

July 31, 2019

Dear students, parents, faculty/staff, community and partners,

I am very excited to once again serve as the PROUD principal of M. Agnes Jones Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year!!!! We have a lot to be proud of, including HAPPY scholars, effective teachers, collaborating parents, attentive and engaged administrators, caring community and phenomenal “all in” partners!!!

Please allow me to brag for a moment on our efforts, evidenced by what our SCHOLARS demonstrated this past school year! Firstly, M. Agnes Jones became the first traditional Atlanta Public Schools, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (STEAM), Georgia Department of Education (GADOE), certified school. We are only 1 of 5 GADOE elementary **STEAM** certified schools in the entire state. Previously (February, 2017), we earned the rigorous STEM certification but we always felt the ARTS was a vital component in enhancing student learning, so we knew our next step should be to add it to the equation, thus STEAM certified! Moreover, our students demonstrated their high levels of learning on the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) tests. Dr. Meria Carstarphen recently tweeted out that M. Agnes Jones was 1 of 6 schools with the largest increases in the percentage of students scoring Proficient and Above across all subject areas on GMAS. We increased in ALL SUBJECTS by +8.7%!!!

I am very ecstatic about our progress, but as I know from the past, we can NOT stop here. We have to not only sustain but **INCREASE** our achievement by **at least** 3% to show adequate growth for this upcoming school year! Three percent doesn't sound like a lot but moving students to higher achievement in Developing, Proficient and Distinguished levels on GMAS requires a lot of work on the administrator's, students' and teachers' parts. It will require the school and families coming together by interacting in our Academic, Parent, Teacher Team meetings (4 each year). These meetings will directly align to the expectations required for scholars to be academically successful.

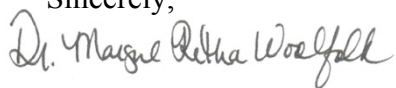
Lastly, I would like to reflect on the highs and lows of how we ended last school year with the awards ceremonies. PARENTS, **now** is the time to start working on your child (ren) getting acknowledged at the end of the year celebrations. For instance, PERFECT ATTENDANCE award is **ONLY** for those students who come to school **every day** and **on-time**!!!! You can monitor your child's attendance and how it is coded each day, by accessing the Infinite Campus portal. PRINCIPAL'S LIST is reserved for those scholars who receive all A's on the first **AND** second semester report cards. Please work with your child, throughout the entire year, on turning in assignments, studying for quizzes and tests and completing all projects in a timely manner. If you or your child need support from the school, reach out to the teacher! If you need further support, reach out to me! My direct school phone number is 404-802-3911. Also, Melanie Johnson is our wonderful assistant principal, her direct number is 404-802-3916. I will give you an honest and transparent assessment of the situation. Let's have those tough conversations for your child's benefit!!!!

Thank you for entrusting me with your child each day! Please know that I firmly believe each and every child was BORN for **GREATNESS** and is second to NONE!!!!!!

Love,

Dr. Margul Retha Woolfolk

Sincerely,



Dr. Margul Woolfolk
Principal

