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Green Sea Floyds Elementary

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School Summary Report



School Mission

To provide a rigorous, results-driven curriculum that ensures the academic, social, emotional, and physical development of all students, preparing them to reach their full potential as responsible and productive members of society.

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Dear Parents,

The School Improvement Council for Green Sea Floyds Elementary School has prepared this school summary report for you and the members of our community who are interested in our school. The report reviews the progress made on our strategic plan for increasing student learning, test scores, and the goals to be accomplished during the school year.

Green Sea Floyds Elementary is proud of its accomplishments. Our school continues to be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the South Carolina Department of Education.

If you have any questions about the information in this report or want a copy of the school's strategic plan, please call 392-1078.

Melissa G. Gause

Our PASS Scores

PASS is the state's accountability measurement of student achievement for grades 3-8. State and federal laws require end-of-the-year accountability tests for grades 3-8 that are based on state academic standards. PASS results include scores in five subject areas: writing, reading and research, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Green Sea Floyds Elementary scores by grade level on 2012 PASS tests are listed below:

Writing					
Grade	Number Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met and Above
5	95	20.7	41.4	37.9	79.3
English Language Arts (Reading and Research)					
Grade	Number Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met and Above
3	96	24.1	33.3	42.5	75.9
4	100	14.9	26.6	58.5	85.1
5	96	22.7	28.4	48.9	77.3
Mathematics					
Grade	Number Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met and Above
3	96	26.4	31	42.5	73.6
4	100	12.8	29.8	57.4	87.2
5	96	21.6	35.2	43.2	78.4
Science					
Grade	Number Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met and Above
3	47	46.3	29.3	24.4	53.7
4	100	12.8	64.9	22.3	87.2
5	46	27.9	53.5	18.6	72.1
Social Studies					
Grade	Number Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met and Above
3	49	34.8	34.8	30.4	65.2
4	100	8.5	29.8	61.7	91.5
5	50	20	37.8	42.2	80

Celebrate With Us!

Green Sea Floyds Elementary is very excited about sharing some of our achievements and accomplishments. Our goal is to become a premier school where ALL students achieve academic excellence. Our highly qualified teachers have received extensive staff development in the areas of reading, mathematics, and technology. Our students are to be commended for doing their personal best each day.

Green Sea Floyds Elementary School earned the Palmetto Gold Award. On the State of South Carolina Annual Report Card for 2012, Green Sea Floyds Elementary received an Absolute Rating of Excellent and a Growth Rating of Good. In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed South Carolina to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. Green Sea Floyds Elementary received an overall grade of A. Green Sea Floyds Elementary School is identified as a Title I Focus School as data reflects a performance gap between subgroups.

At GSFE, we strive to provide differentiated instruction to meet the needs of our diverse population. Selected fifth grade students participated in an online pre-algebra course. We have continued to implement several intervention programs for students who are scoring below 25% on MAP and those who are not reaching the benchmark level on DIBELS Next. These programs are: BURST, Passport, Reading Recovery, Language, Kaleidoscope, and Reading Mastery Signature. One of our primary goals at Green Sea Floyds Elementary is to have all students reading proficiently (on grade level) by the end of second grade and writing expressively by the end of fifth grade. By identifying the strengths and weaknesses of students, charting growth, analyzing how and why this growth occurred, and providing a research-based curriculum through rigorous instruction, students are experiencing growth to higher levels of learning.

Our work with PBIS has created a positive, safe school climate where everyone strives to be respectful, responsible, and build positive relationships. Students are recognized for making good choices and using appropriate life skills.

The partnership between home, school, and community has been vital to our success this year. Our community support, PTA fundraisers, Donors Choose (a program that funds teacher requests for instructional materials), business partners, Kiwanis Club, student council projects, and Horry County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Program have really benefitted our school. The PTA fundraisers have been very successful. Donors Choose donations have provided many of our individual classroom and instructional needs. The student council has participated in fund raising activities for the MS Association and American Cancer Society. The Kiwanis Club has participated in activities related to community based service learning that have reinforced the life skills. Our school family participated in Relay for Life, Talking Trash recycling, Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride, Pink Out Day and Caps for Kids. GSFE won 4 of the 6 recycling contests and earned 4 laptop computers. Our school recycled over 23,337 lbs. of plastics, cans, and newspapers. Thanks to each of you, our fourth graders have received an all day field trip to Ripley's Aquarium. This was achieved by teamwork, and we appreciate our students, staff, parents, grandparents, churches, GSFH and community for all their hard work. Green Sea Floyds Elementary was represented by 12 teams at the Technology Fair. Nine of the twelve teams received awards. We have been blessed to have the support of a caring community as evidenced by the success of our clothes closet, Backpack Buddies, Super Student Celebrations, Angel Tree, Kiwanis Club and Good News Club. The Green Sea Floyds Elementary school theme, Where It's All About Kids, exemplifies the focus and commitment of our community to provide a quality education so that all students achieve academic excellence.

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