

2018 Principal for a Day:

GCPS schools host community leaders for American Education Week

American Education Week brought 141 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 with Eastside Medical Center, Peach State Federal Credit Union, and Georgia Campus-Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine 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

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
Gwinnett Chamber and Gwinnett County Public Schools



- CEO/Superintendent**— Ron Garrard of Garrard Group
- Alcova ES**— Smitty Thomas of Sonoco Paperboard Specialties
- Alford ES**— Heidi Pickens of Hospice Equipment Corporation
- Anderson-Livsey ES**— Jim Hollandsworth of Path Project
- Annistown ES**— Belinda Walker of State Farm Insurance Company
- Arcado ES**— Molly Stone of Junior League of Gwinnett and North Fulton Counties
- Archer HS**— Jimmy Laffiteau of Cornerstone Financial Partners, LLC
- Baggett ES**— Sophia Zohbe Molina of Adrian Collaborative, LLC
- Baldwin ES**— Assistant City Manager Mary Beth Bender of the City of Norcross
- Bay Creek MS**— John Moss of Interactive Business Technologies
- Beaver Ridge ES**— Terri Hoye of Norcross First United Methodist Church
- Benefield ES**— Natalie Resendiz of Homestar Financial Corporation
- Berkeley Lake ES**— Jose Doyague of Red Hat, Inc.
- Berkmar HS**— Todd Barker of Adrian Collaborative, LLC
- Berkmar MS**— Linda Stratton of BrandMortgage
- Bethesda ES**— Katie Ortiz of Medieval Times
- Britt ES**— Jamey Toney of COUNTRY Financial
- Brookwood ES**— Galen Martin of Gwinnett Technical College
- Brookwood HS**— Michael Lee Sullivan of American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia
- Burnette ES**— Terry Lee II of Georgia Department of Transportation
- Camp Creek ES**— Renee Liverpool of Georgia United Credit Union
- Cedar Hill ES**— James Barber of High Achievers
- Centerville ES**— Anita Davis of Business2Banker Connection, Inc.
- Central Gwinnett HS**— County Administrator Glenn Stephens of Gwinnett County Government
- Chattahoochee ES**— Angilla Jones of The Schoolhouse
- Chesney ES**— Nish Patel of Gwinnett Medical Center - Duluth
- Coleman MS**— Adam Forrand of Partnership Gwinnett
- Collins Hill HS**— Chrissy Rosen of Georgia Gwinnett College
- Cooper ES**— Tina Dair Fleming of Gwinnett County Department of Community Services
- Corley ES**— Denise Wells of Addinnella Baked Goods
- Couch MS**— Wanda Weegar of Renasant Bank
- Craig ES**— Jody Campbell of Blum & Campbell, LLC
- Craig ES**— Logan Stubbs of Leadership Gwinnett
- Creekland MS**— Rick Strawn of Paradigm Security
- Crews MS**— Judge Kimberly Gallant of Magistrate Court of Gwinnett County
- Dacula ES**— Chad Potts of Healing Grace Ministries
- Dacula HS**— Carol Morris of Wells Fargo
- Dacula MS**— Jason West of Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center
- Discovery HS**— Lisa Winton of Winton Machine
- Duluth HS**— Cherie Pritchard of Flex HR, Inc
- Duluth MS**— Dr. Doug Doblár of Head ES
- Duncan Creek ES**— Lisa D'Addieco of Georgia Campus - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (GA-PCOM)
- Dyer ES**— Kimberly Parker of Navy Federal Credit Union
- Ferguson ES**— Nicole Hendrickson of Gwinnett County Community Outreach Program
- Five Forks MS**— Police Captain Jeffery Lee Smith of the City of Lawrenceville
- Fort Daniel ES**— Tyler Philips of Quantum National Bank
- Freeman's Mill ES**— Andrew Carnes of Partnership Gwinnett/Leadership Gwinnett
- GIVE Center East**— Berryman "Woody" Woodruff of Delta Air Lines and U.S. Navy (retired)
- GIVE Center West**— Elizabeth Pickren of WoodFire Leadership, LLC
- Grace Snell MS**— Bob Rodgers of Street Grace
- Graves ES**— Karen A Winger of Gwinnett County Department of Transportation
- Grayson ES**— Chad Lockhart of Eastside Medical Center
- Grayson HS**— Darcie Johnson of Gwinnett Technical College
- Gwin Oaks ES**— Mollie Mae Ellington of Kaiser Permanente
- Gwinnett Online Campus**— Cliff Bray of WMBO CPA Group
- Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology**— David Hern of Alvarez & Marsal Valuation Services, LLC
- Harbins ES**— Donna Sheldon of RE/MAX Center
- Harmony ES**— Mukti Patel of Renasant Bank
- Harris ES**— Shawn Still of Olympic Pool Plastering and Shotcrete
- Hopkins ES**— Roxanne Russell of Emory University
- Hull MS**— Assistant City Manager Denise Brinson of the City of Suwanee
- International Transition Center**— Randy Redner of Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia
- Ivy Creek ES**— Terri Wilson of Kids Harbor of Hamilton Mill
- Jackson ES**— Lisa Zaken of Leadership Gwinnett
- Jenkins ES**— Glenn Martin of Martin Photography
- Jones MS**— Brooke Waters of Leadership Gwinnett
- Jordan MS**— Fire Chief Russell Knick of Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services
- Kanoheda ES**— Mandy Volpe of Interactive Neighborhood for Kids
- Knight ES**— Bernard Ethridge of Edward Jones
- Lanier HS**— Jonathan Holmes of Mighty 8th Media
- Lanier MS**— Amanda Sutt of Rock Paper Scissors
- Lawrenceville ES**— EB Hooyer of Aurora Theatre
- Level Creek ES**— Tim Koenning of Transamerica Financial Advisors
- Lilburn ES**— Esther Lee of Ernst & Young
- Lilburn MS**— Mayor Johnny Crist of the City of Lilburn
- Lovin ES**— Assistant D.A. Courtney Adkins of Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office
- Magill ES**— Dana Pagan of Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office
- Mason ES**— Annie Valenty of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Maxwell HS of Technology**— Matthew Holtkamp of Holtkamp Heating & Air

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**Baggett ES students have a question for Principal for a Day
Sophia Zohbe Molina of Adrian Collaborative, LLC.**

- McConnell MS**— Gene Byce of Jireh Supplies
McKendree ES— Erica Gwyn of The Nonprofit Guru, LLC
Meadowcreek ES— Graham Brantley of Andersen, Tate & Carr P.C.
Meadowcreek HS— C. Douglas Johnson of Georgia Gwinnett College
Mill Creek HS— Greg Cantrell of Living Stone Properties
Minor ES— Nathan Umberg of United Community Bank
Moore MS— Susan Barge of Navigate Recovery Gwinnett
Mountain Park ES— Meagan Cook of Scholastic Images
Mountain View HS— Paula Hastings of Accent Creative Group
Mulberry ES— Garrett Wiley of Jackson Electric Membership Corporation (EMC)
Nesbit ES— Matthew Elder of United Way of Greater Atlanta
New Life Academy of Excellence— Jeff Greene of IOIPay
Norcross ES— Stephanie Hannum of Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Norcross HS— Commissioner Lynette Howard of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
North Gwinnett HS— Mayor Jimmy Burnette of the City of Suwanee
North Gwinnett MS— Council Member Marc Cohen of the City of Sugar Hill and ACS Group
North Metro Academy of Performing Arts— Principal Kara Dutton of Jackson ES
Northbrook Center— Maureen Kornowa of Home of Hope at Gwinnett Children's Shelter, Inc.
Northbrook MS— Jordan Shumate of Shuma Sports
Norton ES— Sharon Powell of Armada Maintenance Plus
Oakland Meadow School— Dr. Audrey Arona of Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments
Osborne MS— Deputy County Administrator Phil Hoskins of Gwinnett County Government
Parkview HS— Barry Adams of Peachtree Awnings
Parsons ES— April Perry of Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Partee ES— Cherish De la Cruz of De la Cruz Law, LLC
Patrick ES— Melissa E. Poole of Renasant Bank
Paul Duke STEM HS— Council Member Lorri Christopher of the City of Peachtree Corners
Peachtree ES— Council Member Jeanne Aulbach of the City of Peachtree Corners
Peachtree Ridge HS— Commissioner Jace Brooks of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
Pharr ES— Nancy Golden of 1818 Club
Phoenix HS— Ife Williams of Hudgens Center for Art & Learning
Pinckneyville MS— Council Member Phil Sadd of the City of Peachtree Corners
Puckett's Mill ES— Sloan Jones of Georgia Gwinnett College
Radloff MS— Megan Lesko of Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
Richards MS— Randy Meacham of Gwinnett Municipal Association



- Riverside ES**— Council Member Linnea Miller of the City of Suwanee
Roberts ES— Amy Doherty of the City of Suwanee
Rock Springs ES— Danielle Santerre of BB&T
Rockbridge ES— Heather Sawyer of Gwinnett County Communications Division
Rosebud ES— Annisa Morgan of Dollarsat10, Inc.
Shiloh ES— Deborah Gayles of Kaiser Permanente
Shiloh HS— Dr. Kevin B. Lee of Berean Christian Church Gwinnett
Shiloh MS— Amy Wheeler of Eastside Medical Center
Simonton ES— Phil Redmond of Peach State Federal Credit Union
Simpson ES— Jun Lin of Forest Development Group
Snellville MS— Assistant Fire Chief Frederick Cephas of Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services
South Gwinnett HS— Dr. Shon Davis, principal of Alford ES
Starling ES— Marianne ReFour of Mir-Image
Stripling ES— Cera Wallace of Alpha Preparatory Academy
Sugar Hill ES— Clark Jensen of Edward Jones
Summerour MS— Marsha Anderson Bomar of Gateway85 Community Improvement District (CID)
Suwanee ES— Adam Edge of the City of Suwanee
Sweetwater MS— Debra Potter of Perimeter Church
Sycamore ES— Nancy Rosenberg of Signarama Buford
Taylor ES— Maureen Paige of Winton Machine
Trickum MS— Jennifer Fennell of Jackson Electric Membership Corporation (EMC)
Trip ES— Victoria Hawkins of Explore Gwinnett
Twin Rivers MS— State Rep. David Clark of Georgia General Assembly
Walnut Grove ES— Matt Ritzer of Georgia Swarm
White Oak ES— Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Northrup of the City of Sugar Hill
Winn Holt ES— Katrina Fellows of Lawrenceville Lions Club
Woodward Mill ES— Jessica Behmke of Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc.

"It was so nice to share the important work we do daily with the community. We were able to build plans for future partnerships."

"I was so impressed with how much my PFAD wanted to learn about our schools."

"I enjoyed having a Principal for a Day that is from our community. It was a great opportunity not only to share information about our school, but also to build a relationship moving forward."

Remarks from principals who hosted a Principal for a Day

"The experience was very enlightening and spending time in the school opened my eyes to both the great work and issues the educators and staff experience first hand."

"I really don't know how it could have been better unless they extended it to 'Principal for Two Days' or 'Principal for a Week'."

"What a special privilege to spend the day with these dedicated and effective educators."

Remarks from community members who were a Principal for a Day