



Teacher Resources

Literacy Coach
 Reading Interventionist
 Special Education Resource
 Speech Pathologist



Grant Recipients

Field Trip Assistance

Pre-Kindergarten
 Kindergarten
 First Grade
 Second Grade
 Third Grade
 Fifth Grade

Donor's Choose

Tanisha Buda (3)

Horizons Education Grant

Tanisha Buda (Playground Update)



School Awards and Honors

National Title 1 Distinguished School
 SC Distinguished School
 Microsoft Showcase School
 Winthrop Netscope Partner School
 National Beta Club School of Merit
 National Honor Society



About Our School

Great Falls Elementary School is a Title I school in rural Chester County, SC. Enrollment is approximately 426 students in grades Pre-K through 5. The current percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch is 90%.

Teacher of the Year

Tanisha Buda, 1st grade

Support Staff of the Year

Brad Rikard, IT Department

Winthrop Netscope Internship

Alison Howe / Kayla Davis

Nancy Smith / Erin Satterfield

Tammy Taylor, Principal
Justin Tipton, Assistant Principal
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Great Falls Elementary School



Report to the Parents 2017-2018

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 2016-2017 school year and changes for the 2017-2018 year.

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

School Improvement Council

Chasidy Kennington—Chair
 Sally Turner—Vice Chair
 Tanisha Buda—Secretary
 Tammy Taylor,
 Ex Officio, Principal
 Justin Tipton,
 Ex Officio, Asst. Principal
 Tonya Smarr,
 PTO Representative
 Alison Howe,
 Teacher Representative
 Beverly Tate,
 Community Representative
 Monica Alexander,
 Parent Representative

Resources at GFE

FOSS and DSM Science Kits
 Math Manipulatives
 Lenovo Laptops for all teachers
 Laptops for students in grades 3-5
 Promethean Boards in all rooms
 iPads/iPods
 3D Printer
 Partnerships with GFHS JROTC, Teacher Cadets, Cheerleaders, Athletic Dept., and Beta Club; 4H
 Social Studies Weekly in Grades 1-5
 Gym with rock climbing wall and equipped exercise studio
 Brain Gym
 Weekly PTO Book Wagon
 Physical Education lessons in dance, sports skills and fitness, aligned to state regular classroom standards
 Journeys curriculum
 Letterland curriculum
 My Math curriculum
 Measures of Academic Progress Assessments
 School Facebook & Twitter pages
 Teacher Classroom Websites
 Parent Portal
 Two Student Computer Labs
 Classroom Libraries
 Teacher Resource Room
 Study Island Computer Program
 SuccessMaker Computer Program
 Reading Eggs Computer Program
 Math Seeds Computer Program
 On site mental health counselor
 Guidance curriculum consisting of individual and group counseling, mock court, monthly character words, and parent/guardian contacts and home visits as needed
 Morning Intervention / Enrichment

Parent Resource Center
 Student Council
 Gifted and Talented Art Program
 Gifted and Talented (ACCENT)
 Monthly Student Clubs
 GITI Math and Science Club
 WGFE Morning News Show

GFE Programs and Events

Jump Rope for Heart
 Read Across America Week
 Career Awareness Day
 Red Ribbon Week
 Field Day
 Awards Night
 Student Honor & Award Assemblies
 100 Book Club Celebrations
 MAP Testing Celebrations
 Student of the Month Sundaes
 PTO Honor Roll Cookout
 The Great Reading Race Competition
 Grade Level Literacy Nights
 PTO Family Literacy Event
 Living Museum Exhibition
 Choral Performances
 Santa Workshop
 Scholastic Book Fairs
 Breakfast with Grandparents
 PTO Doughnuts for Divas / Dudes
 PTO Fall Carnival
 PTO Parent Appreciation Dance
 Spelling Bee
 Field Trips

School Renewal Plan Goals & Results

- **Goal:** Student discipline referrals resulting in out of school suspensions will decrease by 10% yearly from 158 incidents in 2016-2017 to 127.98 incidents in 2018-2019.

Goal—In Progress

- **Goal:** By 2018 school year, 100% of parents/guardians will participate in some school related activity.

Goal—In Progress

- **Goal:** By the end of 2018-2019 school year, faculty satisfaction with their working environment at GFE will be 100%

Goal—In Progress

- **Goal:** The percentage of students in grades 3-5 who score Met/Exemplary on State Standardized tests will increase by 5% yearly on average from 2018-2019—2023-2024.

Goal—In Progress

2017 SC Ready and SC Pass Results

Grade 3 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA	29.3%
Math	41.4%

Grade 4 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA	24.4%
Math	31.1%
Science	33.8%
Social Studies	79.7%

Grade 5 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA	35.5%
Math	38.7%
Science	45.2%
Social Studies	69.4%