

Grassy Pond Gators And Our Community

- Career Fair with Cherokee Technology Center
- Campo Giorno by Know 2 Sponsored by Gaffney Medical Center
- Service Projects : Pennies for Pets ~Humane Society of Cherokee County, Canned Food Drive ~ Miracle Hill, Jump Rope for Heart ~ American Heart Association
- Community Outreach : Book Fair, Santa Shop
- YMCA After-School Program
- Good News Club with Grassy Pond Baptist Church
- Limestone College Tutoring

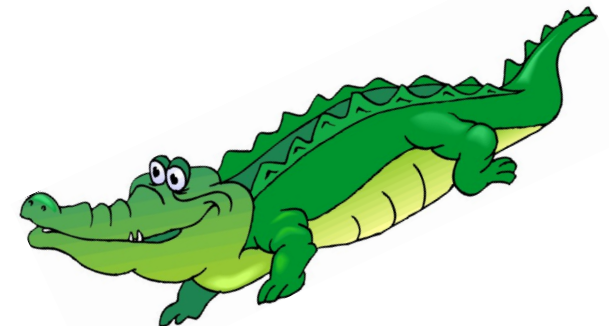


School Activities

- Beta Club
- Morning News Crew
- Fall & Spring Book Fairs
- Chick-fil-a Character Program
- Career Day
- Lego Robotics
- Honor's Choir
- Yearbook Staff
- PTO
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Science Fair
- Fall Festival
- Student Council
- Student Recognition each Nine Weeks
- Music Programs

Grassy Pond Elementary School

Report to the Parents



Cherokee County School District 1

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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's accomplishments and updates on the school's goals.

Achievements

- Regional Science Fair Winner—Joanah Hyatt
- Lego Robotics Project Winners—Halleigh Carrol, Luke Hazle, Kaitlynn Hogg, Natalie Huskey, Caleb Peeler, Heather White, Jaleeza Clyburn, Drew Mathis, Ava Moore, Justin Nguyen, Kensley Parker, Ryder Ruppe
- Writer's Gala Winner—Brady Smith
- District Free Throw Contest Winners—Eli Brown, Luke Sides
- MLK Art /Essay Contest Winners—Jennifer Jimenez, Ke'von Allen
- District Best Singer—Jaleeza Clyburn, Kentley Wright
- Perfect Score PASS ELA—Ryder Ruppe
- Perfect Score PASS Math—Caitlin Hines, Allyson Miller, Halleigh Carroll
- First Tee Core Values Essay Winner—Mallory Garcia
- District Digital Learning Week Contest Winner—Mr. Brad Holmes (Pilot 1to1 Digital Learning)
- AdvancEd Accreditation
- Title 1 Reward School

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.

School Statistics

Enrollment: 528 students

68% Caucasian

20% African-American

12% Hispanic & Other Ethnicities

47.7 % on Free and Reduced Meals

96.5% Average Daily Attendance

Review of 2014-2015 Focus & Goals

- Utilize Staff Development Days and Wednesday faculty meetings for professional development on the Implementation of Common Core State Standards
- Continue Implementation of RTI, Keep RTI cards on each student in notebooks, create RTI Folders for students to keep information in from year to year
- Improve Guided Reading Instruction by surveying teachers on what they feel they need in order to be able to deliver effective small group instruction to students
- Analyze Student Test Data from various sources such as MAP, PASS, Dominie, ITBS/CogAt, DIAL 3 in order to create goals to improve student learning
- Identify Students that fall into Gap Sub-Groups according to the ESEA Waiver to ensure these students are provided opportunities for instruction to help close the achievement gap.

Summary of 2013—2014 PASS Results

% of students Met or Exemplary

Grade 3	School	District
ELA	78.8	69.7
Math	76.5	63.6
Science	54.8	51.3
Social Studies	86	66.7
Writing	73.5	69.1
Grade 4		
ELA	70.2	66.6
Math	73.8	65.9
Science	64.3	62.7
Social Studies	71.5	75.9
Writing	61.5	66.7
Grade 5		
ELA	81	69.7
Math	81	69.6
Science	47.9	56.3
Social Studies	70.2	58.6
Writing	83.3	75.3