

SAXE GOTHA ELEMENTARY

South Carolina Statute (Act 135 of 1993) requires each of the state's School Improvement Councils to publish and distribute an annual Report to the Parents highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of the school's strategic plan. The report is developed by the School Improvement Council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents and teachers for the current school year.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elizabeth Houck, Principal	Lauryn Brasington, Parent
Amy Cooper, Assistant Principal	Ginny Campbell, Parent
Amy Shearer, Family Liaison	Katelyn Sullivan, Parent
Margie Dennis, Community Member	Jason Hathcock, Parent
David Jones, Community Member	Victoria Myers, Parent
Kim Lewis, Teacher	Matt Schilit, Parent
Hope Clark, Teacher	Chanta Zeigler, Parent

iReady is a district, formative assessment administered to students three times a year. The assessments are computer-adapted and utilized by teachers and administrators to inform instruction to meet the needs of students.

iReady Ready - At/Above Benchmark

Kindergarten - Fall: 22%	Winter: 88%
1st Grade - Fall: 14%	Winter: 37%
2nd Grade - Fall: 27%	Winter: 50%
3rd Grade - Fall: 31%	Winter: 54%
4th Grade - Fall: 26%	Winter: 30%
5th Grade - Fall: 26%	Winter: 42%

iReady Math - At/Above Benchmark

Kindergarten - Fall: 13%	Winter: 74%
1st Grade - Fall: 8%	Winter: 26%
2nd Grade - Fall: 16%	Winter: 27%
3rd Grade - Fall: 8%	Winter: 29%
4th Grade - Fall: 17%	Winter: 31%
5th Grade - Fall: 22%	Winter: 39%

The Spring testing window of iReady occurs in April and May.

MISSION

Our mission is to cultivate a caring community where ALL learners are extraordinary communicators, collaborators, creators and critical thinkers.

VISION

To empower everyone to be leaders, thinkers and creators of tomorrow.

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ESPN Special Olympics National Unified Champion School
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Special Olympics Innovation Grant
Michelin Golden Apple Grants
Donors Choose Grants
MCEC Bright Ideas Grant
Lexington Water and Soil Conservation District Grant
2022 Award of Merit for SIC Report to the Parents
Excellence
Green Steps School

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PROGRESS ON SIC GOAL FOR 2022-2023

Our School Improvement Council has continued to meet regularly on Zoom during the 2022-2023 school year. The council has focused efforts on increasing and promoting engagement with business and community partners. New and existing initiatives have enriched our academic content, addressed student needs, and created connections between students and their community. The relationships between our school and community stakeholders is an integral part of empowering each child to design the future.

Collaborative Planning Day Clubs were implemented this year to engage students in third, fourth and fifth grade to develop power skills with other students while learning about a topic of interest to them. Community and business partners assisted with donating specific items for clubs, speaking to students, and providing hands-on demonstrations for students. It was exciting to see the relationships teachers and students strengthened while engaging in learning on topics of interest.

Mentor Programs provided opportunities to increase community involvement throughout the school. SGE partnered with White Knoll High School and LOAD (Lexington One Athletic Development) to implement High Five Fridays. Coaches and students with the White Knoll High School basketball, baseball, and softball programs greeted our students upon arrival in the bus loop, car line, and lobby. They visited each grade level and participated in Morning Meetings with the class and read with our students.

Our partnership with the University of South Carolina continued this year. Students from USC's School of Education worked directly with students in third and fourth grade with our "Tall Teachers, Small Teachers" program to provide learning experiences during Reading and Writing Workshops. USC students worked individually with students to observe students' reading and writing habits, reflect on these observations, and plan specific instruction. These personalized lessons helped our students grow tremendously in reading and writing. This program concluded with both Tall Teachers and Small Teachers forming book clubs in which together they read and discussed some of today's most popular children's' chapter books.

This year students from the University of South Carolina's College of Pharmacy Kappa Psi Fraternity continued their weekly reading to classes of second grade students at SGE. In addition, during the fall semester the College of Pharmacy students sponsored a socks and underwear drive for our clothes closet here at SGE.

A partnership was formed with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department with a new First Responders Readers program at SGE in which deputies volunteered time to read with selected students. SGE also invited retired educators to be involved with a new Retiree Readers program. Mentors in such programs read weekly with first grade students to build self-confidence and self-esteem while promoting stronger relationships with parents, teachers and community members.

Lexington United Methodist, a local church in our community, was instrumental in making a Snack Pack Program possible at SGE. Each week, 199 snack packs were distributed to students in all grade levels. Our fifth grade leaders were instrumental in making the deliveries each Friday. Students having the security of knowing they will not be hungry while away from school is such a comfort. Our students leave with their snack packs knowing their community cares for them in and out of school.

SGE welcomed back Vehicle Career Day this Spring. This event was hosted by our School Counselors to bring career awareness to our students. Students had the opportunity to explore a variety of careers, ask questions, and see vehicles that are utilized in each career. This was a fun interactive event that exposed kids to possible future careers. This event required community participation to execute and we are thankful to all of our partners that made the event possible.

Our SIC is very grateful for all of our community and business partners that contributed to the success of the 2022-2023 school year.

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING DAY CLUBS



USC TALL TEACHER/ SMALL TEACHER PROGRAM



FIRST RESPONDER READER MENTOR PROGRAM



USC SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



VEHICLE CAREER DAY



SNACK PACK PROGRAM



HIGH FIVE FRIDAYS



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY & BUSINESS PARTNERS

*Lexington County Sheriff's
Department*

*Mid-Carolina Electric Co-op
WP Rawl Farms*

*Dickerson Child Advocacy Center
LifeChanges Family Guidance &
Wellness*

*Lexington County Mental Health
Midlands Orphan Relief
7 Oaks Plant Shop*

*Hi-Cotton Greenhouses
Walmart*

Highway 55

Marco's Pizza

Starbucks

Lowe's Foods

Publix

Office Depot

The Lex Nutrition & Energy

Richard Wright's Towing & Recovery

Mike's Tree Service

Terminix

LiftOne Service

Oak Leaf Village

*Lexington County Fire Service
Lexington County EMS*

*SC Department of Natural
Resources*

USC School of Education

USC School of Pharmacy

USC Kappa Psi Fraternity

Lexington County Blowfish

*Lexington County Public Library
Mosaic Church*

Radius White Knoll

Covenant Community Church

Saint James Lutheran

Mt. Horeb United Methodist

Red Bank United Methodist

Lexington United Methodist

Red Bank Baptist

Northside Baptist

Lexington Church of God

St. Peter's Lutheran

The Heritage Co.

Keep the Midlands Beautiful

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