

# Mirror Lake Elementary School

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## Why Mirror Lake Elementary?

*"Mirror Lake Elementary is a true community school. From the first day that I walked my now 5th grade son to his kindergarten classroom, our family has always felt a valued part of the Mirror Lake family. Both of our sons have been met at their individual academic levels, and have been encouraged to develop healthy social and independent habits. The school stresses academic success, as well as good citizenship traits. Many extracurricular activities are available to foster other interests as well. Our family can truly say that Mirror Lake embraces the whole child and the entire family. We are grateful to be a part of such a tremendous community!"*

—Mirror Lake Parent

## Achievements

- ◇ Beating the Odds school
- ◇ Award winning garden -"The Golden Radish"
- ◇ Listed on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail
- ◇ Mirror Lake is home to Georgia's 2021 AG in the Classroom Teacher of the Year, Ms. Natalie Murray



## Inside the Classroom

At Mirror Lake, students in grades PK – 5 are served by a staff of 40 certified teachers, seven paraprofessionals, a counselor, and two administrators. Twelve front office and support staff assist in the daily operation of the school. All teachers at Mirror Lake Elementary have been identified by the state as Highly Qualified in their teaching field. State approved curriculum and 21st century research-based teaching strategies are used in every classroom to engage students of all ability levels to succeed at their full potential.

Teachers spend countless hours collaboratively planning instruction within and across grade levels at Professional Learning Community meetings. These collaborations are developed by teacher teams and focus on the 'front burner' issues as identified by teachers at each grade level.

Supplemental materials and educational programs are utilized to ensure that instruction is differentiated to meet the need of each unique learner. Two 4th grade teachers wrote a grant and received funds to purchase and initiate the Reflex Math program. Reflex Math is a computer-based remediation and acceleration tool that has already shown noticeable improvement in overall student achievement in math in 4th grade. There are similar success stories at each grade level and specials area.

Together, we shape the future.

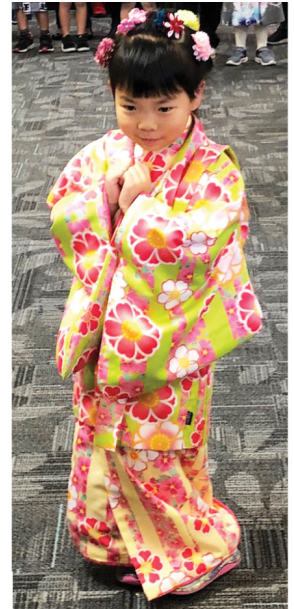
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## Our Mission

To provide a quality education for all students in a safe, supportive environment.

## Our Vision

To build a community of lifelong learners who are independent thinkers and who become responsible and productive citizens



## Principal's Message

*Welcome to Mirror Lake Elementary, where knowledge is our anchor.*

*At Mirror Lake, our teachers are committed to doing what is best for students, while maintaining high expectations for student learning. As the incoming instructional leader of the school, I strive to grow and continue the school's success of high achievement while maintaining a close, school family atmosphere. My goal is to build relationships within the school and community, focus on academic excellence, and build leaders that are prepared to navigate this ever-changing world.*

*Learning is better at the LAKE!*

*-Principal Lisa Huey*

**Student Enrollment:** 511

**Total Staff:** 66

**Certified Staff:** 39

**Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees:** 62%

*Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of 10/21*

To access state-mandated test scores including the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.



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## Beyond the Classroom

Mirror Lake offers a number of activities beyond the classroom, including Road Runners, FITT Club, Media Cast News Team, Tome Society, BETA Club, and the school's Gravity Games Team.

FITT Club, coordinated by Mr. Hughes, PE teacher, meets in the mornings before school hours. Students have the opportunity to work on physical education skills and enjoy structured exercise activities. Road Runners, coordinated by Mr. Scaia, is a voluntary after school running activity that occurs at facilities off campus.

The Media Cast News Team is led by Ms. Summers, media specialist. Members of the News Team produce and deliver announcements on a closed circuit feed to all classrooms at the beginning of the school day. Students audition for roles both in front of and behind the camera.

Ms. Summers is the coordinator for Tome Society. Members participate in reading competitions with other elementary schools.

BETA Club is coordinated by Ms. Lindsay Linnert. Students in the BETA Club perform community service projects inside and outside the school building.

The Mirror Lake Chorus performs at the Douglas County Courthouse in the fall and presents the MLES Spring Concert for parents and community members. The Chorus teacher, Ms. Murray, also sponsors the Garden Club. Members of the Garden Club tend to the vegetable garden located in the atrium between the wings of the school.

Mirror Lake's Gravity Games team builds and races 'gravity cars' in the Georgia Gravity Games competition every fall. Mr. Lennert and Mr. Scaia are the team coordinators.