

# Grassy Pond Elementary



## 2020-2021 Report to the Community

Ginger Lipscomb, Principal  
Brent Atkins, Assistant Principal

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Tamara Cobb - Teacher  
Brandy Potter - PTO President  
Beth Osment - Parent  
Brooke Hamrick - Parent  
Scottie Kay Auton - Community Member  
Wil Owens - Community Member  
Malisa Robbs - Teacher  
Brent Atkins - Chair/Assistant Principal  
Ginger Lipscomb - Principal



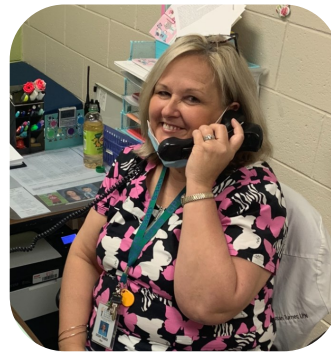
1146 Boiling Springs Highway  
Gaffney, S. C. 29341

### A Special Thank You...

As first responders are being recognized all across the nation for their efforts in combatting the Covid-19 Pandemic, we at Grassy Pond Elementary want to recognize our very own first responders and all the individuals working to create and maintain a safe and supportive environment!

#### Susan Turner—School Nurse

Nurse Turner's responsibilities were thrown a curve ball when the Pandemic hit. But being the amazing nurse she is, she adjusted and has been a vital part of monitoring, evaluating, and treating students during this trying year...all the while smiling through each and every day!



**We thank you and love you  
Nurse Turner!**

### A Special Thank You (cont.)

#### Custodial Staff

Kenny Palmer—Lead Custodian

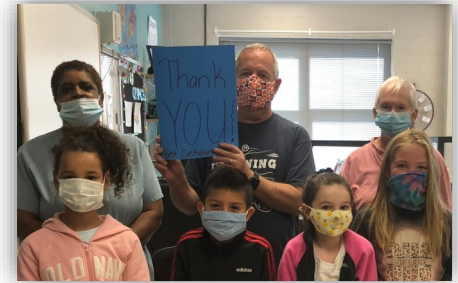
Margaret Perkins

Teresa Pressler

R.B. Truesdale

#### **\*Institute of Innovation Life Skills Class**

A big thank you to our fantastic custodial staff for going above and beyond making sure THE POND is clean and safe for all who step foot in the door!



#### Cafeteria Staff

Karen Hughey

Christy Granger

Libby Parker

Sandra Quinn

Trudy Dawkins

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The Pandemic has detoured all of our meals (Breakfast and Lunch) from the cafeteria into classrooms. A huge thanks to our Cafeteria Staff for adjusting and becoming mobile during 20-21!



## Achievements

- \* Highest SC-Ready Overall Reading and Math score in CCSD (2018-2019)
- \* Tamara Cobb—2020-2021 Teacher of the Year
- \* Kathy Hyatt—2020-2021 Support Staff of the Year
- \* Allie Fowlkes—2020-2021 Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year
- \* 46 students served through the GT/Enrichment program
- \* Young Writers Gala District Winners
  - 1st Place Poetry—Emma Ruth Frady
  - 2nd Place Poetry—Adrienne Hamrick
  - 1st Place Prose—Evie Kate Randolph
  - 2nd Place Prose—Ansley Mathis
- \* Johnathan Lau– Spelling Bee Winner
- \* Peyton Kurtz– Spelling Bee Runner-up



## GPES PTO

### PTO Officers

Brandy Potter—President

Jenna Kite/Beth Huggin—VP

Jennifer Hines—Treasurer

Brooke Hamrick—Secretary

Sara Gilliland— Media

### PTO Sponsored events:

- Back to School Gift Cards
- Face Mask Fundraiser
- Cheer Cart
- School Valentine Candy Gram Fundraiser
- Students made Valentine's Day cards for Cherokee County Medical Staff
- St. Patrick's Day Pickle Fundraiser
- Little Caesars Fundraiser
- Planning beautification for the school at the beginning of the next school year
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Pelican's Spirit Night



**Thanks to all PTO members, Volunteers, and those who help donate!**



## **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.

## **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.

