

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



2016–2017

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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. We are celebrating a patriotic theme of GES Wants You to Learn!

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
- Continue to implement and expand our “GES Reading Crusade”
- Actively engage community and stakeholders in school and utilize our parent liaison
- 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 Standard Based Learning
- Continue with product based research models
- Continue to utilize and implement “The Lucy Calkins Literacy model”

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 student participants annually
- Relay for Life – students, staff and community have raised over \$168,000.00 for cancer research over the past 15 years
- 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 – expanding community volunteers to interact with students through books and reading
- Continue to implement a new literacy/reading program—Achieve 3000
- GES Girls on the Run – 5th Grade Teachers hold a healthy walk/run program for 5th Grade girls throughout the year
- GES Run Hard Boys—Health and Fitness Program for GES Boys
- Recycle/Reuse/Renew Grant – involves all students and staff in recycling paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum which is led by the GES Green Team
- GES participated in the annual St. Jude’s Math-a-thon raising over \$6,000 for this children’s hospital
- Gilbert/Summit Fire Department Display—firemen display equipment and teach fire safety to students
- Senator Katrina Shealy provided a day of history on South Carolina for our 3rd graders during South Carolina History Week

Innovative Learning

- Local school funding for additional technology for standard 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 PTO 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 throughout the community and the midlands
 - 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 as one of the top schools for raising funds for cancer research and RFL
 - GES was honored with several art winners in local and state contests
 - GES was awarded a 21st Century Innovation Grant by the Lexington One Education Foundation called “Getting Connected”
 - 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