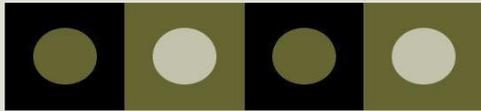


Teacher Resources

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



Pre-K students received Seedlings for school and home use.

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



School Awards and Honors

2023 – 2024 Palmetto’s Finest Semi-Finalist
Winthrop Netserve Residency School Partner
Beta Club School of Merit
National Elementary Honor Society School
2023 – 2024 Elementary GITI Tire Winners
2024 Edmentum Showcase School



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 100%.

Teacher of the Year

Mary “Molly” Young, 2nd Grade

Support Staff of the Year

Darlene Williams, Instructional Assistant

Dr. Tammy S. Taylor, Principal
Tonia Moore, Assistant Principal

Great Falls Elementary School
301 Dearborn Street
Great Falls, SC 29055
Phone: 803.482.2214
<https://www.chester.k12.sc.us/greatfallselementary>

Great Falls Elementary School



Report to the Parents 2023 - 2024

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 2023 - 2024

Brooke Rabon – Chair
James McNeil – Co-Chair
Nancy Smith, Secretary
Tammy Taylor,
Ex-Officio, Principal
Tonia Moore,
Ex Officio, Asst. Principal
Marsha Commodore
PTO Representative
Lisa Usher
Janice Salmorin
Gail Stalls

Teacher Representatives

Maxine Tate
Stephanie Williams
Community Representatives
Shelley Price
Parent Representative

Notes from the Principal

Great Falls Elementary School is truly 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

The Continuous School Improvement process is designed to create systems and structures that equip students, teachers, and administrators with the tools they need to be successful. For the past half-decade, Great Falls Elementary (GFE) has been on a Continuous Improvement journey. In 2018 – 2019, Great Falls Elementary was identified as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement School (CSI)...based on data from 2017 – 2018 and years prior. CSI schools are identified by falling into the bottom 5% of Title I schools for all students in the state.

Over the past five years, our students and staff have worked extremely hard – to commit to the continuous improvement process, to shift our mindsets, and to create a culture of expectation, equality, and excellence in our school. Although there is still much work to be done at Great Falls Elementary, each year – our students grow exponentially in both reading and math.

Spring 2023 – 2024 NWEA MAP Data:

Kindergarten

Reading – 51%
Math – 66%

1st Grade

Reading – 47%
Math – 76%

2nd Grade

Reading – 64%
Math – 67%

3rd Grade

Reading – 41%
Math – 70%

4th Grade

Reading – 49%
Math – 54%
Science – 37%

5th Grade

Reading – 40%
Math – 39%

School Renewal Plan Goals & Results

Goal: By 2025, 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 2025, 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

2023 SC Ready and SC Pass Results

Grade 3 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA	53.3%
Math	62.2%

Grade 4 (Percent Met and Above)

Science	61.8%
---------	-------

Grade 5 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA	44.6%
Math	39.3%