

History of

Partee Elementary School

Located in the southern region of Gwinnett County in Snellville, Henry Partee Elementary opened in 1997 to relieve overcrowding within the Shiloh Cluster. The school was named for Henry “Sonny” Partee who was an educator in the very best tradition. Sonny Partee, a lifelong resident of the Snellville community, devoted over 30 years of his life to Gwinnett students and families. With a reputation as being strict, but caring, Sonny Partee was an educator, coach, and friend to all he encountered.

In its inaugural year, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Barbara Lunsford, Partee Elementary opened its doors to 527 students in grades K - 5, taught in 25 classrooms, and 50 charter staff members.

Dr. Lunsford continued to lead the school until her retirement in 2004. In 2004, Lisa Harvin became principal through April, 2008. Audrey Baptiste was appointed as the principal from April, 2008 through 2010. Dr. LaVern Lynch Rush then took the helm as principal. Upon her retirement in 2014, Kimberly Dyer took the leadership post and is the principal today.

In addition to changes in leadership, the school’s mascot has changed over time. The school colors of blue and green and the Panther mascot were changed to the Shiloh Cluster’s black and silver Generals.

In 1997, the school’s community was a mix of rural farmland, working class, middle class, and upper middle class neighborhoods. As the Snellville community expands, Partee Elementary has experienced an influx of growth in enrollment. Subsequently, the school currently serves a diverse student population, both economically and ethnically. In addition to kindergarten through

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Address: 4350 Campbell Road
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The following have served as principals of Partee Elementary School:

2004–04	Barbara Lunsford
2004–2008	Lisa Harvin
April 1, 2008–2010	Audrey Baptiste
2010–2014	Dr. LaVern Lynch Rush
2014–Present	Kimberly Dyer

School Colors: Black and Silver

School Mascot: Generals

School Theme: Making a difference, one learner at a time

fifth grade classes, the school provides special needs programs for preschoolers and school-age students. Partee students enjoy art, music, physical education, science, and writing; as well as weekly opportunities to integrate media and technology into their learning.

Our mission is to “Pursue Academic Rigor Through Excellence in Education.” Our vision is to promote excellence in education by developing life-long learners and productive citizens who are valued as unique individuals. Partee Elementary School promotes high expectations and is committed to empowering children to become lifelong learners by working collaboratively with our students, staff, parents, and community.



