

SCHOOL SPONSORED
STUDENT ACTIVITIES &
OPPORTUNITIES

- 5th Grade Classroom Helpers
- Beta Club
- Science Fair
- Spelling Bee
- Yearbook Staff
- Honors Chorus
- Too Good for Drugs
- Nine Weeks Recognition Programs
- Good News Club
- Active PTC
- Chic-Fil-A Character Education Program
- Computer Lab
- Recycling Program
- Talent Night
- Kiwanis Club Terrific Kids
- Greater Gator Awards
- Parent Volunteers
- YMCA After School Site
- Fall Festival
- Class Field Trips for Each Grade Level
- Monthly Skate Nights
- Morning News Show
- Birthday Club Library Program

RECOGNITIONS

1. Red Carpet School 2001-2002
2. Palmetto Silver
2002-2003
3. Healthy Schools
2004 – 2005
4. School of Promise
2005 – 2006
5. Exemplary Writing
2004 – 2007

OUR SCHOOL TODAY

- >Currently, 541 students are enrolled.
- >The average daily student attendance is 97%.
- > State of SC School Report Card 2010 Absolute Rating: Good
2010 Growth Rating: Average
- >School Board Rep. Mike Ellis
- >PTC Officers: Susan Nolen, Amanda LeMaster, Cindy McFadden, Dee Kirby
- >SIC members: Terri Bridges, Jeanne Pearson, Susan Campbell, Tammy Stevenson, Kevin Thornton, Jeff Buice, Martin Hogg, Tammy Ruppe, Kim Shehan, Phillip Goodson, David Oglesby

Grassy Pond
Elementary
School



Gators Strive to Achieve & Succeed

**Report To The Parents
2010 -2011**

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THE **MISSION** OF GPES, IN ALLIANCE WITH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY, IS TO GUARANTEE THAT COMPREHENSIVE, QUALITY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES ARE PROVIDED IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS; THUS, PREPARING THEM FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND ENSURING THEIR SUCCESS IN BECOMING PRODUCTIVE, CONTRIBUTING INDIVIDUALS IN AN EVER-CHANGING SOCIETY.

We Believe...

- Children and their education are our first priority.
- Quality education is essential for the Survival and advancement of our society.
- The family is the foundation of our society.
- Every individual has intrinsic worth.
- Learning is a life-long process.
- A safe environment is a basic need.
- All individuals can learn.
- The instructional program should reflect different learning styles and developmental levels.
- The instructional program should utilize up-to-date technology including opportunities for students to have hands-on experiences.
- Responsibility for the school's mission is shared by the school staff, parents, students, and community.

Accomplishments for 2010-2011

Curriculum

1. All students must master the basic skills while in elementary school.
2. Participate in Dominic Assessment for reading in grades K – 2 and Rigby in grades 3-5.
3. Currently have a dedicated literacy center for teacher use which includes leveled readers.
4. Incorporate an updated Scope & Sequence in Science and Social Studies.
5. Staff development was given by the instructional coach to teachers on various topics after school in sessions called "Food for Thought".
6. Utilized virtual learning lessons about different stories making real world connections.
7. Celebrated Dr. Seuss – Read Across America with a celebration and partner reading.
8. The PTC sponsored a Story teller Tim Lowry to visit our school.
9. Held a successful science fair exhibition with a regional winning project.
10. Three new teachers were added as school started this year to lower student-teacher ratios in kindergarten, first grade, and second grade.

School Environment

- Updated hallways with displays throughout the year of student work.
- The school was equipped with a new camera system to broadcast announcements and shows for the school.
- The PTC plans to place rubberized mulch on the playground and check on replacing the panels between the cafeteria and gym.

Home-School Connections

- Continuous efforts to actively involve parents and community members as volunteers.
- School Improvement Council (SIC) actively participate in helping to make the school's functionality better to serve the children by helping with field-trips costs and giving each teacher a \$250 supply check for classroom supplies.
- Monthly school newsletter created. Bi-monthly or weekly classroom newsletters created.
- Continued use the of Alert Now system to inform parents of upcoming events/reminders.
- Created a new school website and kept it updated on regular basis.
- MAP Testing was administered the last part of the school year to assess student progress in Language, Math and Reading.

Community Outreach

- Raised money for the following:
 1. Japanese tsunami victims
 2. March of Dimes
 3. Relay for Life
 4. Jump Rope for Heart

