



Teacher Resources

Literacy Coach
Reading Interventionist
Special Education Resource
Teachers
Math Coach
Math Interventionist



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



School Awards and Honors

Farm to School Grant Award Recipient
NWEA Featured Case Study School
Winthrop NetServe School Partner
Edmentum Showcase School
National Jr. 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 350 students in grades Pre-K through 5. Currently, our school provides free lunch and breakfast for all students.

Teacher of the Year

Ta' Nisha Cole 3rd Grade Teacher

Support Staff of the Year

Latasha Curry, Cafeteria Manager

Padraic D. Hampton, Principal

Wendy Shuler & Dana Williams

Assistant Principal

Great Falls Elementary School

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Report to the Parents

2025 - 2026

This report is provided 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 (ACT135) of 1993. It presents information about Great Falls Elementary School for the 2024 – 2025 school and goals for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

SIC Officers 2025-2026

Nekhi Holmes – Chair

Nancy Smith – Co-Chair

Padraic Hampton,

Ex-Officio, Principal

Wendy Shuler, Dana Williams

Ex-Officio, Assistant Principal

Marsha Commodore,

Ex-Officio,

PTO Representative

Pat Carl Hadap

Alexis McConnell

Terrell Holmes

Teacher Representatives

Nanette Austin

Joyce Green

Karlina Twisdale

Community Representatives

Shelly Price

Parent Representative

Lee McKeown III

Notes from the Principal

Great Falls Elementary School is truly a hidden gem. At Great Falls Elementary School, we are committed to creating a safe, nurturing, and academically challenging environment where every child can thrive. Our mission is to ensure that all students feel valued, supported, and inspired to reach their fullest potential.

We believe that strong relationships between school and home are the foundation of student success. When families, teachers, and staff work together, our students benefit not only academically but socially and emotionally as well. At Great Falls Elementary, we strive to provide engaging instruction, meaningful learning experiences, and opportunities that celebrate the unique strengths of every child.

I am incredibly proud of our dedicated staff and the enthusiasm our students bring each day. Together, we will continue to build a culture of excellence, respect, and high expectations.

Padraic D. Hampton
Principal
Great Falls Elementary

A YEAR IN REVIEW



School Renewal Plan Goals & Results

Goal: By the 2027-2028 school year, Great Falls Elementary School will increase the total percentage of 3rd-5th grade students scoring Meets and Exceeds in reading from 39% in 2021-2022 to 54%, as measured by the SC READY

Goal—Ongoing

Goal: By the 2027-2028 school year, Great Falls Elementary School will increase the total percentage of 3rd-5th grade students scoring Meets and Exceeds in math from 43% in 2021-2022 to 58%, as measured by the SC READY Assessment. 3rd Grade - 46.5% to 61.5% 4th Grade - 45.1% to 60.1% 5th Grade - 34.6% to 49.6%

Goal—Ongoing

2025 SC Ready and SC Pass Results

Grade 3 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA	61%
Math	48.1%

Grade 4 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA	56.8%
Math	42.1%
Science	52.6%

Grade 5 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA	44.7%
Math	25.5 %