

Grassy Pond Gators And Our Community

- Care Packages for the Troops
- Books for Preschoolers
- Arbor Day Tree Planting
- Candy Grams for a Special Student Receiving a Bone Marrow Transplant.
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Relay for Life ~ Team Tracey ~Gators Go Pink for a Cure~
- March of Dimes
- Limestone Care's Program with the Girl's Softball Team
- YMCA After-School Program
- Good News Club with Grassy Pond Church



School Activities

- Beta Club
- Literacy Celebrations
- Fall and Spring Book Fair
- Chic-Fil-A Character Counts
- Morning News Crew
- Grandparent's Breakfast
- Honor's Choir
- Field Days
- PTC
- Santa Shoppe
- Science Fair
- Flag Helpers
- Student Recognition Program each Nine Weeks
- Veteran's Day Music Program
- South Carolina Musical
- 5th Grade Program & Dance

GRASSY POND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Report to the Parents



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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Our motto for the 2011-2012 school year has been "Oh the Places Our Learning Will Allow Us to Go...". At Grassy Pond Elementary we constantly talk about setting goals and trying to achieve them. As a result, last year we set a goal and this year, our school earned the 2011-12 Palmetto Silver Award. This is a result of continued hard work!

This year the entire school is focusing on Response to Intervention. RTI has required teachers to look at many practices and ways of thinking in a new light. Staff Development activities have been centered around this topic. Three part-time reading interventionists were hired to work with students. These interventionists helped students three times a week in addition to instruction they received in the regular classroom. Teachers also participated in a book study.

GPES students also focus on learning the importance of becoming a good citizen. Students are exposed each month to a new character trait through the Chic-fil-a Character Counts program. Each nine weeks at our student recognition program we take time to recognize students that best displayed that focus character trait throughout the month. Our school also participated in various service projects. We packed boxes for the service men overseas, raised money for March of Dimes, and our biggest push is Relay for Life. This year our Relay for Life team is dedicated to our secretary Mrs. Tracy Ruppe who has battled cancer. In October we had a "Pink Out" day! We kicked off the relay season raising over \$2,000.00.

We are also proud of our partnership with parents, family, and the community. To begin the 2011-2012 school year the Limestone College Ladies Softball team helped with a grounds improvement project. The PTC at Grassy Pond goes above and beyond each year to ensure that the teachers and students have all the things needed for a successful school year! They provide each student money for a field trip, t-shirts for 5th grade students to support the "Too Good for Drugs" Program, a breakfast for all volunteers, and a donation to our library. As always the Grassy Pond Baptist Church sponsored our Good News Bible club each Monday. The Grassy Pond Fire Department taught students about fire safety. The Sheriff's Department provides officers to our school. They come in each month to eat with students, read a book, or just walk around and talk with students. Finally we have many parent and community members who volunteer each week. They copy papers, read with students, eat lunch with students, or help in the media center. Community and family partnerships are another vitally important part of our school. We truly appreciate each and every person who has contributed to GPES throughout the year.

Ashley B. Clary, Principal

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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 2010-2011 school year and updates on the 2011-2012 goals.

School Statistics

Enrollment: 560 students

70% Caucasian

18% African-American

12% Students of Other Ethnicities

51.4% on Free and Reduced Meals

96.5% Average Daily Attendance

Mission Statement

The mission of Grassy Pond Elementary School, 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 their next level of education and ensuring their success in becoming a productive, contributing individual in an ever-changing society.

Review of 2011-2012 Strategic Plan Goals

- Utilize a variety of sources to communicate school expectations and needs to parents.
- Create a Student Intervention Team to analyze and discuss students needs in order to come up with plans to help improve instruction for the student.
- Offer training to all staff members in the Response to Intervention Model in order to begin effective implementation of the model at GPES.

- Create Intervention Notebooks for each teacher. These notebooks will be used to record all data collected throughout the year.
- Analyze Dominie data, MAP data, PASS data, Rigby data, and benchmark data collected on all students.
- Employ Highly Qualified Reading Interventionists to target intensive reading instruction for students not performing on grade level.

Summary of 2010-2011 PASS Results

% of students Met or Exemplary

Grade 3	School	District	State
ELA	73.6	69.0	80.0
Math	72.5	64.4	70.4
Science	52.2	51.7	60.8
Social Studies	82.2	66.5	76.6
Grade 4			
ELA	81.4	69.0	78.0
Math	82.9	71.9	79.4
Science	75.7	61.7	70.9
Social Studies	75.7	63.8	77.1
Grade 5			
ELA	85.4	70.5	78.3
Math	87.5	73.3	75.3
Science	68.1	58.4	64.9
Social Studies	53.1	59.4	70.4