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“Little Kids Rock” in Gwinnett schools with addition of instruments

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) students at five different elementary schools now have access to an additional tool to enrich their learning—acoustic guitars. Their teachers participated in the “Little Kids Rock” Workshop, a training session where they learned music education teaching strategies. They also received the instruments, a teacher’s manual, software, and other school supplies for their students.

The participating teachers from Gwinnett are:

- **Beth Bryant** of **Corley Elementary**, music
- **Kristin Gwaltney** of **Lilburn Elementary**, music
- **Julie Hall** of **Lilburn Elementary**, music
- **Jaime Krauss** of **Meadowcreek Elementary**, 3rd grade
- **Jeff Peterson** of **Mountain Park Elementary**, physical education
- **Merle Soodyall** of **Stripling Elementary**, music
- **Mike Urbanik** of **Meadowcreek Elementary**, 5th grade

Each Gwinnett music teacher received 30 guitars, while the other educators received 10. The schools were able to participate in this program thanks in part to a “Little Kids Rock” \$100,000 grant from the Quincy Jones Foundation, and a second donation from the Dr. Phil Foundation.

For more information about “Little Kids Rock,” visit www.littlekidsrock.com

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