

History of

Meadowcreek Elementary School

Meadowcreek Elementary is committed to educating children in the Norcross community. During the school's charter year (1998–1999), Principal Connie Hoyle served approximately 1,100 students and 125 staff members. Barbara Ergle and Dorothy Hines were the assistant principals. Both Mrs. Ergle and Mrs. Hines have since left Meadowcreek to become principals for Gwinnett County Public Schools. Under the leadership of Connie Hoyle, the HOSTS program was established as well as the SuccessMaker technology lab. HOSTS (Helping One Student to Succeed) was a community volunteer program that served underachieving third graders in the area of reading. In 2005–06, the school had approximately 125 community volunteers. Meadowcreek Elementary's HOSTS program has received National Exemplary Status for the past three years. The SuccessMaker Lab continues to be an integral piece of the school's instructional program. This technology element allows for individualized instruction for EVERY student in the building. It is also a great data tool to monitor academic achievement.

Meadowcreek Elementary grew from 1,100 students to a high of 1,470 during the 2004–05 school year.

FAST FACTS

Address: 5025 Georgia Belle Ct.
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The following have served as principals of Meadowcreek Elementary School:

1998–2000	Connie Hoyle
2000–2003	Donna Robertson
2003–2003	Teia Gentry
2003–2007	Margaret Ackerman
2007–Feb. 2012	Kelli McCain
Feb. 2012 – Present	Juanita Daunoy

School Colors: Royal Blue and White

School Mascot: Mustang

During this period of time, Meadowcreek had 29 trailer classrooms. An addition was built at Hopkins to relieve the overcrowding at Meadowcreek. In 2006–07, Meadowcreek served approximately 950 students who were primarily Hispanic. Over 50% of its students are second language learners. The staff at Meadowcreek embraces diversity. One hallmark in helping support



the school's students and their families is the Parent Center. Meadowcreek has had a parent center in operation since 2000. This development was cutting-edge as Title I federal dollars have just recently begun to fund this position.

Meadowcreek values the partnership it has with Cannon Business Solutions and Vulcan. The Vulcan rock quarry is located less than one mile from Meadowcreek. Both of these businesses are vested in the success of students and have members who serve on the Local School Council. Meadowcreek students visit the rock quarry yearly to learn about rocks, minerals, etc. and to gain a better understanding of rock blasting.

Meadowcreek has a long standing commitment to literacy development. It has five reading teachers, two leveled books rooms, guided reading instruction in all classrooms and very eager readers. Through its affiliation with SPARK, the school has begun to educate its community on the early literacy strategies that will help children be better prepared for kindergarten.

During the 2004–05 school year, Principal Margaret Ackerman was named Counselor Advocate of the Year for the county and the state.

During the 2005–06 school year, ESOL Teacher Carol Issa was named as one of the top six finalists for Gwinnett Teacher of the Year. Counselor Kelly Cowart was named GCPS Elementary Counselor of the Year in 2006–07 and went on to earn the 2007 National Counselor of the Year.

Meadowcreek Elementary is working diligently to help all of its students achieve academically, closing the achievement gap. Over the past two years, the school's results demonstrate the commitment on the part of each staff member to help EVERY child succeed.

In 2007, Principal Margaret Ackerman was selected to open a new school opening in the county. The Board of Education chose Kelli McCain, an assistant principal at Grayson Elementary, as the school's new leader.