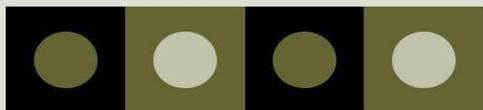
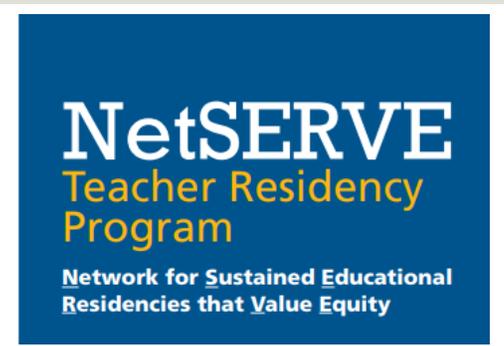


## Teacher Resources

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



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 Residency School Partner  
Winthrop Rex Institute Partner School  
Jr. National Beta Club School of Merit  
National Elementary Honor Society



### About Our School

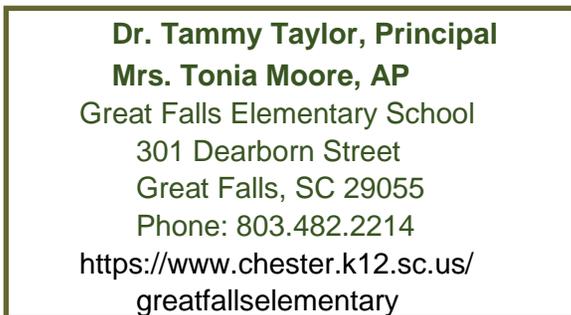
Great Falls Elementary School is a Title I school in rural Chester County, SC. Enrollment is approximately 350 students in grades Pre-K through 5. The current percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch is 90%.

### Teacher of the Year

Nancy Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

### Support Staff of the Year

Latasha Curry, Cafeteria Manager



## Great Falls

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## Report to the Parents

### 2022 - 2023

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 school accomplishments in the 2022 - 2023 school year and changes for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

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

### SIC Officers 2022 - 2023

Josh Brantley – Chair

Maxine Tate, Secretary

Tammy Taylor,  
Ex-Officio, Principal

Tonia Moore,  
Ex Officio, Asst. Principal

Jessica Snipes

Dwayne Robinson -  
PTO Representative

Nancy Smith

Elizabeth Dockery  
Marsha Commodore  
Teacher Representatives

Stephanie Williams  
Patricia Shuford  
Community Representatives  
Shelley Price

Parent Representative

## Notes from the Principal

Great Falls Elementary School is like a hidden treasure. Our school is filled with talented, committed, and dedicated staff members, as well as highly intelligent and capable students. 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 and work hard to let others know, as well.

At Great Falls Elementary, we respect that we are all uniquely different. We are proud to have various races, ethnicities, and cultures represented in our school. Such beautiful diversity and individuality have helped to create a strong sense of respect and appreciation for the differences and uniqueness represented in every person in our school. Respect and representation are key elements in a school culture that thrives, like ours.

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 every single 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!

Humbly,  
Dr. Tammy Taylor, Principal



In the 2017 – 2018 school year, Great Falls Elementary was identified as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement school (CSI). This sanction is assigned to Title I schools performing in the bottom five percent of schools in the state. With this identification came many sanctions for our school leadership, our staff, and our students. Since, 2017 – 2018, the staff and students have worked tirelessly to move off of the CSI list and out of school improvement. During the 2022 – 2023 school year, this seemingly impossible mission was accomplished. Our school, not only came off of the CSI list, but our school was able to completely exit the School Improvement process.

This was only made possible through the amazing leadership provided during this time by our Instructional Leadership Team and the hard work and commitment of our staff and students. The school improvement process has been a journey that has allowed our school to learn and grow and ultimately to become a better school.

Our students have continuously grown since that 2017 – 2018 school year. Expectations of excellence have taught them how to set stretch goals for themselves and to become ambassadors of their own learning. A

At GFE, every staff and student is accountable for learning, and as such – growth is expected and observed from 100% of our students each year. Although our school is no longer formally identified as a school in improvement, we are a school that believes that continuous school improvement is now a way of “being”; therefore, we continue to use those structures, protocols, and expectations that were put in place to help us to exit the process.

Our school improvement journey continues, as we continue to strive to be the very BEST school we can possibly be.

## School Renewal Plan Goals & Results

**Goal:** By 2023, 48% of Great Falls Elementary students in grades 3 - 5 will score meets or exceeds in Math on the SC READY assessment.

Goal - Ongoing

**Goal:** By 2023, 44% of Great Falls Elementary students in grades 3 - 5 will score meets or exceeds in ELA on the SC READY assessment.

Goal - Ongoing

### 2021 SC Ready and SC Pass Results

#### **Grade 3 (Percent Meets and Exceeds)**

ELA	39%
Math	47%

#### **Grade 4 (Percent Meets and Exceeds)**

ELA	38%
Math	45%
Science	37%

#### **Grade 5 (Meets and Exceeds)**

ELA	41%
Math	35%

