

History of

Jackson Elementary School

Jackson Elementary has been led by three outstanding leaders since the doors opened in 1994. Mrs. Nelda Heatherly served from 1994 to June 1998. Mrs. Christine Emsley was principal from July 1998 to June 2003. As Mrs. Emsley transferred to open a new school (Duncan Creek Elementary), Mrs. Ruth Markham was tapped by the Board of Education to lead Jackson ES. Mrs. Markham has led the school since July 2003.

Jackson Elementary opened in August 1994 with a projected enrollment of 1,085 and a staff of 108. In 2006–07, Jackson had an enrollment of 1,760 and a total staff of 180. Jackson has had two renovation/additions since 1994. The first renovation/addition, completed in the 1999–2000 school year, included an additional 23 classrooms and one administrative suite. The second renovation/addition, completed in August 2005, included 12 additional classrooms; a new computer lab; an expansion of the administrative suite, existing cafeteria, and media center; and a new activity building.

Jackson currently has a chess club, math club, computer club, and drama club. The school also offers before school tutoring.

Jackson sponsors the following annual community building events: a Curriculum Festival (“Spotlight on Specials”) and “The Jackson Jam.” The PTA supports

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The following have served as principals of Jackson Elementary School:

1994–1998	Nelda Heatherly
1998–2003	Christine Emsley
2003 to Present	Dr. Ruth Markham

School Colors: Royal Blue and White with Red Accents

School Mascot: Golden Eagles

many schoolwide initiatives, including: a sprinkler system for the playground area; a security system which allows continuous monitoring of movement in the hallways from outside doors, and wiring for an additional computer lab.

The Jackson PTA and the school are conducting fundraising projects in order to add new equipment to the playground promoting student fitness. A walking track and two pieces of new playground equipment have been added. The students, school staff, and community look forward to the addition of more fitness equipment, trees, and park benches for the playground.

