and school environment

#### Promote healthy habits and healthy lifestyles



## Performance Progress Report

### Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

#### Spring 2016 Average RIT Scores

#### GHES Compared to District and National Averages

Reading			
Grade	GHES	FMSD	National
K	170.3	163.8	155.9
1	185.7	184.0	175.7
2	195.8	195.9	187.4
3	209.5	206.0	197.9
4	214.2	213.3	205.3
5	223.2	220.2	211.2

Mathematics			
Grade	GHES	FMSD	National
K	168.3	164.4	156.6
1	188.0	185.3	178.6
2	193.8	193.8	190.3
3	209.9	206.3	201.7
4	217.6	216.1	211.9
5	231.3	227.1	220.0

### Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)

#### Spring 2015 Percentage of Students Met or Exemplary

Science			
Grade	2013	2014	2015
4	96.9	94.2	92.4
5	92.4	95.2	92.9

Social Studies			
Grade	2013	2014	2015
4	98.1	97.7	96.7
5	95.4	95.2	94.0

## Parent and Community Partnership

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
- Compass Hybridge
- Raz-Kids, Learning A to Z
- Tumblebooks Reading Website
- Community Assistance (Angel Tree & Fieldtrip Scholarships)
- Spelling City Website
- Starfall Website
- Junior Achievement
- Field Day Supplies
- School Garden Care
- Books for classroom libraries
- Recycling Supplies
- Spring Carnival
- Boosterthon Fun Run
- Monthly Spirit Nights
- Family Movie Nights
- Author Visits



## Opportunities for Students at GHES

Accelerated Reader Program, GHNN News Crew, Girls on the Run, Let Me Run for Boys, Jog and Fit Club, Green Team Recycling, Math Mentors, Data Tracking and Goal Setting for Students, Media Center Assistants, Helping Hornets, STEM Week, and Service Learning Projects.