

Our Mission Statement:

At Gilbert Elementary, we think of our school as four walls with tomorrow inside. We prepare our students for the future by guiding them to reach their fullest potential. To do this, our staff, families, and community work to provide interesting and challenging educational experiences. Through academics and the arts we enhance the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs of our children. When caring people work together, all students will achieve success.

GES Student Mission

Promoting leadership and
Inspiring Success
One Child at a Time



2015–2016

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Our History

Gilbert Elementary was formed in 2001-2002 with grades 3 and 4 from the old GES and grade 5 from Gilbert Middle School. Our school mascot is the Indian Eagle named Tommy Hawk.

Our Current Goals

At Gilbert Elementary School, our current goals are as follows:

- Continue to refine our STEMS Initiative
- Continue to refine best practices to increase student achievement and close the gap
- Implement and expand GES as a Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) school
- Actively engage community and stakeholders in school
- Provide the best possible resources for learning environments (Achieve 3000)
- Continue to expand our technologies for the 21st century learner
- Continue to develop and expand Challenge Based Learning
- Continue with product based research models

How are we achieving this?

Our goals are reviewed continuously by our leadership team, Professional Learning Teams, and faculty to assess progress toward achievement and determine ongoing strategies for success and closing the achievement gap.

GES Student Pledge

We live by striving to be the best we can be

We love by caring for others above self

We learn by working hard in school and always doing our best

We lead by example and with pride....making a difference in the world

Community Involvement

- Career Extravaganza provides students with the opportunity to learn from business professionals about their job duties
- Family Night/Orientation provides a showcase of our students and programs with over 700 participants annually
- Relay for Life – students, staff and community raised the most of any team with \$10,162.00 for cancer research
- PTO – parents who support the school through volunteer opportunities and fundraisers, and assist with school events and family-oriented activities that enhance learning
- Clemson-Carolina challenge – students and staff raise money and donate to RFL
- Hat/Jean days – students and staff pay money to wear a hat for a day or have a blue jean Friday for staff. Proceeds go to RFL
- Volunteer Readers – community volunteers interact with books and reading
- Implement a new literacy/reading program—Achieve 3000
- GES Get up and Go Girls – Guidance department holds a healthy walk for girls throughout the year
- GES All Star Boys—Health and Fitness Program for GES Boys
- Recycle/Reuse/Renew Grant – involves all students and staff in recycling paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum
- GES participated in the annual St. Jude’s Math-a-thon raising over \$6,000 for this children’s hospital
- Palmetto Pride Grant—Restoring habitat with a Carolina Fence Garden with school yard habitat certified by the National Wildlife Federation
- Gilbert/Summit Fire Department Display—firemen display equipment and teach fire safety to students

Innovative Learning

- Local school funding for additional technology for challenge based learning and project based research learning.
- First in Math – a supplemental math lab program provided to enhance math skills for early morning learners – funded by the GES PTA and the school
- Everyday Math – students experience math learning as a part of everyday work and skill mastery thus fostering the development of math processes and understandings
- Related Arts – instruction in Art, Music, Physical Education, Computer Lab, Spanish, Band and Orchestra
- GES Children’s Choir – auditioned group of singers acting as ambassadors for our school and community through musical performance
- Continue to enhance the Learning Commons used by students for reading and research projects
- Gifted and Talented (Eagles Program) – classes designed to challenge qualifying 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders
- Instructional Coaches – onsite professional developers who provide instructional resources for improved instruction by providing strategic best practices for teachers
- Continue the implementation of our World Language Immersion Program

Celebrate with Us!

- 2011 Best of Philanthropy Awards—Group Community Champions from Central Carolina Community Foundation
- GES was awarded the traveling trophy award by raising the most funds of any team for cancer research and RFL
- GES was honored with several art winners in local and state contests
- Bright Ideas Grant Recipient
- Jump Rope for Heart Certificate of Appreciation – For promoting the health benefits of physical activity to students and supporting lifesaving research and educational programs from the American Heart Association
- Fit Kids— Physical Education fitness program where students are awarded points for exercise each day (1 hr. = 4 miles)
- Our Principal was named Administrator of the Year for 2012 by S.C. Early Childhood Association
- Two 3rd Grade Teachers selected for AGI-Exxon Mobile Teacher Leadership Academy in Houston, Texas