



# MASON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Why Mason Creek Elementary?

"We love Mason Creek because our teachers work hard to stay ahead of the technology and use creative ideas for the enhancement of education for our students."

—Mason Creek Parent

## Achievements

- ◇ First elementary school in county to receive STEM certification
- ◇ United Way, Top Fundraiser
- ◇ Relay for Life, Top Fundraiser
- ◇ Donation of 2,563 items to the Pantry
- ◇ Georgia Gravity Games Participant
- ◇ Buckets of Care, Elementary Winner
- ◇ Sarah Anthony, 2017 Douglas County Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist
- ◇ Christopher Morgan, 2017 National Braille Award, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- ◇ Over \$65,000 in Grants from Project Lead the Way and Google
- ◇ Designated a Beat the Odds school by Governor's Office of Student Achievement, six consecutive years



## Inside the Classroom

The kindergarten and first grade teachers at Mason Creek Elementary use research-based instructional strategies to engage students in active learning. Using the GA Standards of Excellence, teachers provide meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities by integrating STEM in all subject areas. Kindergarten students have planted a garden and work to maintain it. First grade students feed and care for two chickens and engage in learning activities like graphing the number of eggs laid each month.

Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades learn problem-solving skills and critical thinking in academic areas through STEM activities. They analyze and justify when reading and writing about the science material and answer the constructed response questions in complete sentences using evidence. Third graders have challenged the entire school with a year-long project to reduce, reuse and recycle paper. Each classroom collects recycled paper, which is gathered by the students in third grade. Third graders record recycling data by weighing, tallying, and graphing the results.

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are challenged to think critically using multiple types of literature and informational material. In math, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing are now used with fractions as well as decimals. Students are exposed to history that molded and shaped our country, and the science curriculum lends itself to many hands-on opportunities.

Empower. Engage. Excel.

# Our Vision

The vision at Mason Creek Elementary is to inspire students and staff members to be life-long learners, productive in the community as responsible and independent citizens, and endow all learners to believe, engage, and excel.

**Principal:** Kathleen French

**Student Enrollment:** 544

*Black 32%; White 46%; Hispanic 14%; Two or more races 6%; Asian, American Indian and Pacific Islander less than 1%*

**Total Staff:** 86

**Certified Staff:** 56

**Cert. Staff with Adv. Degrees:** 33

**2017 CCRPI:** 86.8

**2017 GMAS Scores** (% of students scoring at Developing, Proficient, and Distinguished Learner levels)

**3rd Grade:** ELA 85.2%; Math 93.8%

**4th Grade:** ELA 88.1%; Math 92.9%

**5th Grade:** ELA 91.3%; Math 87%;

Science 88%; Social Studies 88%

**School Climate Star Rating:** 4 (out of 5)

*Numbers for enrollment and staffing were current as of 10/17. CCRPI score includes Exceeding the Bar (ETB) points. Go to [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org) for additional information on CCRPI and GMAS.*

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## Beyond the Classroom

Mason Creek Elementary offers a variety of extracurricular and enrichment activities for students. Some of the opportunities include an after school chorus, Road Runners, robotics team, and a Tome Student Literacy Society team.

Chorus, which is composed of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, meets weekly and performs for the school each semester, as well as for September Saturdays and for the DCTV Christmas concert series. Road Runners is a program to get kids moving, and students participate in races throughout the year. Each December the robotics team participates in a competition involving building a robot that is able to perform tasks. Members of the Tome Society team read several chapter books throughout the year and compete with other schools in Georgia through projects and contests.

In addition to clubs, students in need of academic enrichment have the opportunity to participate in the After School Program (ASP) funded by the 21st CCLC grant. ASP activities include academic practice, project based learning, cooking, recreation, computer lab, and STEM lab. Students learn about careers and the importance of character traits from guest speakers.

