



## Teacher Resources

Literacy Coach  
Math Coach/Interventionist  
Reading Interventionist  
Special Education Resource  
Teacher



Pre-K students receive laptops from Waterford for home use.

Students in Grades K-5 receive laptops to use at school and home.



**NetSERVE**  
Teacher Residency Program  
Network for Sustained Educational Residencies that Value Equity



Winthrop University  
**The Rex Institute**  
Building partnerships. Building success.



## School Awards and Honors

Farm to School Grant Award Recipient  
NWEA Featured Case Study School  
Winthrop Residency School Partner  
Winthrop Rex Institute Partner School  
Jr. National Beta Club School of Merit  
National Elementary Honor Society



### About Our School

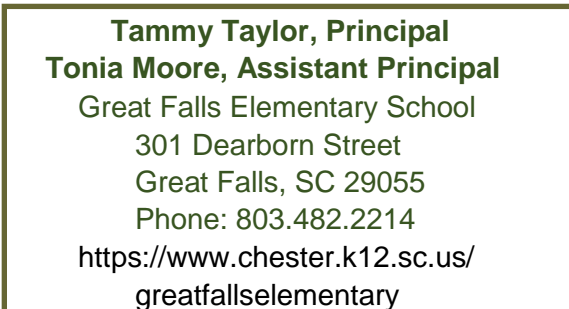
Great Falls Elementary School is a Title I school in rural Chester County, SC. Enrollment is approximately 324 students in grades Pre-K through 5. The current percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch is 90%.

### Teacher of the Year

Carria Treveiler, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

### Support Staff of the Year

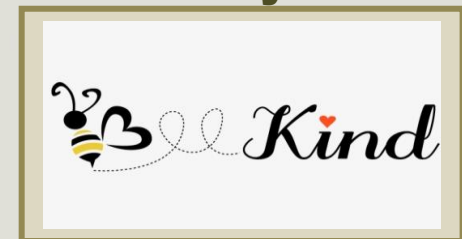
De'Borah McNeil, Attendance Clerk



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**Tonia Moore, Assistant Principal**  
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## Great Falls

## Elementary School



## Report to the Parents

### 2020-2021

This report is provide to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2020-2021 school year and changes for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

### SIC Officers 2020-2021

Laura Harris – Chair  
Josh Brantley – Co-Chair  
Maxine Tate, Secretary  
Tammy Taylor,  
Ex-Officio, Principal  
Tonia Moore,  
Ex Officio, Asst. Principal  
Jessica Snipes,  
PTO Representative  
Nancy Smith  
Elizabeth Dockery  
Marsha Commodore  
Teacher Representatives  
O'Neal Simpson  
Gerry Barnette  
Stephanie Williams  
Community Representatives  
Shelly Price  
Parent Representative

## Notes from the Principal

Great Falls Elementary School is just like an exquisite and beautiful diamond. Our school is rare – quite unique...and of the highest quality – just like a fine diamond. The teaching staff and student population are second to none. Although the school has had to navigate through some very difficult times, and has had to deal with hardships and tremendous turnover, we are better for it – having been able to navigate our way through those various experiences. We have a stronger staff who is committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure our students are successful. We have students who have begun to realize their value and believe in the potential that lies within each of them.

An additional quality of Great Falls Elementary that makes us such a special place for both children and adults to thrive is just like diamonds, we all come in many different sizes, shapes, and colors, and we each bring with us our own special and unique characteristics! Such beautiful diversity and individuality has helped to create a strong sense of respect and appreciation for the differences and uniqueness of every person in our school.

Great Falls Elementary is a GREAT place to learn and grow – both as a student and as an adult. I am thankful for the opportunity to lead such an incredible school with such amazing students and staff. I am humbled to serve in a community where I can truly make a difference – and pour my energy and efforts into making the school better with each passing day.

Follow our school on Facebook and other social media outlets to be sure you are aware of all of the wonderful things that are happening at our school!

Humbly,  
Principal Tammy Taylor

As a school assessing during the pandemic, we have continued to experience student growth. We are very proud of our students. Although the Coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on the way we have to conduct business as a school, our staff and students have handled the changes with dignity and grace.

Although the pandemic has had a negative impact on achievement data according to MAP, we have been thankful to see constant growth in our students throughout the year. In Winter of the 2019-20 school year, 41% of kindergarteners met or exceeded grade level expectations in reading, while 48% met or exceeded grade level expectations in math. In first grade, 18% of students met or exceeded grade level expectations in reading and 50% in math. During the same school year, 21% of students in second grade met or exceeded grade level expectations in reading and 46% in math. One year later, Winter of the 2020-21 school year, In kindergarten, 29% met or exceeded grade level expectations in reading and 48% in math. In first grade 18% of students met or exceeded grade level expectations in reading and 34% in math. At the same time, 25% of second grade students met or exceeded grade level expectations in reading and 30% in math.

Just as in the primary grades, in our upper grades, the pandemic has had a negative impact on school achievement for the third through fifth grade students at Great Falls Elementary according to MAP. However, we have seen a steady growth for these students, as well. Only 19% of third grade students met or exceeded grade level expectations in reading and 23% in math. In fourth grade, 15% of students met or exceeded grade level expectations in reading and 8% in math. 13% of fifth grade students met or exceeded expectations in reading and 13% in math.

## School Renewal Plan Goals & Results

**Goal:** By 2023, Great Falls Elementary students in all grades will increase RIT Scale Norms (meets or exceeds) in Math, as measured by the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment.

Goal—Ongoing

**Goal:** By 2023, Great Falls Elementary students in all grades will increase RIT Scale Norms (meets or exceeds) in Reading as measured by the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment.

Goal—Ongoing

### 2018 SC Ready and SC Pass Results

#### **Grade 3 (Percent Met and Above)**

ELA	32.8%
Math	31.1%

#### **Grade 4 (Percent Met and Above)**

ELA	20%
Math	26.7%
Science	35%

#### **Grade 5 (Percent Met and Above)**

ELA	23.9%
Math	12.7%
Social Studies	69%
Report Card Rating	- Good