

History of Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation

The Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation is part of the Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation. The Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization dedicated to providing financial resource to enrich and enhance the education of the students



Dartha B Ferguson

Ferguson Elementary. A board of Trustees consisting of the principal of Ferguson Elementary, members of Mrs. Ferguson's family, a parent of Ferguson Elementary, and community members governs the Foundation.

at

Principal's Spotlight

By: Joe Ahrens

Ferguson Elementary's inaugural year has been awesome. Our success could not have happened without the support of the Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation and Mrs. Ferguson's granddaughter, Sherry Ferguson. The students, faculty and community are thankful for the outpouring of books, school supplies and donations to our Care Team that is a continuance of Mrs. Ferguson's strong servant leadership.

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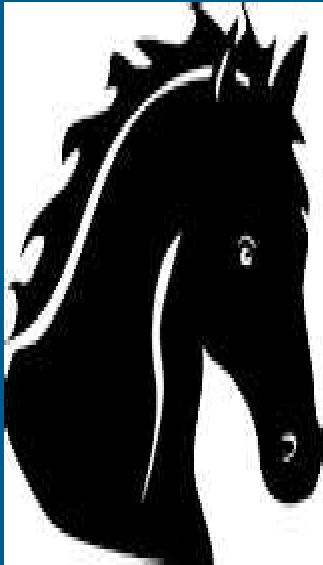
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About Mrs. Ferguson

Ferguson Elementary, located at 1755 Centerview Drive, is named in memory of Dartha B. Ferguson. Mrs. Ferguson was a lifelong resident of Gwinnett County, Georgia, and went on to a long and distinguished career as a teacher and professional school counselor at Norcross High School. Mrs. Ferguson earned a bachelor's degree and a master's of Education from The University of Georgia, then went on to a long and distinguished career as a teacher and professional school counselor at Norcross High School.



Ferguson Elementary “The School of Dreams”



Information on Ferguson Elementary

Ferguson Elementary opened its doors to students in August, 2010. Nine Hundred and Twenty Five students call Ferguson Elementary home on a daily basis. Ferguson Elementary is part of the Gwinnett County Public Schools System and is located in the Meadowcreek Cluster. Our

school's mascot is a mustang and our school colors are Carolina blue and white. Principal Joe Ahrens coined the term “The School of Dreams”. Faculty and staff work hard on a daily basis to provide a safe and secure learning environment which enables students to explore

their dreams. The faculty and staff are looking forward to the 2011-2012 school year and to continuing our quest to make Ferguson Elementary “The School of Dreams”.

Care Team

One of the main objectives of the Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation for the 2010-2011 school year was to support Ferguson Elementary's care team. The purpose of a school's care team is to provide assistance to families in need. The Ferguson Elementary care team provided assistance to numerous families throughout the school year.

Families of Ferguson Elementary were helped in a variety of ways through out the school year. The care team paid utility bills, bought groceries for families, assisted with

rent, and bought clothes and shoes for students. The care team also sponsored several school wide events aimed at assisting families. In the fall,

the care team sponsored a can food drive with donation supporting the Norcross and Duluth Co-Ops. During the holidays, the care team sponsored a toy drive with the toys also going to the Duluth and Norcross Co-Ops. The Dartha

B.Ferguson Foundation along with the faculty and staff of Ferguson Elementary was able to provide assistance to many families in need due to the generous support of our business partners, donors, faculty and staff, and community members.

Library Books

Another one of the main objectives of the Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation was to purchase library books for the school's media center. Many community members along with former students of Mrs. Ferguson donated books to the library in her memory. Each book that was donated had a sticker placed in the inside cover of the book. The sticker indicated who donated the

books and how they knew Mrs.Ferguson. The Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation donated 171 books to the media center during the 2010-2011 school year. Students used these books on a daily basis to enrich their learning in the classroom and to enhance their reading skills.



Scott Ferguson and Sherry Ferguson
in front of Dartha B. Ferguson
Foundation Heritage Cabinet.

School Supplies and Other Projects.

The third objective of the Dartha B.Ferguson Foundation was to provide school supplies to students throughout the school year. In August, the Foundation raised money and purchased school supplies for students in need. The foundation partnered with a local business to sponsor a school supply drive in order to replenish teachers classroom supplies for the second se-

mester of the school year. Providing school supplies to students of Ferguson Elementary will enhance their school experience and lead to increased academic performance

While the Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation, had three main objectives for the 2010-2011 school year , there were several other

projects the Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation was proud to support. The Dartha B.Ferguson Foundation sponsored a Welcome Back Breakfast in January for teachers, contributed to a teacher appreciation luncheon , contributed to fifth grade fun day, the fifth grade celebration, and sponsored t-shirts for the mighty mustang group.



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Scott Ferguson and Lillian Webb**

Mrs. Ferguson truly loved working with children, and watching her make a difference in the life of every child she taught inspired so many people. During our charter year, the Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation was able to accomplish many goals and support numbers students and their families. Please join the Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation, faculty and staff of Ferguson Elementary, and the Ferguson family in continuing Mrs. Ferguson's legacy by your continued support of the Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation. Your generous support has made a difference in the life of a child and together we can make a difference in the lives of each and every student at Ferguson Elementary.

On behalf of the Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation Executive Board, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous support. I look forward to your continued support as we strive to make Ferguson Elementary "The School Of Dreams"

Sherry L. Ferguson

President-Dartha B. Ferguson Foundation

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