

2019 Principal for a Day:

GCPS schools host community leaders for American Education Week

American Education Week brought 140 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. 12, with Eastside Medical Center, Peach State Federal Credit Union, and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) Georgia serving as leading sponsors and Leadership Gwinnett as a table sponsor. Principals and community members first connected at a breakfast event in October.

Principal for a Day

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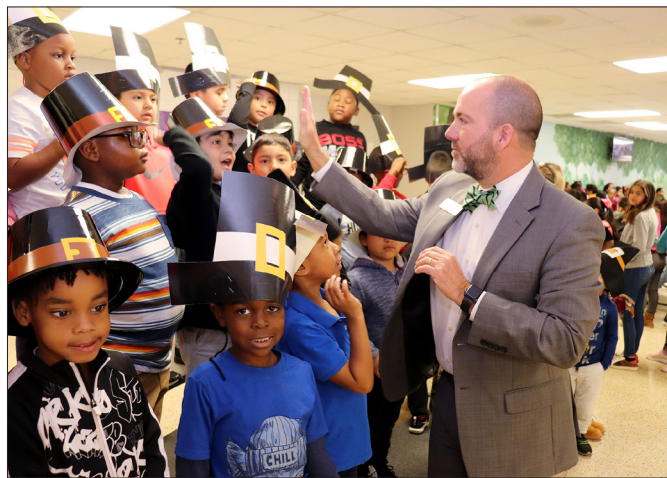


CEO/Superintendent— Tom Andersen of Andersen, Tate & Carr, PC
Alcova ES— Diane Dierks of Center for Navigating Family Change
Alford ES— Rachael Warnsley of United Way of Greater Atlanta
Anderson-Livsey ES— Marianne ReFour of Mir-Image
Annistown ES— Erica Gwyn of Seven Oaks Academy
Arcado ES— Rachel Little of Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health
Archer HS— Lewis Cooksey of Gwinnett County Department of Transportation
Baggett ES— Veronica Cope of Cope Law Firm, PC
Baldwin ES— Council Member Lorri Christopher of the City of Peachtree Corners
Bay Creek MS— Lyndsie Burchett of Georgia United Credit Union
Beaver Ridge ES— Debra Potter of Perimeter Church
Berkeley Lake ES— Danielle Santerre of BB&T
Berkmar HS— David Araya of HoPe, Inc.
(Hispanic Organization Promoting Education)
Berkmar MS— Shantell R. Wilson of Gwinnett County Office of Economic Development
Bethesda ES— Assistant City Manager Barry Mock of the City of Lawrenceville
Britt ES— Deborah Gayles of Kaiser Permanente
Brookwood ES— Jordan Shumate of Shuma Sports
Brookwood HS— Elizabeth Kinsinger of Thompson, Sweeny, Kinsinger & Pereira, PC
Buice Center— Mercy Montgomery of the City of Sugar Hill
Burnette ES— Barbara Myers of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) Georgia
Camp Creek ES— Sandra Waldrop of Lilburn Business Association
Cedar Hill ES— Barbara Oliveira Soares of Junior Achievement of Georgia
Centerville ES— Charaun Little of Delta Community Credit Union
Central Gwinnett HS— Greg Cantrell of Living Stone Properties
Chatthoochee ES— Melissa E Poole of Renasant Bank
Chesney ES— Darryll Stinson of Life Church International
Coleman MS— Kelly Kelkenberg of the City of Duluth
Collins Hill HS— Fire Chief Russell Knick of Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services
Cooper ES— Cera Wallace of Alpha Preparatory Academy
Corley ES— Felicia V. Robinson of Greater Atlanta Christian School
Couch MS— Angie Woo of Cisco Systems, Inc.
Craig ES— Jacqueline Tseng of Gwinnett County Republican Party
Creekland MS— Wanda Weegar of Renasant Bank
Crews MS— Matt Remund of Hamilton Financial
Dacula ES— Barry Sanders of Hospice Equipment Corporation
Dacula HS— Jason West of Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
Dacula MS— Hayley McCall Howell of Georgia Gwinnett College
Discovery HS— Amanda Sutt of Rock Paper Scissors
Duluth HS— Joshua Osborne of Oconee State Bank
Duluth MS— Barry Adams of Peachtree Awnings

Duncan Creek ES— Scott Adams of Brown and Caldwell
Dyer ES— Scott Jordan of BB&T
Ferguson ES— Maria Uribe of Junior Achievement of Georgia
Five Forks MS— Ife Williams of Hudgens Center for Art & Learning
Fort Daniel ES— Jessica Rantamaki of Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc.
Freeman's Mill ES— Maureen Paige of Winton Machine
GIVE Center East— Randy Meacham of Gwinnett Municipal Association
GIVE Center West— Council Member Marc Cohen of the City of Sugar Hill
Grace Snell MS— Dana Pagan of Crawford & Boyle, LLC
Graves ES— Alana Hardison of Still Waters International Academy
Grayson ES— Rob Drake of Halski Systems, LLC
Grayson HS— Carla Carraway of Precision Planning, Inc.
Gwin Oaks ES— Demetrius Jordan of J.S. Hosco, LLC
Gwinnett Online Campus— Dr. Babak Mostaghimi of Gwinnett County Public Schools
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology— Ashley Ross of Wolverton & Associates, Inc., A CHA Company
Harbins ES— Council Member Phil Sadd of the City of Peachtree Corners
Harmony ES— Jill Ann Eisel of Lanier Islands
Harris ES— Brooke Waters of Leadership Gwinnett
Head ES— Shelley Korenbrot of CMX CinéBistro Peachtree Corners
Hopkins ES— Renee Liverpool of Weight Watchers
Hull MS— Leroy Chapman, Jr. of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
International Transition Center— Eric Lusher of Pond & Company
Ivy Creek ES— Mukti Patel of Renasant Bank
Jackson ES— Andy Morgan of The Morgan Law Group, PC
Jenkins ES— Charles Pace of Gwinnett County Public Library
Jones MS— Debbie Kalec of Synovus Bank
Jordan MS— Al Stilo of Aurora Theatre
Kanoheda ES— Carol Ann Stough of Atlanta Communities Real Estate Brokerage
Knight ES— Laura Gourley of Annandale at Suwanee, Inc.
Lanier HS— State Rep. David Clark of Georgia General Assembly
Lanier MS— Jeff Taylor of Dead River Ranch Materials, LLC
Lawrenceville ES— Phoebe Coquerel of Gwinnett Technical College
Level Creek ES— Judge Kimberly Gallant of Magistrate Court of Gwinnett County
Lilburn ES— Andrea Barclay of Because One Matters
Lilburn MS— Aisha DeBerry of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) Georgia
Lovin ES— Scott Spooner of Spooner & Associates, PC
Magill ES— Cricket Elliott of Explore Gwinnett
Mason ES— Heather Gibbs-Poe of IBM
Maxwell HS of Technology— Garland H. Williams of Aflac
McClure Health Science HS— Dr. Kevin Johnson of Northside Hospital Gwinnett
McConnell MS— James Ledford of United Community Bank

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At right, Principal for a Day Adam Forrand of Partnership Gwinnett congratulates Peachtree ES kindergarten students on their Thanksgiving play performance.



- McKendree ES**— Robyn Ali of Infinite Energy Center
- Meadowcreek ES**— Ansley Jones of Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
- Meadowcreek HS**— Leigh Gant of Georgia United Credit Union
- Mill Creek HS**— Josh Lairsey of BB&T
- Minor ES**— Rick Strawn of Paradigm Security Services, Inc.
- Moore MS**— Asif Jessani of CCS: Marketing & Technology
- Mountain Park ES**— Jun Lin of US-CHINA Cultural Exchange
- Mountain View HS**— Jonathan Holmes of Mighty 8th Media, LLC
- Mulberry ES**— Gene Byce of Jireh Supplies
- Nesbit ES**— Colleen A Gerrior of Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta
- New Life Academy of Excellence**— Dr. Taffeta Connery, principal of Sugar Hill ES
- Norcross ES**— City Manager Brian L. Johnson of the City of Peachtree Corners
- Norcross HS**— Esther Lee of Ernst & Young
- North Gwinnett HS**— Council Member Linnea Miller of the City of Suwanee
- North Gwinnett MS**— Gary Stout of Kaiser Permanente
- North Metro Academy of Performing Arts**— C. Douglas Johnson of Georgia Gwinnett College
- Northbrook MS**— Phillippa Lewis Moss of the City of Gainesville
- Norton ES**— Melinda Hollandsworth of Path Project
- Oakland Meadow School**— Robin Mauck of Obria Medical Clinics
- Osborne MS**— Lisa Zaken of Leadership Gwinnett
- Parkview HS**— Tracey Smithson of Eastside Medical Center
- Parsons ES**— Kim Kyung-Hwa of Atlanta Regional Commission
- Partee ES**— Candace Bush of Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Patrick ES**— Deven Cason of Partnership Gwinnett
- Paul Duke STEM HS**— Council Member Jeanne Aulbach of the City of Peachtree Corners
- Peachtree ES**— Adam Forrand of Partnership Gwinnett
- Peachtree Ridge HS**— Todd Barker of Adrian Collaborative, LLC
- Pharr ES**— Victoria Hawkins of Explore Gwinnett
- Phoenix HS**— Commissioner Marlene Fosque of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
- Pinckneyville MS**— Commissioner Ben Ku of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
- Puckett's Mill ES**— Dionitia Cornell of Sterling Seacrest Partners
- Radloff MS**— Matthew Elder of United Way of Greater Atlanta
- Richards MS**— Heather Sawyer of Gwinnett County Communications Division
- Riverside ES**— Amy Doherty of the City of Suwanee
- Roberts ES**— Mayor Jimmy Burnette of the City of Suwanee
- Rockbridge ES**— Scott Mawdesley of 12Stone Church

- Rosebud ES**— Kolinda Scialabba of Gwinnett County Public Schools
- Shiloh ES**— Hope Moeck of Eastside Medical Center
- Shiloh HS**— Jim Brooks of Evermore Community Improvement District (CID)
- Shiloh MS**— David Cuffie of Berean Christian Church Gwinnett
- Simonton ES**— Jennifer Owens of Aurora Theatre
- Simpson ES**— Woody Woodruff of Delta Air Lines and U.S. Navy (retired)
- Snellville MS**— Jim Hollandsworth of Path Project
- South Gwinnett HS**— Jimmy Norton of Voya Financial Advisors
- Starling ES**— Lynn Ledford of Gwinnett County Department of Community Services
- Stripling ES**— Elizabeth Pickren of WoodFire Leadership, LLC
- Sugar Hill ES**— Mary Kate Chapman of GUIDE, Inc.
- Summerour MS**— Assistant City Manager Mary Beth Bender of the City of Norcross
- Suwanee ES**— Annie Valenty of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Sweetwater MS**— Randy Redner of Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia
- Sycamore ES**— Chief Judge Margaret Gettle Washburn of the City of Sugar Hill Municipal Court and Margaret Gettle Washburn, P.C.
- Taylor ES**— Chrissy Rosen of Georgia Gwinnett College
- Trickum MS**— Brandon Hartley of AT&T
- Trip ES**— Britt Ramroop of Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia
- Twin Rivers MS**— Stephanie Hannum of Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
- Walnut Grove ES**— Michael Santoro of Peach State Federal Credit Union
- White Oak ES**— Mayor Steve Edwards of the City of Sugar Hill
- Winn Holt ES**— Council Member Victoria Jones of the City of Lawrenceville
- Woodward Mill ES**— Cameron Lopez of American Cancer Society

"Our school develops a new advocate each time we host a principal for a day. They see firsthand the significance of the work occurring in the local school to ensure students maximize their learning potential and are prepared for high school, college, and productive adult citizenship."

"We made connections today that I believe will result in a continued partnership. I am very grateful for the future support our PFAD has already offered."

Remarks from principals who hosted a Principal for a Day

"This experience... exposed me to the amount of planning, coordinating, and review that goes into educating our children. It also provides an appreciation for how much our educators care for the kids that have been entrusted to them and the great lengths they go to to ensure their success."

"I feel that my eyes were opened to the role and responsibilities of Gwinnett County principals. As the mother of four GCPS graduates, I applaud you for a job well done."

Remarks from community members who were a Principal for a Day