

Grassy Pond Gators And Our Community

- Fire Safety & Severe Weather Awareness with the Grassy Pond Volunteer Fire Department
- Campo Giorno Team Sponsored by Sossamon Construction Co.
- Service Projects Such as:
Raising Money for Habitat for Humanity & Relay for Life
- Honors Choir Performed the National Anthem at a Gardner Webb University Basketball Game
- Limestone College Tutors
- YMCA After-School Program
- Good News Club with Grassy Pond Baptist Church
- The First Tee Golf Program

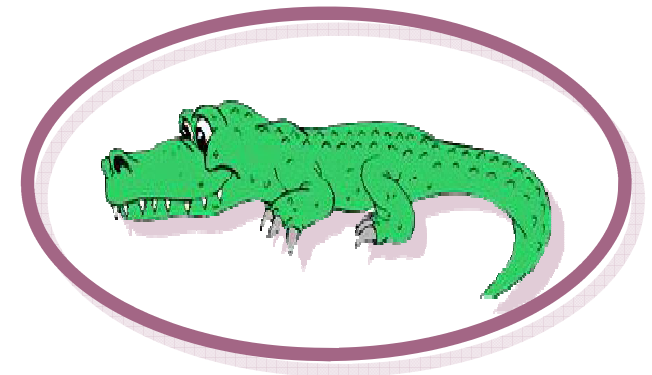


School Activities

- Beta Club
- Morning News Crew
- Fall & Spring Book Fairs
- Chick-fil-a Character Program
- Career Day
- Lego Robotics Team... "Geared Up Gators"
- 4th & 5th Grade Honors Choir
- Yearbook Staff
- Newly Organized PTO
- Santa Shoppe
- Science Fair
- "Boo Bash" ~Fall Dance
- Student Council
- Student Recognition each Nine Weeks
- Music Programs
- Talent Show

Grassy Pond Elementary School

Report to the Parents



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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

This year the Grassy Pond Elementary School family has been extremely busy working on continually improving and refining our school programs to ensure excellence. “**Proud and determined to create an ethic of excellence in Cherokee County**” was the theme for our district this year. This year has brought some big challenges, but as always the GPES faculty and staff were prepared. This year our school wrote a new five year Strategic Renewal Plan and went through accreditation. Each of these tasks were large; however, the stakeholders at GPES met the challenges head on and we now have a plan that will carry our school for the next five years. The Cherokee County School District had previously completed their Strategic Plan so our plan was constructed to support that of the district.

GPES focused on implementing the Common Core State Standards across all grade levels. Teachers received professional development on best practices for using essential questions to drive instruction, inquiry based teaching, connecting instruction to the real world, and technology integration. Response to Intervention (RtI) was a focus again for all teachers. RtI allows teachers to examine each student in order to note individual strengths and weaknesses. When this model is used effectively teachers are able to create individual plans to address the needs of students. Accommodations and Modifications developed for students are documented and follow each student as long as they are needed.

This year we have celebrated many successes at our school. Our students have received numerous recognitions throughout the course of the year. The following are some of those recognitions: DAR Essay Contest, District Winner; Two Martin Luther King Jr. Art and Essay Contest Second Place Winners; Two First Place Winners in the Best Singer in the District Soloist Contest; Two Regional Science Fair Winners; A Second Place District Spelling Bee Winner; Two District Free-Throw Contest Winners; Five District Young Writer’s Gala Award Winners; An Award Winning Lego Robotics Team; A Third Place Winning Campo Giorno Team; and GPES was the first CCSD elementary school to receive The First Tee Grant. We are always so very proud of all of our students here at Grassy Pond. Each and every student grows and changes throughout the year. Our teachers and staff are always mindful that we teach tomorrow’s leaders.

Purpose of the Report

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (Act 135) of 1993. It presents information about the school accomplishments in the 2012-2013 school year and updates on the 2013-2014 goals.

School Statistics

Enrollment: 540 students
69% Caucasian
19% African-American
12% Hispanic & Other Ethnicities
62.9 % Poverty Index
96.5% Average Daily Attendance

Mission Statement

The mission of the Grassy Pond Elementary School family is to ensure all students receive quality educational experiences in a safe environment in order to become contributing members of our community.

Goals for 2013—2014

- Continue professional development on effective implementation of Common Core State Standards for all teachers through PD sessions held on staff development days, at faculty meetings and during grade level planning meetings.
- Continue the implementation of RtI. All teachers will again keep an RtI notebook with cards on each student, RtI folders should be maintained to keep students’ information from year to year, and the SIT chair will manage the records for all students that have meetings with the entire team.

- Create a new Strategic Plan for Grassy Pond Elementary School for the next five years. The plan should support the goals and strategies of the Cherokee County School District Strategic Plan.

Summary of 2013 SC PASS Results

% of students Met or Exemplary

Grade 3	School	District	State
ELA	73.3	73.7	82.9
Math	70.7	63.4	69.8
Science	50	56.9	67.8
Social Studies	78.4	69.6	79.8
Grade 4			
ELA	77.7	68.6	79.0
Math	78.7	71.5	79.8
Science	70.2	60.9	73.1
Social Studies	74.5	69.7	81.8
Grade 5			
ELA	81.1	73.4	82.0
Math	83.2	70.9	76.3
Science	72.9	60.8	73.0
Social Studies	70.2	61.2	71.7