S.M.A.R.T. Goal Achievement and Excellence for All!
Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to another exciting school year at Park Street Elementary School! We are looking forward to a fantastic year filled with many exciting activities, enriching programs and challenging curriculum to enrich the learning of each and every student.

Park Street Elementary School is the S.M.A.R.T. Goals Academy of Marietta City Schools. At Park Street, we provide students in Kindergarten through fifth grade an in-depth academic program that incorporates the use of individual and personalized learning experiences. We also believe in providing students with a safe environment where our children achieve academically and build positive relationships with each other and adults.

The mission at Park Street Elementary School is SMART goals achievement and excellence for all!

Our Student Handbook is provided to assist you with our policies and procedures, as well as answer as many questions as possible that you may have about Park Street Elementary School. The following pages contain important information regarding our policies and procedures. Please review the information provided and returns any forms that require your signature to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Please keep this handbook as a reference throughout the school year and refer to it as needed for important information.

We are looking forward to a fabulous school year! If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 770.429.3182 or at mfreedman@marietta-city.k12.ga.us. We look forward to seeing all of you throughout the school year!

Matt Freedman
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Principal
Park Street Elementary School
S.M.A.R.T. Goals Academy
770-429-3180
Our Mission: S.M.A.R.T. goal achievement and excellence for ALL.

Our Purpose: Empowering students to advance their opportunities for academic success using effective S.M.A.R.T. goal practices


Park Street Oath:
I am a Park Street Panther and I promise I will be Respectful and Obedient and act with Responsibility.

I use my SMART goals and believe they show the world I can Achieve, whatever I am striving for because Park Street Panthers always ROAR!

School Hours: Regular school hours are from 8:30 am – 3:15 pm. Students may enter the building at 8:00 am each morning. Please do not send or drop off your child/children to school prior to 8:00 am. Our staff is required to report at 7:30 am and students are not allowed in the building until after that time so that we can guarantee the active supervision and safety of your child.

Accreditation: Park Street is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Attendance: According to Georgia law, parents must ensure that their children attend each day of school. Absences accompanied by written notices are considered excused for a religious holiday or observance, illness, death or serious illness of a family member. Students are tardy after 8:30 am and must sign in at the office. When it is necessary to arrive later than 8:30 am, a student can be counted present for the day if they arrive before 11:35 pm. At the end of the year, Park Street does recognize those students with perfect attendance. Perfect attendance is defined as being present for each day of school with no more than five tardies. It is important for the school to know why your child is absent. Within 3 days or reasonable amount of time, please send a note to the teacher when your child returns to school.

Bus Transportation and Ridership: Riding MCS buses to and from school is a privilege. All K-12 MCS students who ride the bus must have a completed and signed Bus Safety Partnership Agreement/Contract and Emergency Contact Card on file with the driver in order to continue bus ridership. All of the expectations of Agreement must be followed at all times. After school bus stop/drop-off notice: It is also important to note that the Department of Children and Family Services (DFACS) requires that all students 8 years of age and under have adult supervision at the bus stop every day. A parent/guardian must be present in order for any student under the age of 8 to be allowed to get off of the bus at their designated stop. Students 8 and under without proper adult representation will be immediately transported to Park Street for parent pick up and payment of fee. Parents will be assessed a registration fee of $10.00 immediately payable to the Community School. 1st incident of no parent or guardian at stop will result in a notice from the school principal or designee. 2nd incident of no parent or guardian at the stop and non-payment of fee(s) will result in the immediate loss of riding privileges until all fees are paid to Marietta Community School. 3rd incident will result in referral to school social worker. More than 3 incidences of no parent or guardian at the bus stop of 8 and under students may result in a referral to the appropriate agency/authority regarding child safety and welfare.

MCS Safe Rider Program Description: The safety of your children is our number one concern and “The Safe Rider Program” is a student management program which promotes and teaches proper school bus safety. The core of the program promotes personal accountability as it relates to bus safety because unsafe choices endanger the safety of all passengers.
How the Program Works

The program promotes instant accountability for unsafe behavior as shown below. The program also includes a defined and graduated discipline plan. The concept does not stop here. We have also developed a Safe Rider Class that employs several different ways of empowering the student to correct unsafe behavior. Some of those techniques include role play, videos and class work which will be scheduled to not interfere with the student’s academic work.

Unsafe Behavior on the Ride Home

If unsafe behavior occurs before the bus leaves the school, the student will be provided with two options: (1) Correct the behavior and continue home (behavior documented) or (2) be removed from the bus.(behavior documented.)

If unsafe behavior occurs after the bus leaves the school the driver will contact their Dispatch. Transportation staff will assess the situation and if necessary, return the student to Park Street where they will be picked up by a parent or guardian. If either of the above instances occurs, the graduated discipline plan will be in effect. For questions, about Transportation policies contact MCS Transportation at 770-429-3110.

MCS Policies for students supersede the Safe Rider Program.

We need your partnership as we move forward in making Marietta City School buses safer and more enjoyable part of the student’s day. Please review the Safe Rider Policies and Regulations with your student. Please complete and sign the Safe Rider Contract / Emergency Form with your child and return to your bus driver within 5 days to continue bus rider privileges and to insure your child’s assigned seat.

Safe Rider GRADUATED (LEVELLED) DISCIPLINE PLAN

1st Offense – Driver Student Conference & Parent Contacted. (Courtesy Notice.) Student on probation and re-assigned to the front of Bus for 1 week.

2nd Offense – Driver Student Conference & Parent Contacted. (Courtesy Notice.) Student on probation and re-assigned to the front of Bus for 2 weeks.

3rd Offense* – Referral submitted, 3 Days Bus Suspension. Upon return student placed on probation and re-assigned to the front of Bus for 1 week. *Safe Rider Class and Behavior Contract Required.

4th Offense* – Referral submitted, 5 Days Bus Suspension. *Conference required before returning to the school bus.

5th Offense – Referral submitted, Transportation Director recommends Bus suspension for the remainder of the year.

Cafeteria: Breakfast is available beginning at 7:45 am. There is no cost for breakfast for students, yet there is a $1.50 charge for adults. Park Street is a Provision II school, which means that all of our students receive free lunch. Late arriving bus students do have an opportunity to eat breakfast without penalty. Lunch prices are $3.50 for adults. Parents, legal guardian and grandparents are welcome to join children for lunch. All lunch visitors must check in through our front office.

Car Drop-off and Pick-up: Morning car riders dropped off in the front parking lot begins at 8:00 am. Please remain in a single file line to safely unload your child at the front doors. Afternoon car riders are loaded at the south parking lot between the upper and lower buildings via the cafeteria exit doors. Please drive around the back of the building and remain in line until it is your turn to pick up your child.

Change of Transportation: If a student is normally a bus rider, we require written notice from the parent/guardian before allowing students to leave with anyone other than a parent/guardian. To safeguard our students, we do not allow students to walk or ride home with unauthorized persons. At dismissal, bus-riding students are placed on the bus unless a parent/guardian has notified the school office of another arrangement in writing at least 24hrs in advance. Students are not permitted to change buses to ride home with friends unless they have a note from their parent/guardian that has been submitted and approved by the office. For the safety of our students, we adhere strictly to these rules. It is requested that you communicate clearly with your child before he/she comes to school, and notify the child’s teacher in writing of any transportation changes. If you must make an emergency change during the day, notify the school office staff in

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Please sign the attached notice of receipt and return The Board of Education of the City of Marietta does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, or gender in its employment practices, student programs and dealings with the public.
writing via fax as soon as possible. Our school fax number is (770)-429-3182. Please follow up your fax with a phone call to verify that we received your communication.

Early Pick Up: Please limit early pick-up of children to emergencies and scheduled appointments. If a child is out for any portion of the school day, the missed time is recorded as a tardy or early dismissal. Excessive time missed could reflect a possible perfect attendance award at the end of the year. A note sent in the morning will help us to have your child ready. There will be no early dismissals from the front office to avoid car rider line. To avoid interruptions to instruction and dismissal procedures, no student will be released between 2:45 and 3:15pm. Parents will be asked to wait for the dismissal bell. All early dismissals must come through the front office. Parents/guardians are required to sign out a student. Parents are not allowed to bypass the office and go to classrooms to take their student. Please be prepared to present photo identification upon request. No student will be released to an unknown or unauthorized person.

Late Pick-Up: Students waiting to be picked up will be supervised until 3:25. After 3:25 they may be sent to the After School Program if they are pre-registered ($10 fee). Regular after school charges will apply. Many parents sign up for the program so their children can attend in case of emergency.

Computers: Park Street features a computer lab with 40 up-to-date computers utilizing the latest technology for assisting with instruction in basic subjects, remedial activities, and enrichment. All students K-5 work in the computer lab. Our building has wireless connectivity; every regular classroom is equipped with three computers. 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th graders also have access to laptops on a daily basis. Throughout the school, there are approximately 126 computers, giving the school a computer-student ratio of 1:5.

Clothing: School uniforms are mandatory; all students will be required to participate. An “Opt Out” Application is available in the front office and must be received within 5 days of enrollment. It is ultimately the principal’s decision if your application Uniform Shirts are navy blue, light (powder) blue and white polo shirts.

Uniform Shirt/Pants/Shorts/or Skorts are khaki or navy blue. Uniforms can be purchased from Wal-Mart, K-mart, and Value Village, Burlington Coat Factory, Family Dollar, J.C. Penny, Sears or any other commercial vendor. Students are expected to wear the uniform Monday through Thursday. Fridays are Park Street Spirit Wear days and/or “dress as you like day” as long as the MCS dress code guidelines are followed.

Counselor: Our school counselor is Dr. Jennifer Bussey. Students will receive guidance and career readiness lessons and activities in their classrooms. Some may receive small group counseling sessions. Information discussed with the counselor is subject to counselor-student confidentiality unless the student is harmed or is at risk of harming themselves or others.

Curriculum: Reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, music, art, and physical education are based upon the Georgia Performance Standards (https://www.georgiastandards.org/Standards).

Panther Roar: The Panther Roar will go home each Tuesday. This home-to-school communication folder will contain important information for parents and samples of student work. Please examine the contents thoroughly, sign and return to school the next day or as soon as possible. Please return change of phone number, change of residence, or any other critical information requested by the office immediately.

E-Mail: You may contact all certified and classified Park Street staff members via email. Marietta City School System employees contact information: first initial, last name @ marietta-city.k12.ga.us. (Example: pjohnson@marietta-city.k12.ga.us). Email messages may not always get the attention of intended recipient on the same day, so please call the office with messages that need immediate attention. If you have trouble reaching a teacher, you may e-mail the principal at mfreedman@marietta-city.k12.ga.us or the assistant principal at lpinion@marietta-city.k12.ga.us.

Gifted Program Notification-Assurance of Access: Marietta City Schools endorses the philosophy that education is a means by which each individual has the opportunity to reach his or her fullest potential. We believe that all students have a right to educational experiences that challenge the level of their individual development, whether it is below, at, or beyond the level of their age peers. Special programs for gifted students are one outgrowth of this commitment.
PLEASE SIGN THE ATTACHED NOTICE OF RECEIPT AND RETURN

Students in grades K-12 who demonstrate a high degree of intellectual, academic, and/or creative abilities have the opportunity for nomination for evaluation to determine eligibility to participate in the Program for Gifted Students. Teachers, parents or guardians, counselors, administrators, peers, self, and other individuals with knowledge of the student’s abilities, may make referrals for consideration. The State Board of Education determines eligibility criteria for placement in this program. For a summary of those criteria or for further information about Marietta City’s Program for Gifted Students, please contact the Gifted Program teacher at Park Street Elementary School, 770-429-3180 or the Gifted Program Supervisor, Marietta City Schools, 250 Howard Street, Marietta, GA 30060.

2016-2017 Honors Events at PSE: Students will be recognized for academics, conduct, citizenship, and attendance in the Park Street Gym.

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Ilness at School: If your child becomes sick or has an abnormal temperature, the school nurse will call for pick up by a parent or caretaking adult. A child must be fever and vomit-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. Students suspected of having head lice will have to go home and must not have any live louse in order to return. It is very important that we always have an updated working phone number for your child.

Medicine: If your child requires medication during the day, please see the school nurse for the form you must fill out giving permission and directions to administer the medication. All medication must be in a clearly labeled original prescription container with the child’s name and clear directions. All medications must be kept in the clinic; and the school nurse dispenses no medication of any kind, including aspirin or Tylenol, unless it is sent from home with a signed note of instruction and permission from the parent or guardian. For the safety and well being of our children, it is important that an adult transport any necessary medication to and from school. Students in need of asthma inhalers may keep those inhalers on their person.

Parent Conferences: Parent conference weeks occur September 18th-September 22nd (Fall Conferences-Early Release at 1:15 p.m.) and February 12th-16th (Spring Conferences-Early Release at 1:15 p.m.). Additional conferences are welcome and encouraged; please schedule through the office or arrange with the teacher. Teachers are not available for conferences during instructional class times without prior approval of school administration.

Parent Resource Office-Title I: The Parent Liaisons’ Office and Resource Center are located in Rm 100B. Please sign in or call to make an appointment to see Ms. Martinez or for procedures regarding the Parent Resource Center.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS): Park Street Elementary School began school wide implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) in 2014-2015. By implementing PBIS we hope to reduce behavior disruptions and teach all students about acceptable school behaviors. Our PBIS plan includes clearly defined rules, research based practices, and supportive systems. All staff members at Park Street Elementary School will work collaboratively to provide students with a predictable and positive learning environment. Park Street has a positive reward system in place where students can earn Panther Bucks for demonstrating positive behavior.

At Park Street we teach students and expect the following core values to be demonstrated on a daily basis:

- Responsibility
- Obedience
- Achievement
- Respect

PARK STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Marietta, Georgia

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All Students at PSE are taught how to [**ROAR**] in every area of our school. These expectations are posted on walls around the school.

**Picture Days:** Information regarding school pictures will be published shortly for the 2016-2017 school year.

**PTA Meetings** Our PTA meetings are tentatively set for August 25th, September 12th, February 6th, March 13th, and April 27th at 6:30 pm in the school gym. Additional PTA events are scheduled and notices will be sent home via the Panther Roar throughout the school year. We have an active PTA with a great staff of officers. We encourage you to become an active member of our PTA. Every school year, our goal is 100% of parents and staff members as active members of the Park Street PTA. The cost of PTA membership is $6.00.

**Promotion Retention Policy of Marietta City School**

For the full text of the Marietta City Schools Promotion Retention policy, refer to [http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/mcs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=97ZJLH4C13EF](http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/mcs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=97ZJLH4C13EF)

A student shall be promoted when in the professional judgment of the teacher, the principal and other school staff the student has successfully met instructional level standards for the grade level in which he/she is currently placed based on the following criteria:

- Mastery of state adopted grade level curriculum
- Overall classroom performance and participation
- Performance on state mandated curriculum tests and other standardized test data, as appropriate

Students in grades 3, 5 and 8 must pass the state adopted Georgia Milestones (EOG) Assessment for promotion to the next grade level. Students in grades 5 and 8 must also pass the state adopted math Georgia Milestones Assessment for promotion to the next grade level.

Students with Disabilities

For students receiving special education or related services, the Individualized Education Plan Committee shall serve as the placement committee. The school principal or designee must be present at the IEP placement committee meeting in which promotion retention decisions are made (State Board Rule 160-4-2.11)

English Language Learners (ELL) – Grades K-8

After three years of service through the system’s ESOL program, ELL students will be subject to all provisions of the Marietta City Schools Promotion Policy. ELL students, in their first three years, will be promoted/retained based on a recommendation from the state required Language Assessment Conference (LAC) Committee to the principal. The LAC recommendation is not a replacement for the promotion retention committee meeting. Consideration for the level of student language acquisition or years of participation in the system’s ESOL program does not apply to students affected by the state promotion, placement and retention rules for grades 3, 5, and 8. Factors considered for promotion and retention of ELL students, excluding those in grades 3, 5, and 8 include the following: academic performance, ACCESS scores, Georgia Milestones, GKIDS performance, formative assessments, attendance, age, and previous schooling.

**Recess:** Faculty and staff at PSE make every attempt to take our students outside for a 15-minute recess, except when inclement weather does not allow. Please always dress your child for the weather. Visitors are not allowed on the playground or field during recess or during the school day.

**Report Cards/Student Progress:** Grade reports are issued every nine weeks. Midway through the nine weeks, a progress report is sent home that will advise parents of student progress at that time. Student assignments and grades can be monitored via Aspen [https://aspent.marietta-city.org/aspen/logon.do](https://aspent.marietta-city.org/aspen/logon.do). Registration access to the Aspen and much more is located on the Marietta City Schools home page: [http://www.marietta-city.org](http://www.marietta-city.org). Teachers will also send weekly behavior/class work reports home for parent review, input and signature.

**School Governance Team** : PSE School Governance Team (SGT) meet once a month and abide by open meeting rules. Parents and community stakeholders are welcome to attend. Each month’s agenda, minutes, important documents and presentations are posted to the SGT webpage.
School Closing for Inclement Weather: When there is a question about school closure or early dismissal because of bad weather, the authorized radio stations for MCS are WSB 750 AM or 95.5 FM. Radio stations will broadcast information about Marietta City Schools. It is advisable to have pre-arrangements made with a close relative, family friend or dependable neighbor with regard to early dismissal.

Student Records: It is the school’s policy to send educational records without permission upon written request from another school. **Student records are available only to a natural parent unless a legal document instructs the school otherwise.**

Supplies and Performing Arts Donations: A $10.00 per student voluntary donation is requested to purchase art and instructional materials consumed during the year. A $10.00 voluntary donation is collected for Performing Arts to offset the cost of tickets for performances of drama, music, dance, symphony, etc. The student’s Homeroom teacher will provide receipts for all monies collected.

Testing: All Marietta City Elementary schools will participate in state, local and nationally normed assessments.

- **Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS)** - All K students tested across core content: August 3-May 11, 2018
- **ACCESS for English Language Learners: January 16- March 2, 2017**
- **Georgia Milestones End of Grade Tests** - Administered to all students in grades 3, 4 & 5 beginning April 11-April 26, 2018 in Math, ELA (Reading and Writing included), Science and Social Studies.
- **Spring MCS Spring Comprehensive Assessment** will be given May 3-11 in grades 1-2 in ELA, Reading.
- All PSE students in grades K-5 will set and strive to meet individualized quarterly S.M.A.R.T. goals across the core content subjects.

Visitors and School Security Monitoring: Park Street is equipped with keyless entry on our exterior doors. All exterior doors are locked and secured. The main entrance/front door has a bell and voice box. All visitor should press the talk button 1 (one time) and await a response. Back building students and visitors to the back building need to obtain a temporary key card as well. Please remind your child to never open outside school doors for anyone. All visitors, including parents and guardians, to the school must check in at the office and have their driver’s license or personal identification card scanned with our Raptor V-Soft Visitor Management and Screening system to help protect children from sex offenders, domestic dispute offenders and other trespassers. In addition, our building is under 24-7 video surveillance system with cameras and motion detection throughout the building to monitor activity.

In addition to the measures described above, we are asking parents to assist us by ensuring that the school always has current, working and accurate emergency contact information on file for their children.

It is important to remember that school safety extends to the school bus and bus stop. Please remind your student(s) about bus safety rules according to the Safe Rider Program and make sure that there is adult supervision at bus stops. **Students under the age of 8 who do not have an adult to meet them at the bus stop will be returned to Park Street (105 Park Street).** Parents must pick them up from there and will be charged a fee (refer to the previous Bus, Transportation and Ridership section of this document)

Volunteers: Parents provide a tremendous service to children and the school by volunteering. Volunteers are needed in various areas. Let us know how you would like to help. All visitors are required show picture ID to sign-in and obtain a visitor’s badge while in the building.

NCLB Parent Notice of Teacher Qualifications: In compliance with the requirements of the **No Child Left Behind** statute, Marietta City Schools informs parents that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your child’s teacher(s).

The following information may be requested:

1. whether the teacher has met the Georgia Professional Standards Commission requirements for certification for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher...
provides instruction;

2. whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Georgia qualifications or certification criteria have been waived;

3. the college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher;

4. whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child’s teacher’s qualifications, please contact the Human Resources Department 770-429-3101 per Title I, Part A, Section 1111(h)(6)(A)

Park Street Elementary
Title I Parent Involvement Policy (2017-2018)

Park Street Elementary School (P.S.E.S.) is a Schoolwide Title I school. Park Street Elementary School has jointly developed this policy and compact with our parents to describe how we will support the important role of parents in the education of their children. At P.S.E.S., we strive to build capacity for parent/community involvement by implementing the six types of involvement: Parenting, Communications, Parent Volunteering, Learning at Home, Decision-making and Governance, and Collaboration and Exchanges in the Community. This policy is distributed via our weekly communication folder, Panther Roar and posted on the school’s website.

Based on the requirements of Title I NCLB, Section 1118 and the needs identified by our parents and school staff surveys, we will provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parent may request. The following strategies were outlined:

I. An annual Title I information session and other flexible scheduled meetings will be held throughout the school year. These meetings will cover the following information:
   a. Title I Programs
   b. School Improvement Status
   c. Parent’s right to know about Teacher and Paraprofessional qualifications
   d. Parent Information Workshops & Parent volunteering
   e. School policies and procedures
   f. Georgia Performance Standards and homework/learning strategies
   g. Assessments – State, Norm Reference, and school based
   h. Transitioning from Pre-K to Kindergarten and 5th graders to Marietta Sixth Grade Academy

II. Parents will receive information from our school in their child’s home language in a timely manner. Park Street Elementary School uses the following communication methods to provide parent with timely information:
   a. Weekly Parent/School Communication Folder
   b. Title I Parent Newsletter-Monthly
   c. Park Street Elementary School’s and Teacher’s website
   d. Voice and text mass calling software program

III. We encourage all families to be education partners in their children’s school success by:
   a. Inviting parents to participate in all Parent Involvement Activities
   b. Encouraging parents to serve on committees such as the PTA, School Improvement Planning, and Parent Policy/Compact Action Planning Committee
   c. Providing meetings held during and outside school hours. These dates and times are listed in the Park Street Elementary School Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
   d. Offering support through the Title I Parent Resource Center. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:15am to 2:45pm and select Saturdays mornings from 8:30am to 11:30am. There is one bilingual Parent Liaisons available to assists parents with their various needs. Some
of the services available are academic support, parenting literature, computer access and verbal/written translations/interpretation support.

IV. Parents will be provided information on school performance and student’s individual assessments:
   a. Information on school performance is available on the school’s website and sent home via the Panther Roar.
   b. The final results of the MAP Assessment for grades K-5 and the state tests and re-tests are sent home via the U.S. postal service. General grade level results for the state test results are posted on the school’s website in the form of the Balanced School Card. Parent-Teacher Conferences are held twice a year, fall and spring, to inform parents on their children’s progress and the opportunity to give input on how to work with their children.

V. Parents and community members will be given timely responses to their concerns and suggestions.
   a. All concerns and suggestions submitted in writing or verbally are responded to in a timely manner. Concerns and suggestions regarding the Schoolwide Improvement Plan, available on the school’s website and print copy in the Media Center, will be submitted to the administration and/or the School Governance Team. Information from parent surveys has resulted in the development of the Park Street Elementary School Parent Workshop opportunities.

VI. School/Parent Compact
   a. The parent compact will be developed jointly with our parents, staff and students. All families, school staff, and students are asked to participate by signing the compact to show their support and provide input. A draft will be posted immediately after the meeting for 5 days. The compact is distributed during the Fall Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Week.

VII. School and Community Partnership
   a. Our school builds ties between home and school by educating teachers, paraprofessionals, administration, and other staff by gathering input from parents on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal educational partners.
   b. Our school partnerships with the local community. Some of our partners are Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The 100 Black Men of North Metro Atlanta, Wellstone/Kennestone HR, StoneBridge Church, The Marietta Power Company, Horace Mann Insurance, and Zaxby’s. Our partners support the school community by providing financial support for various programs, mentors and volunteers, and educational programs.