

Extra Curricular Activities (cont.)

Jr. Beta Club

The Gold Hill Middle Junior Beta Club brought in 122 cans and boxes of food items for Fort Mill Care Center. Fourteen students volunteered for GHES fair in March and eight students volunteered at the St. Philip Neri Church "Italian Festival" in May. The Beta Club also recycles paper, cans and plastic every week.

Student Council

The GHMS student council sponsored Pennies for Patients. GHMS finished third in the state, and by doing so earned an ice cream party for the whole school. They also sponsored a canned food drive and donated 2000 lbs of food to the Fort Mill Care Center.

Hoops for Heart

GHMS students raised over \$600 during the Hoops for Heart fund raiser this year.

GHMS students and faculty also participated in the following extra curricular activities:

Homework Helpers
Working Café
Running Club
Bridge Club
Talent Show
PAWS Awards
Bulldog Pride Awards
Doggone Great Bulldog Program

Athletics

The 7th grade Football team finished 1-7 and the 8th grade team was 4-4. The 7th grade volleyball team was 5-5 and eighth was 2-8. The 7th grade girls basketball team was 5-5 in the conference and 6-6 overall. The 8th grade team was 9-7 and defeated the 2nd and 3rd place seeds in the conference tournament and were Runner Up Conference Champs.

Athletics (cont.)

The 7th grade boys basketball team was 8-2 and finished 3rd in Conference. 8th grade went 5-5. The Girls soccer team was 8-0-1 and was conference champions for the third year. The boys soccer team was 4-2-2. The softball team finished the year 3-7 and the baseball team was 9-2, that's 2nd in the conference. The girls track team finished 5th in the conference and the boys finished 8th.

Principal's Vision

My vision for Gold Hill Middle is that we continue to be a school where students are challenged to go further than they have ever been. We will do this by strengthening our academic and related arts courses so all our students will have a rigorous, well-rounded education that will prepare them for a successful future.

My vision includes the hope that our teachers will engage our students in their learning. My hope is that our students will develop **good** citizenship and character traits that will keep America strong and free. GHMS will celebrate diversity and the special traits that make all individuals unique.

This vision would be incomplete if it did not include the hope that all our students be able to use technology and the opportunities to explore their personal interests to become competent adults that will thrive in an ever changing and challenging world.

Gold Hill Middle School will incorporate qualified teachers, parents, and community members to ensure our students feel as though they are our top priority in all we do. Communication is essential so that our school and community are informed and supportive of each other.



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School Improvement Council Report to the Parents

Gold Hill Middle School

*Where we encourage the heart
and failure is not an option*

**Thomas L. Johnston,
Executive Principal**

Academics

Junior Scholars

This year, 53 GHMS students earned the title of Junior Scholars.

Making Middle Grades Work

GHMS earned another Making Middle Grades Work grant for 2011.

Math Counts

Four students competed in the Math Counts team competition and received 2nd place in the district. They were Sean McParland, Grayson Davis, Gretchen Bouler and Chase Dunton. Some students competed and received awards in the individual competition. Chase Dunton placed 4th, Grayson Davis placed 2nd, and Sean McParland placed 1st and represented the region at the state level.

Science Fair

In 2011, GHMS had four students win at the state level. They were Aaron LaFleur, Amber Dulin, Bekah Barnhardt and Nicholas Kulesa.

Palmetto Gold Award

Gold Hill Middle School once again earned a Palmetto Gold Award for 2010 – 2011 for excellence on the PASS test.

DEAR and Academic Recovery

Sixth graders spent 108,330 minutes doing DEAR and 53,999 in Academic Recovery. Seventh graders spent 67,083 minutes doing DEAR and 62,766 minutes in Academic Recovery. In the eighth grade students spent 25,097 minutes doing DEAR and 79,997 minutes in Academic Recovery.

Honor Roll

In Q1, 129 students made the A honor roll and 358 made the AB honor roll. In Q2, 103 made all A's and 285 made B's and A's. In the 3rd quarter, 92 Gold Hill students made all A's and 215 made the A/B honor roll.

Academics (cont.)

Science Olympiads

Congratulations to the first-ever GHMS Science Olympiad team. Individual event winners were Kylie Gilde and Mary Olinger who placed 1st in Anatomy, Alex Fenwick who was 3rd in Shock Value, and Dori Bullard and Louise Lower who placed 2nd in Junkyard Challenge and 3rd in Write It, Do It. Katey Miller and Mary Olinger finished 3rd in Can't Judge a Powder, Kylie Gilde placed 6th in Towers, and Brianna Fogel and Alexandra Hawkins came in 6th in Crime Busters.

The Arts

Chorus

The GHMS Chorus performed frequently during the school year. They held performances in October, November and four times in December. During the second semester they performed once in March, and four times in May.

Band

The Band enjoyed many successes this year. The 7th and 8th Grade Bands earned Excellent ratings at the Carowinds Music Festival and the SCBDA Concert Festival and had a very good performance at Universal Studios in Orlando, FL. Several students were part of the SCBDA Region Honor Band and the SCBDA All-State Honor Band and earned Superior ratings at the SCBDA Solo and Ensemble Festival. The 6th Grade Band presented two concerts this year and did an outstanding job at both.

Art

Art students participated in the Interdependence Hexagon Project in Scranton, PA. Sean McParland finished in 3rd place and Laura Stevens, Ben Ruddy, Anneke Van Eldik all held honorable mention.

Art (cont.)

GHMS students showed their art in the Art on Main Student Art Show in October. Gretchen Bollar took 3rd Place overall for the Middle School Division and Dan Shaikh and Kristina Wang held Honorable Mention-Recognition for Superior Art Skills.

In the 2010 Peace Poster Contest 2010, Kristina Wang came in 1st first place. Elisha Forte came in 2nd and Nicholas Delgado finished 3rd. Jeremy LaPointe, Andrea Ouyang, Kaleb Allen, Sierra Weiss, Sarah Sharpton, Maddie Anderson and Emily Brandt held honorable mentions.

Extra Curricular Activities

Earth Day

This year GHMS had the largest participation in Fort Mill's Earth Day activities at the Greenway. GHMS over-filled its assigned space and another school's space. First place went to Ryan Zavitkovsky, 2nd place went to William Greek and 3rd place went to Graham Lancaster.

Mock Trial

The Gold Hill Middle School Mock Trial Team completely rebuilt itself this year. Every student member on the 14 person team was new to the mock trial program. In its first competition at the Regional site in Greenville, SC; the mock trial team won both of its matches to advance to the State competition in Columbia. Gold Hill Middle School was one of only 10 schools selected out of South Carolina to compete at the state level where it won 2 of its 3 matches, finishing 4th.

PTA

The GHMS PTA bought 15 copies of Power Director for the computer lab, to allow students to create multimedia presentations. It also purchased Study Island, a software that prepares students for PASS and they funded the Book Fair and provided various luncheons for administration, faculty, and staff.