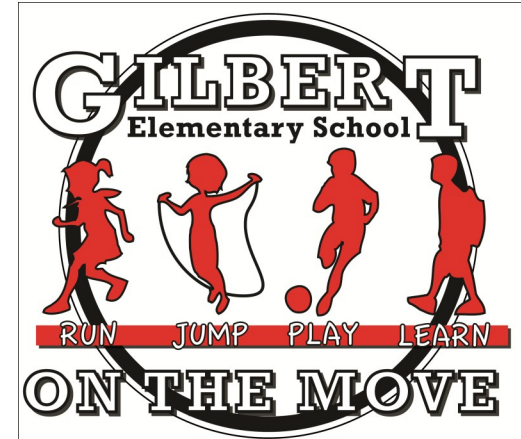


# Gilbert Elementary School

## School Improvement Council Report to Parents



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### 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



## 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. We will be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. 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 best practices to increase student achievement and close the gap
- Implement and expand GES as a PBIS school (Positive Behavior Interventions Support)
- Actively engage community and stakeholders in school
- Provide the best possible resources for learning environments
- Continue to expand our technologies for the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner

## 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 results.

## 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

- Family Night provides a showcase of our students and programs with over 600 participants annually
- Relay for Life – students, staff and community raised the most of any team with \$15,735.44 for cancer research
- PTA – parents who support the school through volunteer opportunities and fundraisers, and assist with school events and family-oriented activities that enhance learning
- Gilbert Giving Tree – students, faculty, and community provide anonymous gifts of toys, clothes, financial needs for families in need during the holiday season and throughout the school year
- Clemson-Carolina challenge – students and staff raise money and donate to RFL
- Hat/Gene 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
- GES Get up and Go Girls – Guidance department holds a healthy walk for girls throughout the year
- Recycle/Reuse/Renew Grant – involves all students and staff in recycling paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum
- Palmetto’s Finest Council – involved community leaders, parents, and students in presenting GES as a Palmetto’s Finest Nomination to the state committee
- Project Playground Grant – community skills and talents were utilized during this grant event
- GES participated in the annual St. Jude’s Mathathon raising over \$3000 for this children’s hospital
- GES Canine Companions - Gilbert has “gone to the dogs” with Lew Jernigan and his canine companions, Scooby and Mollie (highly certified canines through the AKC Canine Good Citizens program, Therapy Dogs, Inc. and the Delta Society) as they visit with GES students providing unconditional love and compassion as they work towards social, emotional and academic goals together
- Palmetto Pride Grant—Restoring habitat with a Carolina Fence Garden with school yard habitat certified by the National Wildlife Federation

## Innovative 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, and Spanish
- Drama, and Media Journalism – courses provided for fifth graders
- GES Children’s Choir – auditioned group of singers acting as ambassadors for our school and community through musical performance
- Brain Boosters for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders – provides for higher level thinking skills
- Gifted and Talented (Eagles Program) – classes designed to challenge qualifying 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Instructional Coaches – onsite professional developers who provide instructional resources for improved instruction by providing strategic best practices for teachers

## Celebrate with Us!

- GES was named as a Silver Star Award Winner by the S.C Department of Education. This is the fourth time our students celebrate this award
- GES was given a “visit” by the Palmetto’s Finest Assessment Team in our first year of nomination
- GES was awarded the traveling trophy award by raising the most funds of any team for cancer research and RFL
- GES received AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) report from the State Department of Education
- GES was honored with several art winners in local and state contests
- 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