

Resources at GFE

STC, FOSS, and DSM Science Kits for Classrooms

Math Manipulatives

Lenovo Laptops for all teachers

Promethean Boards in every Classroom

iPads / iPods

Book Fairs

Partnerships with 4H, JROTC

Social Studies Weekly in Grades 1-5

Full size gymnasium with a rock climbing wall and exercise studio

Brain Gym

PTO Book Wagon

Physical Education lessons in dance, sport skills and fitness, aligned to state regular classroom standards

Journeys- ELA Curriculum

My Math Curriculum

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessments

School Facebook Page

School Website

Teacher Web Sites

School Twitter Page

Our Guidance curriculum consists of individual and group counseling, mock court, character words of the month, and Parent/Guardian contacts and home visits as needed.

2 Computer Labs

Classroom Libraries

WGFE Morning News Show

Letterland Curriculum

Study Island

Reading Eggs Program

Math Seeds Program

SuccessMaker

Mental Health Counselor

Our Mission

**Stars of Excellence,
Determined to Shine!**

GFE Programs and Events

Math & Science Fair

Jump Rope for Heart

Read Across America Dr. Seuss Day

Career Awareness Fair

Annual Field Day

Awards Night

Student Honor & Awards Assemblies

Student Behavior Celebrations

STARS lunches with the Principal

Family Reading Night

PTO Bike Run

Choral Performances

100 Book Club Celebration

Book Character Parade

Readers Are Leaders Day

St. Jude's Mathathon

Monthly Parent Workshops

Parent Coffee with the Principal

Parent Workshops

Scholastic Book Fairs

Breakfast with Grandparents

Super Saturday

Power Before/Power After Hours Tutoring

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Report to the Parents 2015—2016

Introduction



This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement ACT (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2014-2015 school year and changes for the 2015-2016 year.

Our School Improvement Council (SIC) reviews our goals and achievements and reports progress to our school family and community.

Meet Your School Improvement Council Members

Maxine Tate, Chair

Rachel McAbee, Vice Chair

Betsy Howie, Secretary

Danielle Sims, Parent Rep.

Stephanie Barber & Berthea Washington-Kelly, Community Rep.

Chanel Burton, Faculty

Dwayne Robinson, PTO

Rep

Wendell Sumter, Ex Officio

Dorothy Dae, Ex Officio

We Are All Stars

—SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS—

Jared Lockhart

Malaysia Caldwell

**GFE Teacher of the Year for
2016-2017**

Sara Turner, K-5 Teacher

Grants Recipients:

Donna Rollins (J. Marion Sims Grant)

Alison Howe (J. Marion Sims Grant)

Tami Price (J. Marion Sims Grant)

Ashly Cartner (Donor's Choose)

Rachel McAbee (J. Marion Sims Grant)

Kindergarten Team (Field Trip Assistance)

1st Team (Field Trip Assistance)

Winthrop Netscope Internship

Dale Hinson/Kristin Turner

Quinton Gregory/Caroline Cody

Stephanie Barber/ Liaison

Winthrop Partnership Mentors & Host Teachers

Dale Hinson

Nancy Smith

Quinton Gregory

Tonya Weir

Alison Howe

Chanel Burton

Rachel McAbee

Eric Greene

Elizabeth Dockery



About Our School

Great Falls Elementary is a Title 1 school in rural Chester County, South Carolina. With approximately 419 students in grades Pre-K through 5. The current free/reduced price lunch percentage of students is 90%.

School Awards & Honors

National Title 1 Distinguished School Award

SC Distinguished School Award

2015 ACT Aspire Results

Grade 3 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 69.56%

Reading 28.9%

Math 62.32%

Grade 4 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 59.61%

Reading 26.9% Science 60.8%

Math 40.39% Social Studies 72.5%

Grade 5 (Percent Met and Above)

ELA 53.23%

Reading 25.8% Science 62.9%

Math 46.77% Social Studies 64.5%

School Renewal Plan Goals & Results

As of April 26, 2016

Goal: Discipline Referrals will decrease by 10 % yearly.

Goal– Met

Goal: By 2017 school year 90% of parents/guardians will participate in school related activities.

Goal met– 100% attendance for conferences

Goal: By the end of 2016-2017 school year, faculty satisfaction with their working environment at GFE will be 100%.

Goal met–

Goal: By the end of 2017 students grades 3-5 who score met/exemplary in PASS/ACT Aspire/ SC Ready will increase to 100% as follows

	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
ELA	74.3	80.7	87.1	93.5	100
Math	73.5	80.1	86.7	93.3	100
Science	73.8	80.3	86.8	93.4	100
Social S.	66.8	75.2	83.3	91.6	100

