

SHARE THAT HORNET PRIDE School Accomplishments

- GHES offers Junior Achievement in all K-5th grade classes.
- 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 11th year in a row, the school earned the Palmetto Gold Award.
- GHES met Annual Yearly Progress in all groups.
- 16 teachers are National Board certified.
- 63.5% of our teachers have advanced degrees.
- GHES is a Professional Development School in partnership with Winthrop University.
- Jacala Richardson is Teacher of the Year 2012.
- Sherrie Evans is Support Staff of the Year 2012.
- 25 teachers have received grants.
- GHES raised more money for American Childhood Cancer Organization than any participating school in the nation - \$2,638.
- Tammy Furr was selected as the Fort Mill School District winner of the Support Staff of the Year 2011-2012.
- GHES started 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 2011 - 2012

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, 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, and Junior Achievement.

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

• Increase teacher and student attendance rates

- 2011 average teacher attendance - 95.7%
- 2011 average student attendance - 96.5%

• Build positive home communication and school environment

• Promote healthy habits and healthy lifestyles



Performance Progress Report

GHES Ranking Over 6-Year Period

<u>Year</u>	<u>Absolute Rating</u>	<u>Growth Rating</u>
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Excellent	Excellent
2008	Excellent	Good
2007	Excellent	Good
2006	Excellent	Good

Developmental Reading Assessment

(DRA) Goals 2011-2012

<u>Grade</u>	<u>% Met Grade Level Goal</u>
K	96%
1	91%
2	98%
3	97%
4	95%
5	99%
Total grades	96%

PASS Performance by Grade Level

<u>Grade</u>	<u>% Met or Exemplary</u>	
<u>English/Language Arts</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
3	98.3	95.2
4	94.0	99.1
5	93.9	94.3
<u>Mathematics</u>		
3	98.3	92.7
4	94.6	99.1
5	91.4	92.4
<u>Science</u>		
3	93.1	88.7
4	94.6	99.1
5	91.5	84.6
<u>Social Studies</u>		
3	96.6	96.8
4	94.6	97.4
5	90.1	96.2

Additional Information

GHES PTA offers school support through volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, and assisting with school and family-oriented activities that enhance learning. Our tireless PTA has raised funds to purchase or help purchase:

- a new sound system for our gym and cafeteria
- books for classroom libraries
- student agendas
- *Math Out of the Box*
- *Leveled Literacy Intervention* materials
- *CompassLearning Odyssey*
- reading leveled books
- *RAZZ Kids*, Tumble Books, & Reading A-Z
- *Engineering is Elementary* kits, K-5th grades
- Science Court
- Yamaha music keyboards & guitars
- stage curtains
- murals for the walls
- A&D defibrillator
- a jogging track & a climbing wall
- art slab and wheel
- blue screen for the school news program

In addition, they have funded a variety of assemblies and programs:

- Summer Bridge Tutorial/Acceleration program
- Artist-In-Residence - Russ Petty
- Air Rufus PASS assemblies
- Boosterthon Fun Run

The PTA has sponsored Junior Achievement classes, helping to provide a volunteer J.A. teacher for our 38 kindergarten through 5th grade classes.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Math Superstars Program
 Accelerated Reader Program
 Random Acts of Kindness Club
 Hornets in Harmony Chorus Club
 Morning News Team
 Give and Teach Club

Jogging Club	Health & Fitness Club
Art Club	Storytelling Club
Technology Club	Recycling Club
Archery Club	Girls on the Run
Buzzy Beats	Safety Patrol