



GO TEAM UPDATE

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MAY 2018

YEAR IN REVIEW

We are approaching the end of another dynamic year at Parkside Elementary. This was our first year working with our new Principal and Assistant Principals. Our team embraced our role of local school governance with dedication and passion --- always focused on what may be best for our kids, our school, and our community. Our accomplishments have included:

- Updated our strategic plan
- Passed a 2018-2019 budget
- Increased engagement with our sister school communities
- Voted to not move forward with proposed 2018 attendance boundary zone changes in our cluster
- Actively participated in community conversations exploring possible solutions addressing capacity issues and opportunities within our cluster
- Simplified our uniform dress code options for 2018-2019
- Secured Grants via the efforts of our Grants Committee

MEET A GO TEAM MEMBER



BILL MICKLER

Community Seat
Since 2016

Bill is the Founder and Executive Director of Wilderness Works, which provides enrichment and outdoor living experiences for fantastic children in our community. He launched Wilderness Works in 1997. Bill is a native Floridian raised in Miami Beach, Florida and currently lives in Atlanta. Bill grew up backpacking, camping, and extensively trekked major national parks and forests across the United States. Bill taught tenth-grade mathematics in Macon for four years and is now focused on serving homeless and disadvantaged youth.

SEL FOR 2018-2019

Parkside will emphasize SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) in our 2018-2019 curriculum. SEL is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 22 Awards Programs

MAY 25 Last Day of School
And Fifth Grade Promotion
Program

MAY 31 Kindergarten
Round-Up

AUG 01 First Day of School

AUG 16 First GO Team
Meeting of 2018-2019

2018 TEAM MEMBERS

RM Lathan – Chair
Tracy DuBose – Vice Chair
Kendra Lee – Secretary
Melanie Wagner
Dave King
Bill Mickler
Tonya Kearns
Keunshea Moore
Nikki Frasier
Timmy Foster – Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED TEAM MEMBERS

Ramia Lowe – Faculty
Jenna Colvin – Parent
Khalil Thompson – Parent

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DRESS CODE AND UNIFORM POLICY

We have simplified the school uniform color options to make it easier for parents and to ensure the collective appearance consistency. **No new colors** were added from the 2017 options (only light color options were removed). Dark Green golf shirts are our primary school colors (same as announced in Summer of 2017). Dark/Navy Blue golf shirts are the secondary options (unchanged for several years). The options for pants, shorts, skirts, and jumpers have remained unchanged --- Khaki, Navy, and Black. Full details may be found online: www.atlantapublicschools.us/parksideuniforms



ATTENDANCE ZONE CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Over the past few months, the Barack & Michelle Obama Academy, Benteen Elementary, and Parkside Elementary communities have discussed enrollment challenges and potential solutions for the 2019-2020 School Year (**not** the upcoming school year). These conversations have been productive, healthy, and open to the public. We thank all of you that have taken the time to join these conversations. Through those conversations, the community has identified benefits and concerns for the potential solutions. We have conducted online surveys and posted updates. The results of these surveys are intended to inform our next conversations. For additional information on the conversations, please visit: www.apstrongschools.com/jacksonclusterconversation

APS continues to welcome feedback from all stakeholders (parents, faculty, students, and the greater community). Thank you for sharing what is important to you, your family, and our community as we move forward. **No final decisions have been made.** The results of these surveys and community conversations are intended to inform our next steps and considerations. Thank you for being involved and sharing our focus on **best serving our kids** and our communities.



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