

Found at GFE

STC, FOSS, and DSM Science Kits for Classrooms

Math Manipulatives

All teachers have HP Tablets

Promethean Boards in every Classroom

First and Fourth Grade Book Buddies

Author visit from Kobie Wilkerson

Power before/Power after Hours tutoring

25 laptops on a portable cart

10 iPads

8 iPods

\$1000 from Boxtops for Education

Science Notebooking within all grade levels

Book Fairs

Partnerships with 4H, JROTC, Avant Garde Center for the Arts

Social Studies Weekly in Grades 1 and 3

Full size gymnasium with a rock climbing wall and exercise studio

PTO Book Wagon

SuccessMaker Computer Software

Physical Education lessons in dance, sport skills and fitness, aligned to state regular classroom standards

Family Reading Night

Family Math Night

Parent Workshops

Journeys

Choral Performances

My Math

Music Learning centers for experimenting with musical elements and reading and playing notations

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessments

Gifted and Talented Summer Art Program

100 Book Club Celebration

Facebook, School Website, Teacher Web Sites, and Twitter Page

Our Guidance curriculum consists of individual and group counseling, mock court, character words of the month, and Parent/Guardian contacts and home visits as needed.



Our Mission

Stars of Excellence,
Determined to Shine!

Colossal Collaboration

At GFE, we are a Professional Learning Community! We collaborate across curriculum and with fine arts. These collaborations allow the opportunity for students to be STARS OF EXCELLENCE.....DETERMINED TO SHINE!

Fine Arts and Fitness Friday (FAFulous Friday)

Math & Science Fair held in May

Jump Rope for Heart \$2809.98

Read Across America Dr. Seuss day held in March

Our 6th annual Career Awareness Fair highlighting careers and talents throughout our state.

Annual Field Day

Awards Night

Nine Weeks' Awards Programs

Nine Weeks' Celebrations

Benchmark testing

PASS Testing

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Report to the Parents

2013—2014

Introduction



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 school accomplishments in the 2013-2014 school year and changes for the 2014—2015 year.

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) reviews our goals and achievements and reports progress to our school family and community.

Meet Your School Improvement Council Members

Nancy Smith, Chair
Debra Terry, Vice Chair
Rachel McAbee, Secretary
Rachel Coyle, Community Rep.
Stephanie Barber, Faculty
Michelle Smith, Faculty
Gail Stalls, Faculty
Maxine Tate, PTO Rep
Wendell Sumter, Ex Officio

Focused School Renewal Plan for 2014-2015

Due to GFE's participation in the **External Review Team Liaison Program**, the following changes were instituted this school year. A 120 minute unbroken block of time was dedicated to ELA first thing in the morning, when learning is at its prime. All teachers, including Fine Arts teachers, participate in instruction during this block. We have also instituted collaborative planning and assessment because of the ERTL.

We Are All Stars

—DISTRICT SPELLING BEE WINNER—

CHRISOPHER DIXON

Michelle Smith, second grade teacher, was chosen as GFE Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015.



J. Marion Sims Foundation Pet Grants—

Dale Hinson "Snap It to Phonics and Flip It to Phonics" \$500.00

Alison Howe "Working Out the Wiggles" \$499.94

Nancy Smith "Tag, (You're) Reading (It)" \$499.00

Cheri Collins "Hands on Math" \$500.00

Winthrop Netscope Internship

Judy Province/Sandra Sanford

Cheri Collins/Megan Flaherty

Nancy Smith/Sarah Patneaude

Stephanie Barber/Liason

Winthrop Partnership

Dale Hinson

Nancy Smith

Swanetta Hall

Quinton Gregory

Debra Jordan

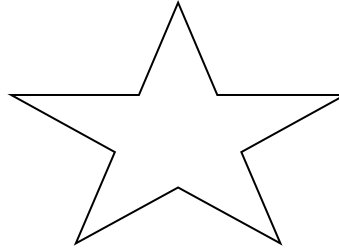
Judy Province

Tonya Weir

About Our School

Great Falls Elementary is a Title 1 school in rural Chester County, South Carolina. With approximately 420 students in grades Pre-K through 5. The current free/reduced price lunch percentage of students is 74.4%.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) Test



2013 PASS Results

Grade 3 (Percent Met and Above)

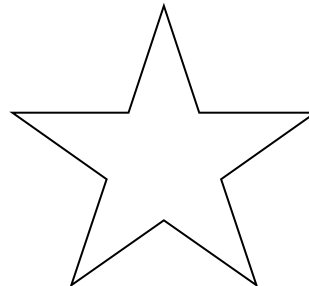
ELA 74% Writing 55.4% Science 68.6%
Math 63% Social Studies 73.7%

Grade 4 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 68% Writing 72.6% Science 62%
Math 68% Social Studies 74%

Grade 5 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 55.4% Writing 53.5% Science 46.4%
Math 44.6% Social Studies 32.1%



School Renewal Plan Goals & Results

As of April 29, 2014



Goal: Discipline Referrals will decrease by 10 % yearly.

Goal Not Met



Goal: By 2016 school year 90% of parents/guardians will participate in school related activities.

Goal met— 100% attendance for conferences



Goal: By the end of 2015-2016 school year, faculty satisfaction with their working environment at GFE will be 100%.

Goal-N/A



Goal: By the end of 2015 students grades 3-5 who score met/exemplary in PASS will increase to 100% as follows

	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
ELA	74.3	80.7	87.1	93.5	100
Math	73.5	80.1	86.7	93.3	100
Science	73.8	80.3	86.8	93.4	100
Social S.	66.8	75.2	83.3	91.6	100

Goal-N/A

