

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
Amy Cooper, Assistant Principal
Amy Shearer, Parent Liaison
Andy Newell, Community Member
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Bryan Carder, Parent
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WHAT IS STAR 360?

STAR 360 is a stable growth measure with trustworthy tools to guide educators and move students forward toward college and career readiness.

STAR Reading(Winter 2020):

1st Grade- 70% At/Above Benchmark
2nd Grade- 56% At/Above Benchmark
3rd Grade- 69% At/Above Benchmark
4th Grade- 65% At/Above Benchmark
5th Grade- 58% At/Above Benchmark

STAR MATH (Winter 2020):

1st Grade- 89% At/Above Benchmark
2nd Grade- 73% At/Above Benchmark
3rd Grade- 75% At/Above Benchmark
4th Grade- 73% At/Above Benchmark
5th Grade- 73% At/Above Benchmark

STAR Early Literacy (Winter 2020):

5K- 76% At/Above Benchmark
1st Grade- 71% At/Above Benchmark

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

Walter P. Rawl Garden Grant
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PROGRESS ON GOAL FOR 2019-2020

GOAL: Foster a school environment that welcomes and engages all families

During the 2019-2020 year, SGES focused on creating a more welcoming and engaging environment for our students, parents, and community members. Several steps were taken during the year to move this goal forward.

School-wide use of Bloomz was a priority because giving parents and teachers a means to communicate is essential to their engagement. We were able to communicate directly from the school level by purchasing a premium subscription. Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, Bloomz became an anchor for many stakeholders in our school community.

During the year we also held several events and provided many opportunities for our stakeholders to engage with our school family. Our Little Stars program provided an opportunity to reach parents by sharing early learning activities to use with their children before they even enroll at SGES. Parents and their preschool aged children engaged in activities to help the children develop as learners. An additional support system to encourage engagement between school and home is our Parent Resource Center, which is available to all parents.

Another event held during the year was our "Night of the Living Books" Literacy Event. The goal was to bring books to life for our students. The night began with a performance by our first grade students. We then had a special performance by teachers who acted out the book Room on the Broom. For the rest of the evening, families spent time together on a scavenger hunt across the entire school. They had to find hidden letters all over the school in order to determine a secret message.

SGES also hosted Family Learning Events which allowed parents to participate in workshops led by our Literacy Coach and Parent Liaison. These events introduced the reading and writing workshop model to parents and gave them ideas to assist their children at home. The absolute BEST thing about these events is that families were able to visit their child's classroom to actually see the workshop model in action. They were able to learn alongside their child.

We also held several End-of-Unit Celebrations this year. These celebrations were so much fun to host! At the end of a reading or writing unit, entire grade levels were able to showcase their hard work to parents and guardians. Grade levels hosted these events in their own special way. Most grade levels had families come into their classrooms for the celebration. Prior to each celebration, family members were provided with essential information about the workshop model, information about the unit of study their child had been working on for several weeks, as well as helpful tips and handouts (such as the writing checklists or special anchor charts) that they could use at home with their children.

All of these events this year assisted our school in fostering a school environment that welcomes and engages all families.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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Marco's Pizza
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FireFlies Baseball
Saint James Lutheran
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Red Bank United Methodist
State Farm
Lexington United Methodist
WP Rawl Farms
Lowe's
Blowfish Baseball
Circle K
Red Bank Baptist
Domino's Pizza
Little Caesars
Wal-mart
Northside Baptist Church
Lexington Church of God
St. Peter's Lutheran

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