

2017 Principal for a Day:

GCPS schools host community leaders for American Education Week

American Education Week brought 135 members of Gwinnett's business community into local schools to serve as "Principal for a Day" and, in one case, "Superintendent for a Day." Following is a list of participants, as well as quotes from a few hosting principals and community members and a photo from the annual event, co-sponsored by the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and Gwinnett County Public Schools. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is the presenting sponsor for a luncheon for participants on Dec. 8, with Eastside Medical Center, Peach State Federal Credit Union, and Georgia Campus-Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine serving as leading sponsors and Interactive Business Technologies as a table sponsor. Principals and community members first connected at a breakfast event in October.

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Gwinnett Chamber and Gwinnett County Public Schools



ADAPT, STRIVE, and The BRIDGE programs at

Northbrook Center— Danika Vause of Annandale Village
Alcova ES— Greg Cantrell of Living Stone Properties
Alford ES— Mark DiGiovanni of Marathon Financial Strategies
Anderson-Livsey ES— Kim Hartsock of Warren Averett, LLC
Annistown ES— Jim Hollandsworth of Path Project
Arcado ES— Bernard Ethridge of Edward Jones
Archer HS— Bobby Moeck of Next Star Communications, Inc.
Baggett ES— Randy Redner of Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia
Baldwin ES— Commissioner Lynette Howard of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
Bay Creek MS— Chrissy Rosen of Georgia Gwinnett College
Beaver Ridge ES— Stephanie Stewart of Xana Management
Benefield ES— Bruce Hardy of Cross Pointe Church
Berkeley Lake ES— Council Member K. J. "Kelly" Kelkenberg of the City of Duluth
Berkmar HS— Nicole Hendrickson of Gwinnett County Community Outreach Program
Berkmar MS— Supervisory Special Agent Alex Hill of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Bethesda ES— John Orr of Atlanta Regional Commission
Britt ES— Derrick Frazier of Deluxe Services Heating & Cooling
Brookwood ES— Trent Lind of Eastside Medical Center
Brookwood HS— Kevin Middlebrooks of CH2M
Burnette ES— Mayor Jimmy Burnette of the City of Suwanee
Camp Creek ES— Ife Williams of The Hudgens Center for Art & Learning
Cedar Hill ES— Jeff Ordner of Ordner Construction Company
Centerville ES— Nakia Sanford of Primerica Financial Services
Central Gwinnett HS— Smitty Thomas of Sonoco Paperboard Specialties
Chattahoochee ES— Beatty McCaleb of Halski Systems, LLC
Chesney ES— Assistant Fire Chief Russell Knick of Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services
Coleman MS— Randall W. Strunk of Columbia Engineering
Collins Hill HS— Laura Ryll of Peach State Federal Credit Union
Cooper ES— Rodney Brundidge of Northeast Georgia Council— Boy Scouts of America
Corley ES— Betsy Pickren of WoodFire Leadership
Couch MS— Jessica Andrews-Wilson of GUIDE, Inc.
Craig ES— Paul J. Barish of 1-800-BOARDUP
Creekland MS— Rick Strawn of Paradigm Security Services, Inc.
Crews MS— Margaret P. Collier of Eastside Medical Center
Dacula ES— Kimberly Parker of Navy Federal Credit Union
Dacula HS— Adam Forrand of Partnership Gwinnett
Dacula MS— James Fleming of Vulcan Materials Company
Discovery HS— Council Member Lorri Christopher of the City of Peachtree Corners

Duluth HS— Ian M. Waller of Nichols, Cauley & Associates, LLC
Duluth MS— Logan Stubbs of Leadership Gwinnett
Duncan Creek ES— Rachel Jeffers of Accent Creative Group
Dyer ES— Melissa Stripling of Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe
Ferguson ES— Jamal Cornelious of Delta Community Credit Union
Five Forks MS— Robin Sansone of Rhodes, Young, Black & Duncan
Fort Daniel ES— Megan Lesko of Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Freeman's Mill ES— Lisa Davis McCarter of Aflac
GIVE Center East— Judge Tadia D. Whitner of Gwinnett County Juvenile Court
GIVE Center West— Faraz Ahmed of Amitrace
Grace Snell MS— Kashaun Cooper of YO Gwinnett
Graves ES— Rachael Warnsley of United Way of Greater Atlanta
Grayson ES— Martha Sue Watkins of State Bank & Trust Company
Grayson HS— Jim Liley of IBM
Gwin Oaks ES— Anne Chen of Explore Gwinnett
Gwinnett Online Campus— Theo Stone of Atwell, LLC
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology— Stanley "Stas" Preczewski of Georgia Gwinnett College
Harbins ES— Dr. Tonique Reynolds of Family Smile Center
Harmony ES— Rob Drake of Harness Group LLC
Harris ES— Cliff Bray of WBO CPA Group
Head ES— Patty Gabilondo of Lilburn Business Association
Hopkins ES— Sheena Robinson of Financial Parent Academy
Hull MS— David Hern of Alvarez & Marsal
Ivy Creek ES— Maureen Kornowa of Gwinnett Children's Shelter, Inc.
Jackson ES— Robyn Ali of Infinite Energy Center
Jenkins ES— Melissa Cruz of Mercer University
Jordan MS— Patience Mason of Georgia Campus-Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (GA-PCOM)
Knight ES— Alysia Jackson of Altera Riverside
Lanier HS— Tim Koenning of Transamerica Financial Advisors, Inc.
Lanier MS— Tracy Proell of SpringBoard Digital Marketing
Lawrenceville ES— Marci Gross of the City of Lawrenceville
Level Creek ES— Council Member Linnea Miller of the City of Suwanee
Lilburn ES— Annie Valenty of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Lilburn MS— Julian Arias of Junior Achievement of Georgia
Lovin ES— Malinda Foster of Explore Gwinnett
Magill ES— Jamey Toney of COUNTRY Financial
Mason ES— Jonathan Williamson of Merrill Lynch
Maxwell HS of Technology— County Administrator Glenn Stephens of Gwinnett County Government
McConnell MS— Nicholas Reynolds of Hi-Hope Service Center
McKendree ES— Susan Barge of Navigate Recovery Gwinnett
Meadowcreek ES— Mayor Johnny Crist of the City of Lilburn
Meadowcreek HS— Marsha Anderson Bomar of Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District (CID)

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Margaret Collier of Eastside Medical Center joins Crews MS students in their Chorus class.



Mill Creek HS— Matthew Holtkamp of Holtkamp Heating & Air
Minor ES— Kendal Kotter of Heaton Environmental, Inc.
Moore MS— Michael Woodward of Woodward Property Group
Mountain Park ES— Kim Dildy of KD Realty and Financial Services LLC
Mountain View HS— Donald Bolin of Sequent Health Physician Partners
Nesbit ES— Mary Kate Chapman of GUIDE, Inc.
New Life Academy of Excellence— Cecilia Haag of AIR Salon, LLC
Norcross ES— Leigh Gant of Georgia United Credit Union
Norcross HS— Paula Hastings of Accent Creative Group
North Gwinnett HS— Marc Cohen of American CyberSystems, Inc.
North Gwinnett MS— John Dillard of His CPA, PC
North Metro Academy of Performing Arts— Council Member Craig Newton of the City of Norcross
Northbrook MS— Linda Schoepf of Little Caesars Pizza
Norton ES— Nneka Craigwell of Delta Apparel, Inc.
Oakland Meadow School— Commissioner Jace Brooks of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
Osborne MS— Mark C. Ross of Brand Mortgage
Parkview HS— Jennifer Fennell of Jackson Electric Membership Corporation (EMC)
Parsons ES— Abby Wilkerson of the City of Suwanee
Partee ES— Andria S. Daniels of Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Patrick ES— Jason West of Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
Peachtree ES— Ryan Jennings of Novus Architects
Peachtree Ridge HS— William McCargo of B Mac & Associates
Pharr ES— Jody Charles Campbell of Rubin Lublin, LLC
Phoenix HS— Jonathan Holmes of Mighty 8th Media
Pinckneyville MS— Esther Lee of Ernst & Young
Puckett's Mill ES— Shelly Scherzler of Gwinnett County Public Library
Radloff MS— Felicia Robinson of Greater Atlanta Christian School
Richards MS— Hunter Cummings of Harvest Community Church of the Nazarene
Riverside ES— Wanda Weegar of BrandBank
Roberts ES— Rev. Avery Headd of Poplar Hill Baptist Church
Rock Springs ES— Amy Richardson of American Cancer Society

Rockbridge ES— Ethan Pham of Nguyen & Pham, LLC
Rosebud ES— Nena El-Amin of Kaiser Permanente
Shiloh ES— Tina Fleming of Gwinnett County Department of Community Services
Shiloh HS— Leonard Goodelman of Peachtree Immediate Care
Shiloh MS— Domonique Cooper of YO Gwinnett
Simonton ES— Tamika Johnson of T. M. Johnson Law Firm, LLC
Simpson ES— Bo Braswell of Georgia Power
Snellville MS— Deputy Chief of Police Brett West of Gwinnett County Police Department
South Gwinnett HS— John Moss of Interactive Business Technologies
Starling ES— Tracy Ahearn of Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC
Stripling ES— Council Member Joshua Bare of the City of Norcross
Sugar Hill ES— Judge Kimberly A. Gallant of Magistrate Court of Gwinnett County
Summerour MS— Steve Cannon of Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center Foundation
Sweetwater MS— C. Douglas Johnson of Georgia Gwinnett College
Sycamore ES— Brittany Mayweather of Gwinnett County Public Schools
Taylor ES— Kimberlee Jones of Von.Lea Creative Group, Inc.
Trickum MS— Sue Wyatt of BrandBank
Trip ES— Cassandra Cooper of Keller Williams Realty
Twin Rivers MS— Dr. Catrina Jones of The Calena Firm
Walnut Grove ES— Aaron Layne Zakeri of 12Stone Church
White Oak ES— Amanda Sutt of Rock, Paper, Scissors
Winn Holt ES— Joe Sorenson of Gwinnett County Communications Division
Woodward Mill ES— Jessica Rantamaki of Geo-Hydro Engineers
CEO/Superintendent— Sherwood McDuffie of SunTrust Bank

**"Great to see our school through someone else's eyes."
 "I always enjoy having the opportunity to show off our school and tell our story. We now have another 'cheerleader' for education!"
 "Relationships were formed that will last beyond today."
 "This experience is always a fantastic way for schools to pull back the curtain and show a very engaged and interested community member what goes on in a GCPS school."**

Remarks from principals who hosted a Principal for a Day

**"I've been bragging on 'my' school since my visit and telling everyone who will listen how amazing it is."
 "To see how our education leaders interact with their staff and students is a great reflection on how we should lead our companies."
 "As Principal for a Day, you get to see the passion, dedication, and professionalism of GCPS teachers."
 "This day helps me with telling the great story of education [in GCPS]."**

Remarks from community members who were a Principal for a Day