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Eagle Springs Elementary Honored with School Bell Award



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA –Eagle Springs Elementary School was presented the School Bell Award by the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP) at the Fall GAESP Conference Awards Banquet. The GAESP presents this award annually to schools with outstanding programs. No more than 10 schools receive this award each year.

Eagle Springs Elementary was chosen for its **Flight School**, a peer tutoring program that targets the academic needs of students in Kindergarten through third grade. Counselor Lisa Bragg designed and implemented the program. With the help of teachers, fourth and fifth grade students are identified as potential tutors and receive training to tutor the younger children. Each morning the flight school meets in the gym before school to help the younger students work on reading and math skills. Parents contribute by ensuring that their children arrive early to school for the tutoring.

Principal Dr. Andrea McGee commented, “An added benefit of Flight School is that it has helped build a sense of community among our students. The younger students look up to their older peers who are helping them, and our older students develop a sense of pride in helping our youngest eagles soar. This program has truly helped us fulfill our mission of encouraging, guiding and supporting all students to reach their highest potential. It is an honor to receive this recognition for the hard work and dedication of our Eagle Springs Elementary teachers, staff, parents and students.”

Pictured at the award banquet (from left) are: Julia Mashburn, GAESP President-Elect; Cindy Flesher, GAESP Past President and Houston County Executive Director of Elementary Operations; Todd Williford, President of GAESP; Dr. Andrea McGee, Eagle Springs Principal; and Lisa Bragg, Eagle Springs Counselor.

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