

Goucher Elementary School

# Report to the Parents

## WE'RE WILD ABOUT LEARNING

### *Mission Statement*

*Goucher Elementary School will lay the framework for students to acquire the skills necessary to become successful, responsible citizens.*

#### Special Points of Interest

- Special Days Throughout the Year
- Community Supports Reading in a Unique Way
- Palmetto Silver Award Announcement
- 2011 PASS scores
- Outstanding Programs Offered



#### Great Gorillas Are...

...Ready

...Respectful

...Responsible

Grrrrrrr!



### *We Believe...*

...education is the foundation of a successful life.

...every student is unique and different.

...education is a universal privilege.

...in our students and staff.

...that each student should contribute to their educational success.

...that education is the key that unlocks the hidden abilities in all of us.

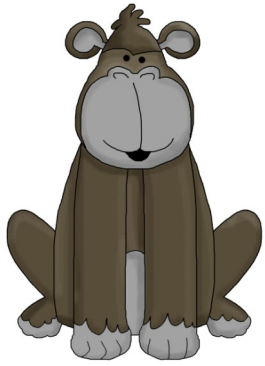
...we should be flexible in order to educate students.

...strong community partnerships are critical for educational success.

...that home and school as partners, have the responsibility to meet the individual needs of each student

...all students should feel safe and nurtured at school.

...in the importance of being a good citizen.



## Special Days Throughout The Year

Community friends help make the Goucher Reading Patio a reality!  
**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!**



3rd grade to Camp Cherokee



4th grade to Cowpens Battleground



Visitors at the Reading Patio during the dedication ceremony.



Relay for Life Christmas Dance



1st and 2nd grade Holiday Program



Chick-Fil-A Biscuit Breakfast



Grand Morning-Grandparent Day



## Reading Patio a Reality

Students raised funds to do something special for the school. They wanted a place where they could enjoy reading outside. With the help of some very thoughtful and industrious community members, their dream became a reality. In November, the Reading Patio had its grand opening. Classrooms enjoy reading and relaxing in style. Thank you goes out to the Cook family, the McEntire family, the Byars family, and to the many parents who have supported the school's fundraising efforts.





PASS PERFORMANCE SCORES 2011

Grade	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met & Exemplary
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b>				
3	39	22	39	61
4	36.7	33.3	30	63.3
5	22.2	42.6	35.2	77.8
<b>MATH</b>				
3	46.3	19.5	34.1	53.7
4	23.3	33.3	43.3	76.7
5	18.5	33.3	48.1	81.5
<b>SCIENCE</b>				
3	33.3	53.3	13.3	66.7
4	30.9	60	9.1	69.1
5	45.5	40.9	13.6	54.5
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>				
3	71.4	23.8	4.8	28.6
4	43.3	46.7	10	56.7
5	25	42.9	32.1	75
<b>WRITING</b>				
5	20.4	48.1	31.5	79.6

**Second Consecutive Year  
Goucher Students Earn Palmetto Silver Award**

Excitement ran throughout the school building last month when the announcement was made. Goucher Elementary School once again received the Palmetto Silver Award. This makes two years in a row the students have earned this award based on their academic scores on the state PASS tests. The Absolute Rating on the school report card was "Average" while the Improvement Rating was "Good". This score means the school is making progress towards meeting the goals for "No Child Left Behind".

**2011-2012  
School Improvement  
Council**

- Malagni Mardis**
- Rebecca McCraw**
- Beth Peeler**
- Jennifer Segina**
- Teresa Cook**
- Tracy Davis**
- Elizabeth Connelly**
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**Gorilla Pride**

***OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT GOUCHER SCHOOL***

*Honors Choir Program, Student Council, Beta Club, Recycling Club, Chess Club, Friday Sing-a-Longs, Hands-On Science Instruction, Highly Qualified Staff, Parent Teacher Organization, Writer's Gala, MAPS Benchmark Testing Program, Best Practices in Instruction, Curriculum Carousel, Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS), Instructional Coach, Nutritional Breakfast and Lunch Programs, Community Service Opportunities, Fine Arts Festival, South Carolina Music Program, Veteran's Day Celebration, Trucker Buddy Program, Academic Recognition Programs, Writer's Tea, Grandparent's Day, Book Fairs, Book Swap, Field Trips, Too Good For Drugs Program, School-wide Postal Service, Tuesday Tutoring*

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**GRRR-EAT GORILLA PLEDGE**

I am a *Grrr-eat Gorilla* because:

I come to school ready to learn.

I show respect for others, my education, and myself.

I make responsible decisions in my actions and academics.

