

## Resources at GFE

STC, FOSS, and DSM Science Kits for Classrooms  
Math Manipulatives  
Lenovo Laptops for all teachers  
Promethean Boards in every Classroom  
10 iPads  
8 iPods  
Partnerships with GFHS JROTC, Teacher Cadets,  
Cheerleaders, Athletic Department, and Beta Club  
Partnership with 4H  
Social Studies Weekly in Grades 1-5  
Full size gymnasium with a rock climbing wall and  
exercise studio  
Brain Gym  
Weekly PTO Book Wagon  
SuccessMaker Computer Software  
Journeys– ELA Curriculum  
My Math Curriculum  
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assess-  
ments  
School Facebook Page  
School Website  
Teacher Web Sites  
School Twitter Page  
Peachjar  
2 Computer Labs  
Classroom Libraries  
WGFE Morning News Show  
Letterland Curriculum  
Reading Eggs Program  
Math Seeds Program  
Mental Health Counselor

Our Physical Education lessons teach dance, sport skills and fitness, which are all aligned with regular South Carolina State Standards.

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.



**Our Mission**  
Stars of Excellence,  
Determined to Shine!

## GFE Programs and Events

Math & Science Fair  
Student Clubs  
Jump Rope for Heart \$  
Dr. Seuss' Read Across America Day  
Our 9th Annual Career Awareness Fair  
Annual Field Day  
Awards Night  
Student Honor & Awards Assemblies  
Student Behavior Celebrations  
STARS celebrations with the Principal  
Family Reading Night  
PTO Bike Run  
Mock Presidential Election  
100 Book Club Celebration  
Book Character Parade  
St. Jude's Mathathon  
Parent Coffee with the Principal  
Monthly Literacy Nights  
Scholastic Book Fairs  
Grits with Grandparents  
Gifted and Talented Art Program  
American Cancer Society Valentine's Dance  
Relay for Life  
Sunrise Social  
Fall Festival  
GiTi Math/Science Club & Competition

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## Report to the Parents

**2016-2017**

### 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 2015-2016 school year and changes for the 2016–2017 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  
Jessica Snipes, Parent Rep.  
Berthea Washington-Kelly & Shelley Price, Community Rep.

Chanel Burton, Faculty  
Stephanie Barber, PTO Rep  
Tammy Taylor, Ex Officio  
Justin Tipton, Ex Officio

## We Are All Stars

—GFE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNER—

Vanessa Harrison

Elizabeth Howie, K-5 Teacher, was chosen as GFE Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018.

## Grants Recipients:

Kindergarten Team (Field Trip Assistance)

1st Grade Team (Field Trip Assistance)

5th Grade Team (Field Trip Assistance)

Katelyn Aiken—3rd Grade (Donor's Choose)

## Winthrop Netscope Internship

Sally Turner/Shy-da Bradley

Quinton Gregory/Iman McNeil

Elizabeth Dockery/ Taylor McSwain

Stephanie Barber/ Liaison

## Winthrop Partnership Mentors & Host Teachers

Dale Hinson

Nancy Smith

Quinton Gregory

Alison Howe

Chanel Lynn

Rachel McAbee

Eric Greene

Elizabeth Dockery

Karlanna Twisdale

Debra Jordan

Elizabeth Howie

Sally Turner

## About Our School

Great Falls Elementary is a Title 1 school in rural Chester County, South Carolina. With approximately 428 students in grades Pre-K through 5. The current free/reduced price lunch percentage of students is 90%.

## School Awards & Honors

National Title 1 Distinguished School Award

National Beta Club School of Merit

## 2016 SC READY & SC PASS Results

### Grade 3 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 40.8%

Math 49.3%

### Grade 4 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 40.0%

Math 47.7%

Science 61.5%

Social Studies 80.0%

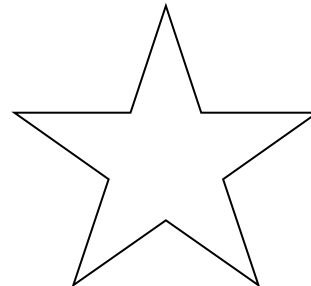
### Grade 5 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 34.7%

Math 36.7%

Science 66.0%

Social Studies 68.0%



## School Renewal Plan Goals & Results

As of April 27, 2017

★ **Goal:** Student discipline referrals, resulting in suspension, will decrease by 10% yearly from 329 incidents in 2011-2012 to 156 incidents in 2017-2018.

Goal— On going

★ **Goal:** By 2017 school year 90% of parents/guardians will participate in school related activities.

Goal— Met

★ **Goal:** By the end of 2016-2017 school year, faculty satisfaction with their working environment at GFE will be 100%.

Goal— Met

★ **Goal:** The percentage of students in grades 3-5 who score Met/Exemplary in State Standardized tests will increase by 25% yearly, on average from 2010-2011 to 2017-2018.

Goal-In Progress

