

# History of

## Craig Elementary School

Robert W. Craig owned one of the largest plantations in Gwinnett County. It was built in 1830 and located on what was then known as old Station Mountain Road. This plantation covered an area that is said to have extended for nearly 10 miles along what is now Five Forks Trickum Road. Cotton, corn, hogs and grains were predominately raised on this plantation. Robert Craig was known as a kind and gentle man. After Sherman devastated the area during the Civil War, Craig distributed his reserves of seed and grain throughout the county and even to neighboring states to help people make a new start. Craig's plantation was often called "Little Egypt", comparing him to the biblical story of Joseph giving grain to the Egyptians during the seven year drought. "Little Egypt" still stands on Five Forks Trickum Road for all to see. This home has been put on the National Registry of Historical Places. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are buried in a small cemetery on this property.

Since Robert W. Craig certainly contributed to the successful rebuilding of Gwinnett County following the Civil War, it is a fitting tribute to this man to name a school in his honor, especially since the school is located on his "Little Egypt" plantation.

Craig Elementary sits squarely in the middle of the

### FAST FACTS

Address: 1075 Rocky Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

The following have been principals of Craig Elementary School:

1993–2004	Dan Hicks
2004–2008	Mary Ray
2008–Present	Angie Wright

**School Colors:** Maroon and Gold

**School Mascot:** Craig Colts

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community that it serves! This fast-growing geographic location illustrates the school's role as the "hub" of the community ever since it first opened in 1993. The Craig "Colts" are a high-achieving student body of approximately 1,024 (1,230 for 2006–07), a large group of committed parents, and a dedicated staff who have joined forces to create a successful learning environment.

The physical school plant includes a three-story



addition that opened for the 2005–06 school year. The media center, cafeteria, and physical education building were also expanded. In addition, there are 85 classrooms, one art room, a science laboratory, one music room, and a bookroom. The Outdoor Classroom Committee has involved teachers, parents, and students in extending the school facility to the outdoors, with the creation of an award-winning environmental education center.

The projected staff for 2006–07 includes 56 regular education teachers, three self-contained EBD teachers, two self-contained special needs preschool teachers, two interrelated teachers, three Gifted Program Resource teachers, two reading specialists, two math teachers, one science teacher, two speech teachers, one PreK-speech teacher, two ESOL teachers, two PE/Health teachers, one art teacher, a music teacher, two counselors, a media specialist, one Local School Technology Coordinator, 16 paraprofessionals, two stellar subs, six office and support staff, two assistant principals and a principal.

The faculty and staff of Craig Elementary are dedicated, highly motivated and well-qualified individuals. Several staff members have been at the school since it opened. Craig Elementary teachers are content experts who are committed to lifelong learning. In fact, 73% of the teaching staff holds Master's and/or Specialist's degrees. Craig Elementary has been recognized as a 2001 Gwinnett County and 2002 Georgia School of Excellence. In addition, Craig Elementary received the Gold Award from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for 2005 and 2006. Our teachers illustrate daily their genuine concern for each student and their success. Each classroom teacher participates in before or after school tutoring sessions with his or her students. In addition, more than 300 students have enrolled in AKS clubs and Academic Intervention Tutoring.