

Resources at GFE

STC, FOSS, and DSM Science Kits for Classrooms

Math Manipulatives

Lenovo Laptops for all teachers

Promethean Boards in every Classroom

Peer Tutors

Power before/Power after Hours tutoring

25 laptops on a portable cart

10 iPads

8 iPods

\$1200 from Boxtops for Education

Book Fairs

Partnerships with 4H, JROTC

Social Studies Weekly in Grades 1-5

Full size gymnasium with a rock climbing wall and

exercise studio

Brain Gym

PTO Book Wagon

SuccessMaker Computer Software

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

Monthly Parent Workshops

Journeys– ELA Curriculum

My Math Curriculum

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessments

Gifted and Talented Art Program

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.

2 Computer Labs

Classroom Libraries

WGFE Morning News Show



Our Mission

Stars of Excellence,
Determined to Shine!

GFE Programs and Events

Math & Science Fair held in May

Jump Rope for Heart

Read Across America / Dr. Seuss day held
in March

Our 7th annual Career Awareness Fair
highlighting careers and talents throughout
our state.

Annual Field Day

Fall Carnival

Awards Night

Nine Weeks' Awards Programs

Nine Weeks' Citizenship Celebrations

STARS lunches with Principal

Family Reading Night

PTO Bike Run

Doughnuts for Dudes

Goodies for Gals

Choral Performances

100 Book Club Celebration

Book Character Parade

Readers Are Leaders Day

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Report to the Parents

2014–2015

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 2014-2015 school year and changes for the 2015–2016 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

Maxine Tate, Chair
Rachel McAbee, Vice Chair
Betsy Howie, Secretary
Debra Terry, Parent Rep.
Stephanie Barber & Berthea Washington-Kelly, Community Rep.

Chanel Burton, Faculty
Julie Tate, PTO Rep
Wendell Sumter, Ex Officio
B. Renee' Geddings, Ex Officio

We Are All Stars

—DISTRICT SPELLING BEE WINNER—

CHRISOPHER DIXON

Quinton Gregory, fifth grade teacher, was chosen as GFE Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016.

J. Marion Sims Foundation Pet Grants

Recipients:

Dale Hinson
Alison Howe
Tammy Price



Winthrop Netscope Internship

Dale Hinson/Angelika Davis
Cheri Collins/Andrea Saxon
Quinton Gregory/Kiara Wilson
Stephanie Barber/Liaison

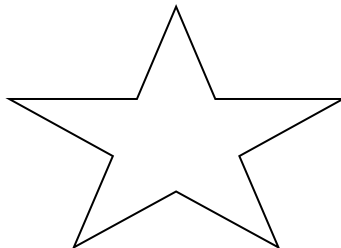
Winthrop Partnership Mentors & Host Teachers

Dale Hinson
Nancy Smith
Quinton Gregory
Tonya Weir
Alison Howe
Chanel Burton
Rachel McAbee
Hannah Brandt
Eric Greene
Elizabeth Dockery

About Our School

Great Falls Elementary is a Title 1 school in rural Chester County, South Carolina. With approximately 442 students in grades Pre-K through 5. The current free/reduced price lunch percentage of students is 75%.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) Test



2014 PASS Results

Grade 3 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 77.6% Science 62.1%

Math 69% Social Studies 69%

Grade 4 (Percent Met and Above)

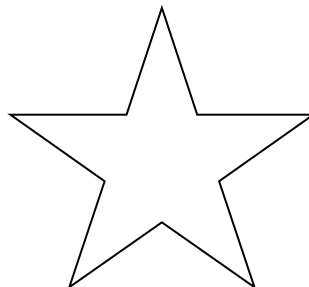
ELA 66.7% Science 59.1%

Math 69.7% Social Studies 75.8%

Grade 5 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 77.1% Science 75%

Math 66.7% Social Studies 66.7%



School Renewal Plan Goals & Results

As of April 29, 2015



Goal: Discipline Referrals will decrease by 10 % yearly.

Goal Exceeded (Referrals reduced by 46% to date of publishing)



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-TBD

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-TBD / State testing changed to ACT-Aspire for Writing, English, Reading and Math for the 2014-15 school year. SCPASS testing will be at 4th and 5th grade levels only in the areas of Science and Social Studies.

