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Duncan Creek Elementary takes top honors: Fifty-six Gwinnett schools step up in Kids Heart Challenge

Annually, the American Heart Association recognizes the top 10 schools in Gwinnett County for their outstanding performance in the Kids Heart Challenge event based on participation and donations.

The Kids Heart Challenge focuses on whole body wellness, helping students improve their own health and better their character while raising life-saving donations for the AHA to help kids facing heart-health issues. Students also are encouraged to use the Kids Heart Challenge App to be kind, be active, or be prepared for the duration of the event. This is done to encourage children to create heart healthy habits that will stick with them, and create healthy conversations at home with their parents/guardians.

Duncan Creek Elementary School took top honors in Gwinnett as the winner of the **2019 American Heart Association’s (AHA) Kids Heart Challenge**. The school, which raised nearly \$16,000, beat out 55 other Gwinnett public schools that entered the contest. In second place was **Simpson Elementary** which raised more than \$14,000. **Brookwood Elementary** came in third, raising nearly \$13,000. A total of **\$215,667** was raised by the 56 schools that entered the contest. **Dr. Tasha Guadalupe**, Gwinnett County Public Schools Director of Health and Physical Education, and representatives from the AHA made surprise visits to the 10 schools that raised the most money. Those schools were awarded a plaque recognizing their efforts in the Kids Heart Challenge.



L-R: **Holly Spilliards**--American Heart Association, **Dr. Tasha Guadalupe**--GCPS, **Dayna Alkire**—Duncan Creek ES



Top 10 Schools in the Kids Heart Challenge

School	Money Raised
Duncan Creek Elementary	\$15,815.45
Simpson Elementary	\$14,491.20
Brookwood Elementary	\$12,672.38
Suwanee Elementary	\$10,284
Freeman’s Mill Elementary	\$9,875.91
Rock Springs Elementary	\$9,300.19
Harbins Elementary	\$8,403.02
Sycamore Elementary	\$8,003
Cooper Elementary	\$7,428.25
Mulberry Elementary	\$6,855.88

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