

## Community Service Projects

- Students participated in Hoops for Heart for the American Heart Association in P.E. class, collecting \$851.26 in funds in memory of Mr. Warren Tisdale.
- To support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, students paid \$2 to wear jeans on two dates this spring.
- Teachers paid \$10 each to wear jeans the week after spring break to raise money for the American Cancer Society.
- Middle School students donated change for Pennies for Patients.
- To assist the local food bank, students collected canned foods.

**Great Falls Middle School cares!**

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- ♦ A Black History Program was held in February with featured speaker TV/Radio personality Beatrice Thompson.
- ♦ 6th graders participated in a special program called ¡Fiesta! with the high school Spanish class students.
- ♦ Students attended a program entitled Internet Safety & Cyber Bullying presented by Patti Fowler from the State Attorney General's Office.
- ♦ Student incentives included Student of the Month, Good Behavior Assemblies, and Early Lunch for Honor Roll students.



## FINE ARTS & ELECTIVES

- 100% of students were enrolled in PE/Health classes.
- 71% of middle school students had visual art class.
- Choral music classes had a participation rate of 65%.
- 32% of students had band class.
- 55% of 8th graders participated in Army JROTC class.
- 86% of students took Keyboarding class.

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## GREAT FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Report to the People

**2010-2011**



**Our Mission: Educators  
forging a future for *every*  
student.**

***"One School, One Team,  
One Vision"***

Mrs. Brenda Fort, Principal  
Mr. Jerry Digh, Assistant Principal  
Mr. Glenn Ross, SIC Chairperson

## **GREAT FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMICS**

- Great Falls Middle School met 94.1% of Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) objectives for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined by federal legislation No Child Left Behind.
- 73.8% of 7th Graders scored Met or Exemplary on 2010 PASS Math.
- 100% of 8th Grade Honors English students received high school credit for English I.
- 2 8th grade students qualified as SC Junior Scholars for their high scores on the PSAT.
- A GFMS 8th grader won the State Superintendent of Education's Writing Contest for Chester County.
- The Academic Challenge Team competed well against teams from Lewisville, Chester, York, Fairfield, and Clover.
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) average scores for 6th Grade Reading and Language Usage and 8th Grade Math exceeded the national mean this spring.
- All students had double blocks of Language Arts and Math this year.



## **Athletic Accomplishments**

- **43% of 7th and 8th graders participated in athletics at GFMS this year. Students paid a district fee of \$25 to participate in sports for the first time.**
- **The Great Falls Middle School Football team completed their season undefeated this year!**
- **The GFMS Lady Red Devils basketball team finished their season at 11-3.**
- **The Boys Basketball team had a winning season of 10-4.**
- **Middle School cheerleaders entertained and supported both football and basketball teams.**
- **Middle School students participate in high school sports of softball, golf, track, and JV baseball.**

**GO RED DEVILS!**

## **About Our Staff**

- ♦ **Great Falls Middle School is now a Winthrop NetSCOPE Partner School.**
- ♦ **Several staff members will attend the Education and Business Summit state (Greenville) and national (Nashville) conferences this summer.**
- ♦ **10 staff members hold Master's degrees or above.**
- ♦ **Years experience for staff range from 3 to 34 years with an average of 15.3 years.**
- ♦ **\$85,725.00 in grants were awarded to teachers and staff at Great Falls Middle School this year.**
- ♦ **3 teachers have National Board Certification.**
- ♦ **Faculty participated in a book study of What Great Teachers Do Differently by Todd Whitaker.**
- ♦ **Staff development for individuals included: Response to Intervention, Microsoft Office 2011, ETV, Teaching Struggling Readers, Plato Web, Making Middle Grades Work, Explicit Direct Instruction, and e-chalk training.**

