

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 Courtenay, Parent
Margie Dennis, Community Member	Jamila Cullum, Parent
David Jones, Community Member	Jason Hathcock, Parent
Erica Bohnsack, Teacher	Victoria Myers, Parent
Jac Moran, Teacher	Matt Schilit, Parent
Katie Oliver, Teacher	Chanta Zeigler, Parent

STAR 360: Is an assessment to measure Reading Progress

STAR Reading - At/Above Benchmark

2nd Grade - Fall: 43%	Winter: 48%
3rd Grade - Fall: 36%	Winter: 44%
4th Grade - Fall: 52%	Winter: 53%
5th Grade - Fall: 47%	Winter: 49%

STAR Early Literacy - At/Above Benchmark

Kindergarten - Fall: 37%	Winter: 61%
1st Grade - Fall: 57%	Winter: 60%

iReady: Is an assessment to measure Math Progress

iReady Math - At/Above Benchmark

Kindergarten - Fall: 10%	Winter: 34%
1st Grade - Fall: 10%	Winter: 34%
2nd Grade - Fall: 8%	Winter: 23%
3rd Grade - Fall: 9%	Winter: 22%
4th Grade - Fall: 18%	Winter: 28%
5th Grade - Fall: 21%	Winter: 33%

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
Special Olympics Grant
Michelin Golden Apple Grants
Donors Choose Grants
LEAP Campaign Award for Elementary Schools
2022 Award of Merit for SIC Report to the Parents Excellence

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PROGRESS ON SIC GOAL FOR 2021-2022

Our School Improvement Council has continued to meet on Zoom throughout the 2021-2022 school year. This school year the council decided to focus on brainstorming ways to communicate positively with families and community members. This report highlights some of the steps taken to improve positive relationships.

SGE continued to communicate with families using Twitter, FaceBook and Bloomz. Our school significantly increased our social media presence on Twitter. From weekly posts on our "Bus Riders of the Week" to honoring our staff, we increased our tweets by 174%!

Saxe Gotha Elementary was recognized as a Special Olympics National Unified Champion School. This award recognizes 10 standards of excellence set forth by Special Olympics. The school was also recognized as an ESPN Honor Roll School for Inclusion. Saxe Gotha was one of twenty schools in the nation awarded this year. Meaningful social inclusion for students with and without disabilities is central to Saxe Gotha's mission. "All Means All" at our school!

During this spring semester, a fourth grade class partnered with a class of undergraduate student interns from the University of South Carolina. The UofSC students (referred to as "Tall Teachers") worked one-on-one with students (referred to as "Small Teachers") during writing and reading workshops. The tall teachers used their experience to complete course assignments for their teacher education program. The small teachers received individualized writing and reading instruction from the tall teachers. The program concluded with students participating in book clubs. What a wonderful experience for both our SGE students and our future South Carolina educators!

We were so excited to welcome families and visitors back into our building this Spring. In April, we held our first family engagement night in three years hosting Family Game Night. We are so grateful for the support from our staff, families, and community members throughout these last couple of challenging years.

🚌 We present last week's 🚌 bus students of the week!
 🌟 Congratulations shining 🌟!
 #StayShining @LexingtonOne
 #SafetyFirst #BusStars
 #LexTransportation



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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Michelin
- Midlands Reading Consortium
- Lowe's Foods
- Publix
- Mid-Carolina Electric Co-op
- WP Rawl Farms
- Harvest Hope
- Sole Stepping
- Dickerson Child Advocacy Center
- LifeChanges Family Guidance & Wellness
- Lexington County Mental Health
- Columbia Martial Arts
- 7 Oaks Plant Shop
- Hi-Cotton Greenhouses
- Walmart
- Highway 55
- Marco's Pizza
- Lowe's
- State Farm
- FireFlies Baseball
- 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