

**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.
- For the 12th year in a row, the school earned the Palmetto Gold Award.
- GHES met Annual Yearly Progress in all groups.
- 17 teachers are National Board certified.
- 69.2% of our teachers have advanced degrees.
- GHES is a Professional Development School in partnership with Winthrop University.
- Chris Beasley is Teacher of the Year 2013.
- Angelia Davis is Support Staff of the Year 2013.
- 26 teachers have received grants.
- GHES raised \$2,860.00 for JumpRope for Heart.
- GHES received a \$4,750.00 Jump\$tart Grant to train all teachers in Financial Fitness for Life Financial Literacy Economics Curriculum.
- Pam Warren received a Jump\$tart Grant to attend Jump\$tart National Educators Conference in Chicago.
- GHES offers Junior Achievement in all K-5th Grade classes.
- All K-5th Grade classes completed Engineering is Elementary Units.
- All K-5th Grade classes completed LEGO Education Kits:
 - K – StoryStarters
 - 1 – Early Simple Machines
 - 2/3 – Simple Machines
 - 4/5 – We Do Robotics
- 15 teachers and one administrator attended the Children's Engineering Conference in Virginia.
- Added STEM in the Gym with help from \$2,500.00 in funds from winning an NFL Play 60 Grant.
- K-5th Grade Math Curriculum has been revised to include Common Core Standards.
- GHES offered Camp Invention Summer Program.
- Four teachers completed their Master's Degree.
- GHES has a school community garden.



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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A National Blue Ribbon School



**Gold Hill
Elementary School**
Home of the Hornets



**School Improvement Council
Report to the Parents**

2012 - 2013

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 Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA), 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, and closed circuit TV programming.

- To help boost student achievement in all grade levels and content areas, GHES expanded course offerings to include Engineering is Elementary, Financial Literacy, Junior Achievement, and LEGO Education with Early Simple Machines, Simple Machines, and We Do Robotics.

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

· Increase teacher and student attendance rates

- 2012 average teacher attendance - 95.2%
- 2012 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
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Excellent	Excellent
2008	Excellent	Good
2007	Excellent	Good
2006	Excellent	Good

Developmental Reading Assessment

(DRA) Goals 2012-2013

Grade	% Met Grade Level Goal
K	90%
1	94%
2	92%
3	95%
4	96%
5	98%

PASS Performance by Grade Level

Grade	% Met or Exemplary		
	2010	2011	2012
<u>English/Language Arts</u>			
3	98.3	95.2	96.1
4	94.0	99.1	94.4
5	93.9	94.3	98.3
<u>Mathematics</u>			
3	98.3	92.7	94.1
4	94.6	99.1	97.6
5	91.4	92.4	98.3
<u>Science</u>			
3	93.1	88.7	90.9
4	94.6	99.1	93.7
5	91.5	84.6	100
<u>Social Studies</u>			
3	96.6	96.8	98.7
4	94.6	97.4	94.5
5	90.1	96.2	93.4

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
- Pottery Wheel and Art Slab for Art Classes
- Compass Odyssey program for each grade and yearly licenses and fees
- Artist in Residence – Yoshiko Moon
- Raz-Kids, Learning A to Z for Classrooms
- Tumblebooks Reading Website
- LEGO Education Training and Kits
- Community Assistance (Angel Tree and Fieldtrip Scholarships)
- Junior Achievement
- Field Day Supplies
- Healthy Hornets Materials and Supplies
- Garden Care
- Books for Classrooms
- Math Superstars
- Air Rufus for PASS Testing Entertainment
- Recycling Supplies
- Beautification Outside of Normal District Provided
- Summer Bridge Summer School
- New Mats for P.E.
- Boosterthon Fun Run

Enhanced Parent Involvement and Communications:

- Back to School Picnic
- 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 Give and Teach Club
- Jogging Club Art Club Health & Fitness Club
- Storytelling Club Green Team Recycling Club
- Girls on the Run Safety Patrol