

# History of

# Mountain Park Elementary School

Mountain Park Elementary is located at 1500 Pounds Road in Lilburn. The school opened in the fall of 1966 and has served a population as small as 370 in grades 1–7 and as high as 1,024 in grades K–5. The school, which originally had 14 classrooms, was built to relieve overcrowding at Snellville Elementary. At that time, the school served a section of the county presently within the attendance zones of Arcado Elementary, Camp Creek Elementary, Mountain Park Elementary, and Lilburn Elementary. All of the above schools were built in later years to relieve Mountain Park Elementary School. By 1995, the enrollment grew to 633 students in grades K–5. The current enrollment is approximately 660 students. The school has had three additions to the building, as well as a renovation to the original building. Mountain Park Elementary, which was named for the local community of Mountain Park, has a quiet, serene campus conducive to learning.

Over the years, Mountain Park Elementary has experienced many changes. When the school opened, Brownlee Road and Pounds Road were dirt roads. It is

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**Address:** 1500 Pounds Road  
Lilburn, GA 30047

The following have served as principals of Mountain Park Elementary School:

1966–83	Albert L. Clark, Jr.
1983–87	John U. Tippins, III
1987–94	Nelda Heatherly
1994–96	Dr. Bob Clark
1996–Jan. 2001	Sandra Webb
Jan. 2001–2008	Debbie Allred
2008–Present	Valerie Robinett

**School Colors:** Blue and Orange

**School Mascot:** Cougar

said that one rainy day, a parent had to take a tractor and pull a school bus out of the mud. This is a very different scene than what is found on today's busy roads near the school. Another stark difference is in the amenities



available in the school. In 1966, the school opened with no office furniture. The principal brought a card table and his typewriter from home. Today, Mountain Park Elementary teachers have laptop computers and students benefit from instructional technology labs.

Albert Clark was named as the first principal and served until 1983. He was followed by John Tippins (1983–1987) Ms. Nelda Heatherly (1987–1994), Dr. Bob Clark (1994–1996), Mrs. Sandra Webb (1996–Jan. 2001), and current principal, Debbie Allred (Jan. 2001–present).

In 1981, Mountain Park Elementary was chosen by the Georgia Council of Teachers of English to receive the Excellence in English Award. The school also has received numerous awards from the American Red Cross for generous response to people in need. Mountain Park is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and in 1993 was selected as a Georgia School of Excellence.

The school mascot is a rather friendly looking cougar, which is in keeping with the feline mascots of other cluster schools. The school sports the Parkview colors of blue and orange.