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Miller Elementary Wins Georgia School Bell Award



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – **Miller Elementary School** has been selected for a **2011 School Bell Award** by the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP). The GAESP presents this award annually to schools with outstanding programs in the area of curriculum and organizational leadership. No more than 10 schools receive this award each year.

Miller Elementary School was selected for its afterschool tutoring program, which is held at the Robins Landing Apartment complex located near the school. This tutoring program provides onsite academic assistance for Miller's students who live in the apartments. Since beginning the program five years ago, Principal Dr. Gwendolyn Pearson-

Kilgore and volunteer teachers have tutored students weekly focusing primarily in reading and math. They also provide assistance with any homework.

“Miller Elementary School is always focused on providing innovative ways to help our students reach their academic potential. We realized that some of these students who would benefit from before or after-school tutoring would be at school if they could but that transportation was an issue. Therefore, we decided to take the program to them on site. The program has been very advantageous for our students. We have not only seen an increase in their academics but an increase in parental involvement as well. I am very appreciative that our hard work has been recognized by GAESP. It is truly an honor.”

Pearson-Kilgore will be presented the award at the GAESP Fall Principals Conference during a banquet in November. Miller Elementary is located at 101 Pine Valley Drive in Warner Robins. Principal Pearson-Kilgore may be contacted by phone at 478-929-7814 or by e-mail at gwen.kilgore@hcbe.net

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