

History of

Dr. M. H. Mason Jr. Elementary School

Dr. M. H. Mason Elementary School opened its doors in August of 1997 with 17 classrooms and just over 400 students in grades kindergarten through fifth. Preparing for its eighteenth year, the school anticipates having 36 classrooms and approximately 940 students. Mason's growth and change has mirrored the growth and change in Gwinnett County. Since 1997, the school has become more diverse. Today, students from numerous cultures enrich the school's environment beyond measure.

In 2015, Mason Elementary was recognized as a National Green Ribbon School for exemplary efforts to reduce environmental impact and utility costs, promote better health and ensure effective environmental education. In addition, the school's counselor was named National Counselor of the Year.

Dr. M. H. Mason Elementary School is named in memory of the late Dr. Miles H. Mason, a lifelong Duluth resident and physician. He skillfully dispensed medical care to the Duluth community for 43 years. Instrumental in delivering several generations of Duluth families, Dr. Mason was fondly known as "Daddy Mason". Dr. Mason encouraged a love of learning and a generous heart. Educators, parents, and members of the Mason Elementary community continue to strive to instill these traits in the students of the school.

In 2003, Mason Elementary became part of the Peachtree Ridge Cluster and no longer a part of the Duluth Cluster.

FAST FACTS

Address: 3030 Bunten Road
Duluth, GA 30096

The following have served as principals of Mason Elementary School:

1997–Nov. 2012 Dr. Paula Deweese
Dec. 2012– Present David W. Jones

School Colors: Royal Blue, White and Red
School Mascot: Lions

The school's mascot and colors changed from the Mustangs/blue, red, and white to the Lions/royal blue white, and red. The school still has many ties to the Duluth community and considers it a great honor to be named Mason Elementary School in light of Dr. Mason's many accomplishments and contributions to the Duluth community.

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