

# ***Mulberry Elementary School***

*A Dacula Cluster School*



## ***Parent and Student Handbook***

***2023-2024***

***Something Magical Happens When You Read!***

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# Gwinnett County Public Schools – FINAL 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

		JULY 2023						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
4	Independence Day (Systemwide Holiday)							
19	Administrative Staff Meeting							1
24-28	Required Pre-planning/Staff Development [#1-5]	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
31	Required Pre-planning/Staff Development [#6]	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		30	31					

		JANUARY 2024						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	Winter Break (School Holidays)							
2,3	Teacher Planning/Staff Development [#8-9] (Student Holiday)	1	2	3	4	5	6	
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
4	Begin 2nd Semester [Day 90]	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
15	MLK Jr. Day (Systemwide Holiday)	28	29	30	31			

		AUGUST 2023						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	Required Pre-planning/Staff Development [#7]			1	2	3	4	5
2	First Day of School	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		27	28	29	30	31		

		FEBRUARY 2024						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
2	Digital Learning Day #3					1	2	3
15-19	Student/Teacher Holidays (School Holidays)	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		25	26	27	28	29		

		SEPTEMBER 2023						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
4	Labor Day (Systemwide Holiday)						1	2
15	Digital Learning Day #1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30

		MARCH 2024						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
6-7	Early Release Elementary and Middle School						1	2
15	Digital Learning Day #4	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		31						

		OCTOBER 2023						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
5-9	Fall Break (School Holidays)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18-19	Early Release Elementary and Middle School	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		29	30	31				

		APRIL 2024						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1-5	Spring Break (School Holidays)	1	2	3	4	5	6	
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		28	29	30				

		NOVEMBER 2023						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
3	Digital Learning Day #2				1	2	3	4
20-24	Thanksgiving Break (School Holidays)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27	28	29	30		

		MAY 2024						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
20-22	Early Release for High School Exams				1	2	3	4
22	Last Day of School [Day 180]	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
23	Teacher Post-planning/Staff Development [#10]	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
27	Memorial Day (Systemwide Holiday)	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27	28	29	30	31	

Note: GCPS will make up any inclement weather days by using Digital Learning Days, and/or extending the school day or year.

		DECEMBER 2023						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
13-15	Early Release for High School Exams						1	2
15	End 1st Semester [Day 89]	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
18-29	Winter Break (School Holidays)	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		31						

		JUNE 2024						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
12-Month Employee Holidays 2023-24								1
July 4	Independence Day	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sept. 4	Labor Day	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Dec. 22-29	Winter Break	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Jan. 1	Winter Break	30						
Jan. 15	MLK Jr. Day							
April 5	Spring Holiday							
May 27	Memorial Day							
June 19	Juneteenth							

Teacher Planning/Staff Development/Student Holiday

Student/Teacher Holiday

Digital Learning Day

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**MANDY YEARBY**  
Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Warm greetings and a heartfelt welcome to the new academic year at Mulberry Elementary School! As the Principal, it is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to you and your family. We are thrilled to embark on this exciting journey of learning, growth, and discovery together.

At Mulberry, we believe in providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated team of educators and staff are committed to creating a safe and inclusive space for your child to learn, explore, and develop their unique talents and abilities.

As we kick off this school year, we are filled with anticipation and optimism for the amazing opportunities that lie ahead. We implement a variety of curricula that promote critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills. Our goal is to inspire a love of learning in your child, equipping them with the tools they need to succeed in a rapidly evolving world.

We recognize the vital role parents play in a child's education and value the partnership between home and school. We encourage you to actively engage with us throughout the year, attending parent-teacher conferences, volunteering, and participating in school events and activities. Your involvement not only strengthens the learning experience but also fosters a sense of community and belonging for your child.

Communication is a cornerstone of our school community, and we are committed to keeping you informed and involved in your child's educational journey. We will provide regular updates through our school website, newsletters, and other communication channels. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date so that you don't miss any important announcements or opportunities to engage with the school.

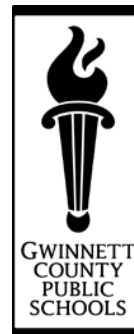
I also want to emphasize that we have an open-door policy. Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our staff. We value your input and are always ready to listen and support you and your child.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude for entrusting us with the education and well being of your child. We consider it a privilege to be a part of their educational journey and are committed to providing them with the best learning experience.

Once again, welcome to Mulberry Elementary School! Together, let us make this a year of growth, success, and joyful learning for each and every student.

Your Principal and Partner,

*Mandy Yearby, Ph.D.*



## **Gwinnett County Public Schools**

### *Vision Statement*

Gwinnett County Public Schools will be a system of world-class schools where students acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and careers.

### *Mission Statement*

The mission of the Gwinnett County Public Schools is to pursue excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student resulting in measured improvement against local, national, and world-class standards.

### *Strategic Goals*

Goal 1: Mulberry Elementary seeks to promote staff and student well-being through prioritizing self-care, physical and mental health, and social emotional learning.

Goal 2: Mulberry Elementary will implement a comprehensive framework to fully operationalize a multi-tiered system of supports to address academic and non-academic student needs and remove barriers to success.

Goal 3: Mulberry Elementary will expand student opportunities to engage in and have access to high quality, rigorous, and culturally relevant curriculum and enrichment activities.

Goal 4: Mulberry Elementary will implement the redesigned Results Based Evaluation System (RBES) by redefining the inputs, behaviors, and outcomes that determine the standards for student success.

Goal 5: Mulberry Elementary will demonstrate world-class communication and engagement through modeling the value GCPS leadership places on transparent, two-way communication to build stakeholder trust and confidence.

## **Mulberry Elementary**

### *Vision Statement*

It is the vision of the staff and community of Mulberry Elementary to develop and maintain a learning environment that fosters high levels of learning and individual student success in a safe and secure setting.

### *Mission Statement*

Mulberry Elementary students will achieve academic excellence as measured by local, state and national standards, as well as develop an appreciation for education and community.

### *Mulberry Motto*

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## **Part I: General School Information, Policies and Procedures**

### **Admission / Enrollment Requirements**

Students entering Kindergarten must be age five on or before September 1, and Grade 1 students must be six years old on or before September 1. All students entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 must present:

1. A copy of the birth certificate
2. Proof of residency in the Mulberry attendance zone\*
3. An official Georgia Department of Human Resources Certificate of Immunization (#3231)
4. A Georgia Vision, Hearing and Dental Certificate (#3300)
5. Student's Social Security number (A waiver can also be signed if a parent is uncomfortable providing the Social Security number.)
6. Valid Parent or Guardian photo I.D.

\* Proof of residency includes a lease, deed or contract, most recent tax return, homeowner's insurance policy, residential property tax statement, paycheck stub, or Medicaid card, AND one current utility bill (gas, electric or water). Proof of residence must be established before registration can be completed and a student enrolled in classes.

The enrollment process can be started online by visiting [www.gcpsk12.org/MulberryES](http://www.gcpsk12.org/MulberryES). Please complete each step of the enrollment process. The school will receive notification of the online registration process. Parents or guardians will then present pertinent documentation to the school in order to complete registration.

School contributions (including supplies, technology, clinic, PTA membership) and meals can be prepaid online using at [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com).

Approved residence for school attendance purposes occurs when the student lives with the following person(s) who resides within the county school district and the Mulberry attendance zone.

- Parent (natural or adopted)
- Legal guardian or other person legally entitled to act on behalf of the student
- Foster parents appointed by a state agency
- Sponsor for approved International Exchange programs

When residing with other individuals in their home or apartment, the parent must submit a notarized affidavit, signed by the individual with whom the student/guardian is residing, verifying that the enrolling student is residing in that home or apartment. The individual with whom the student/guardian is residing must also provide proof of residency documentation and photo identification with home address. Parents or Guardians will also have 30 days to provide a piece of business mail with their name and residing address.

Extensions for immunization and hearing, vision, dental forms (3231 and 3300) can only be granted to out-of-state students for up to 30 days in order to have the needed information transferred onto the appropriate Georgia forms.

Parents must notify the school immediately if there is a change of residence. If a family moves out of Gwinnett County after the school year begins, the student must be withdrawn unless the move occurs after the spring holidays.

If a family moves out of the Mulberry attendance area after the school year begins, but remains within Gwinnett County, the student(s) can complete the school year at Mulberry if:

- The student is granted a permissive transfer
- The parent provides transportation
- The student exhibits good behavior
- The student remains in good standing for attendance and parents are punctual for arrival and dismissal

#### **New Student Placement**

New students who meet eligibility guidelines and previously attended an accredited school will be placed in the appropriate grade that was recommended by the sending school. Placement for students moving from non-accredited schools will be handled on an individual basis.

## **Attendance**

The importance of punctual and regular attendance for every student cannot be emphasized enough. A good attendance record has a direct effect on the student's understanding of the curriculum. Any student who is absent must have a parent/guardian notify the school in writing in order to excuse the student's absence. A signed, written notification is required upon the student's return stating the reason for the absence including a daytime phone number. Listed below are valid reasons for absence. All other absences are considered unexcused.

- personal illness,
- a death or serious illness in the immediate family,
- recognized religious holidays observed by the family's faith,
- absences mandated by order of governmental agencies, and,
- conditions, which render school attendance impossible or hazardous to health and safety.

Individual students who have emergencies necessitating their absence from school for a portion of the school day must be present for the majority of the school day in order to be considered present. Students checked out prior to 11:30 AM are considered absent for the day.

School hours are from 8:15 AM to 2:45 PM. It is both the parent and student's responsibility to be punctual and remain in attendance for the entire school day. Students are expected to make up assignments missed due to absence, tardiness or early checkout. **Students arriving after 8:10 AM must be checked in through the office by a parent or guardian. Students are tardy after 8:15 AM. Except in the event of an emergency, there will be no checkouts between 2:15-2:45.**

A student is considered truant if he/she has ten or more unexcused absences. The school will contact the parent or guardian to notify them of the unexcused absences and possible consequences under State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-10.

## **Arrival and Dismissal**

Students enter building  
**7:45 – 8:10 AM**

First Bell / Car Rider and Breakfast services end  
**8:10 AM**

Instructional Day begins  
**8:15 AM**

Instructional Day ends  
**2:45 PM**

Students dismissed  
**2:45 – 3:00 PM**

Building Secured (closed)  
**3:30 PM**

Our school hours are 8:15 AM – 2:45 PM. Students may enter the building beginning at 7:45 AM. Children who are driven to school should not arrive before 7:45 AM. This is for their safety. There is no one on duty to supervise students prior to this time, as staff members are involved in planning, conferences, clubs and meetings prior to 7:45 AM. For the same reason, students will not be permitted to re-enter the building after dismissal in the afternoon.

### **Bus Riders**

Students are highly encouraged to ride the bus on the first and every day of the school year. This helps alleviate traffic congestion and provides for a safe means of transportation. All students living within the Mulberry attendance area are assigned a bus stop. Please ensure safety by having an adult at the bus stop with children each morning and afternoon.

All students who ride the bus will have a yellow or green book bag tag. The tag will identify a student's proper bus route home each day. Bus drivers also work quickly to get to know the children.

Students are to adhere to safe bus practices and appropriate bus behavior. Expectations are provided in the final section of this booklet. You will also receive a copy of the Gwinnett County Student Handbook, which contains additional information pertaining to bus transportation.

### Car Riders

The following guidelines have been established to provide the highest level of safety for our students:

#### Morning Procedures:

- Parent drop off line is located on the side lot with a dedicated entrance/exit. (**Do not enter the bus lane at the front of the school while buses are present.**)
- Parent drop off is open at 7:45 AM and closes **promptly** at 8:10 AM, as supervising staff must enter the building at 8:10 AM.
- **Car riders who arrive after 8:10**, the adult must drive them to the front of the building, park and escort their child into the front office.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times.
- Staff members are present each day to help students open car doors and enter the school. For the safety of all students, do not let your child out of the car until signaled by the teacher on duty.
- Pull all the way up so that 8-9 cars can be unloaded at the same time. Students will unload from the right passenger side of the vehicle only.
- If a parent needs to come in the building with a child, park in a designated space, enter the building at the front door, and sign in at the office. All visitors should enter and leave through the front entrance.

#### Afternoon Procedures:

- A car tag must be visible to pick up a student in the afternoon. If you know your child will be a car rider for various after school activities during the school year, please secure a set of car rider tags from the front office.
- When requested, your family will receive two identical tags; one is to be hung from your rearview mirror where it is easily visible when you pick up your child. The second is a back up to be used as needed by those you authorize to pick up your child.
- Please be aware that drivers of cars without numbers may be required to present a photo I.D. that matches a name on the approved pick up list and may be asked to leave the car rider line, park and go to the front office to check out the student.
- If a note has been written to request that a student be a car rider and no tag number is on the vehicle picking up the student, a staff member may ask to see the driver's I.D. to make sure the driver is the person listed on the note.
- The Mulberry car rider area is designed for single lane traffic only. Please be courteous and advance forward slowly to the pick-up area where students are entering cars. Pull all the way up in the driveway so approximately 8-9 cars can be loaded at the same time.
- Teachers on duty will have a list of students and numbers. Students will also have matching numbers on their blue bag tags. Children should load from the passenger side of the vehicle only.
- No child standing in the car rider lane will be released to anyone who walks up to the line and asks for a child.
- If a parent is late picking up their child, the child will be taken to the front office where the parent can pick up the child upon arrival.
- \*At no time is smoking permitted on school grounds.

### Daycare Riders

Students being transported to and from daycare centers in the area will receive an orange bag tag. These students will dismiss to the front of the school once their daycare provider arrives in the afternoon or via a Gwinnett County school bus if the daycare is located in the Mulberry attendance area.

### Walkers

For the safety of all children, we encourage you to have your student ride the bus rather than walk to and from school. However, if you choose, students walking to and from school must enter at the front of the building. No student may walk across traffic lanes or through the parking lot. Walkers will be dismissed after buses leave the premise in the afternoon.

### Changes in Student Transportation

It is very confusing for students as well as teachers to change transportation plans or alternate between day care, parent pick-up and buses. Additionally, accepting changes by telephone or email does not allow us to provide maximum safety measures for our students. Therefore, should there be a need to change transportation, a written note to the teacher from the child's parent or guardian (with current date, signature and a phone number already in our student information database) indicating the change in transportation home is required on the morning of the change. Parents may request in writing to the teacher that a student be allowed to go home with a specified person not already listed on the student data verification form or with a friend on a different bus. Students who have an afternoon transportation change will bring their note to the office to obtain a transportation pass. Bus drivers cannot transport students who do not have a bus pass signed by a school representative. In the absence of a note from the parent, the child will be placed on his/her usual mode of transportation.

Please make sure that your child knows of any change in transportation plans. If an emergency occurs and you must request a change in transportation after the day has begun, please contact the front office staff or administrator.

## Cafeteria

Breakfast and lunch are provided daily in our cafeteria or students may bring their own lunch from home.

### Meal Prices

Student Breakfast	\$1.50
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$ .30
Adult Breakfast	\$1.75
Extra Milk	\$ .40
Student Lunch	\$2.25
Reduced Price Lunch	\$ .40
Adult Lunch	\$4.00
Extra Milk	\$ .40
A La Carte Items	\$ .25 - \$1.50

### Sack Lunches

Students are permitted to bring a packed lunch from home. However, canned and bottled sodas are not permitted.

### Prepaid Meals

Students may prepay for multiple meals. A single account will be established in each student's name, which can be used to pay for breakfast, lunch and any extra items sold separately. When a student makes a purchase, his/her account will be debited for the purchase. If you wish your child's account be used for the purchase of meals only, notify our Cafeteria Manager. All transactions for lunch charges and prepaid meals are made each morning. Please have your child's full name as well as the teacher's name on all transactions.

Gwinnett County also offers a means to monitor your child's balance and add money to your child's account using checking account or credit card. Information and access to this service is available at [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com). Visit the Gwinnett School Nutrition Program site to access valuable information including menus, nutrition information and pricing at <http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/gcsnp.nsf?OpenDatabase&0~QuickLinks>.

### Free and Reduced Meals

All students are eligible to apply for free or reduced meal rates, which include breakfast and lunch. Applications are available from the school cafeteria manager and online on <http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/gcsnp.nsf>. We are required by federal law to have a completed application each year for every student receiving these benefits.

### Lunch Charges

We appreciate parental assistance in reminding students to bring lunch money and in checking frequently with your children about when additional payments are needed. Parents will receive a lunch charge notice when there are charges on their child's account. Parents are also encouraged to use [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com) services to monitor their child's account.

### Frozen Snacks

Frozen snacks (ice cream, popsicles, etc.) are available **only Wednesdays and Fridays** for \$1.00. These items can be purchased through your child's classroom in the morning and will be served during lunch.

### Visiting for Lunch

Parents are welcome to join us for lunch. **(We do ask parents, however, to refrain from eating with your child the first two weeks of school so that children can acclimate to the school and routines.)**

After signing in and securing a visitor badge, parents should meet their child at the entrance to the cafeteria. Please allow your child to follow his/her normal routine in the cafeteria line while you visit our adult food bar. **In order to ensure student safety, students are not permitted to invite friends to join them when eating with their parents/visitor.**

## School Celebrations / Parties

Gwinnett County Board of Education policy permits one school-wide party each year. These dates are designated by each individual school, typically the last day before winter holidays.

Birthday parties are not permitted; however, you may deliver a snack **(individually portioned and store bought)** to the front office or purchase frozen snacks for the class in honor of your child's birthday. We will handle the rest! We regret that we cannot distribute party invitations through the classroom or the school.



## Clinic

The clinic is available to students who get hurt at school or feel ill during the day. If a child becomes sick during the school day, the clinic worker will attempt to reach the child's parents. If unsuccessful, other persons listed in the student information system will be called. It is imperative that we are able to reach a parent at all times. Be sure to contact the school if your phone number or other contact information changes.

The clinic worker will call parents if a student is vomiting, has a fever in excess of 100.4 degrees, or has a significant injury. In case of serious medical emergencies, paramedics will be called. Students in any of these situations cannot be sent home on the bus. Students should be fever free, without medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.

The clinic worker dispenses all medications at school. In the event that medication (including aspirin or Tylenol) needs to be dispensed during school hours, a parent must hand deliver it to the front office in its original container. The parent or guardian must sign a medical release form. No medication is allowed on the bus. Children are not to have medications in their possession during the school day, including cough drops. For medications given on a long-term basis, a special form must be signed by the child's physician and filed with the clinic worker. A medical management plan may also be established for students with certain medical conditions or severe allergies. The clinic phone number is 678-226-7465.

## Communication Teacher-Parent Communication

Communication between parents and teachers is an essential component of student success. The school system designates two days during the fall and spring term for parent / teacher conferences, October 18-19, and March 6-7. School is dismissed at 12:15 on these days so that conferences can be conducted. We also encourage you to communicate regularly with your child's teacher. If you have a concern about your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

### Checking Progress

Friday folders are sent home by each classroom teacher to provide timely information regarding classroom progress and conduct. Progress reports are sent home to parents as well as report cards. Report cards are sent home at the end of each semester.

### Parent Portal

The Gwinnett Parent Portal allows parents access to pertinent information about a child's progress at school. To access the Portal, parents will set up a secure account for each of their children. The Portal provides access to test history, attendance, conduct and grade updates.

### Student Portal

*My eCLASS*, accessed with the student's ID and a password, allows students to view grades, assignments, and other pertinent information. The portal is also a valuable resource for eTextbooks and educational links.

### Contacting Your Child's Teacher

If you would like to speak with a teacher regarding your child's progress, you may call the school at 678-226-7460, email your child's teacher or send a note. Phone calls will be received by our office staff between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Messages will be taken for teachers to return calls. **We do not interrupt teachers during instructional time.** Teachers will make every effort to return phone messages within 24 hours of receipt. We invite parents to write a note or send an email as other means of communication. Please be aware, however, that teachers respond to notes and emails outside instructional time. Therefore, time sensitive information should be handled through the front office.

Remember: As a courtesy to your child's teacher, we ask that an appointment be made for visitation and/or conferences. If you need to meet with a teacher, please schedule a time by contacting the teacher directly. Though it may seem convenient or quick to stop by the room before, during or after the school day, our teachers' responsibility is to the students in the classroom. The teacher must supervise students at all times.

### Messages to Students

Only messages of an emergency nature can be delivered to students during the instructional day. Please remember that our purpose is to provide an excellent learning environment, free from interruptions. Use of the telephone by students is permitted only in emergencies and under the direct supervision of school personnel.

### Newsletters/School Menus

Each week you will receive via email and be able to access the school newsletter, the *Mulberry Messenger*, from our school website. This publication includes a calendar of dates to keep you informed of school events and other information you may need for the upcoming week. Individual teachers and/or grade levels will post information on the Mulberry website and/or send weekly newsletters via eCLASS. We will provide hard copies to households that do not have internet capability. Let your classroom teacher know if you need a paper copy of these items.

## Dress Code

School is a place to learn, and the clothing children wear should reflect this attitude. No student's clothing or jewelry shall distract from the learning process or disrupt instruction. Students should be dressed appropriately, suitable to the weather conditions, and in good taste. **Dresses, skirts, tops and shorts should be of conservative length and not be such that sitting, bending, kneeling, etc. causes an embarrassment to the student or those around him/her. Midriffs, tank tops, halters, muscle shirts, midriff jerseys, see-through or mesh jerseys, torn clothing, or other clothing, which is revealing are not acceptable wear for school. Shirts or pants that expose any portion of the waist, hips or midriff are not allowed. Also prohibited are excessively baggy clothes and those displaying inappropriate advertisements or symbols.**

If a student comes to school in clothing considered inappropriate according to the descriptions above or causes a class disruption, he or she will be sent to the office and parents will be notified to bring clothing that aligns with the school dress code expectation.

Students must wear safe and appropriate shoes each day. Sneakers are required for physical education both in the gym and on the playground. Failure to wear the proper shoes may result in the student being unable to participate in class.

Students are encouraged to wear school colors and/or spirit wear every Friday. Spirit wear can be purchased from the PTA on Registration Day or by contacting a member of our PTA or office staff.

## Early Check-Out of Students

If early checkout is necessary, the parent should plan to do so **prior to 2:15 PM.** This is necessary in order to provide a safe and timely dismissal for all students.

A parent wishing to check out his or her child any time prior to 2:15 PM should send a note to the teacher that morning explaining the reason. The parent should then come to the front office to sign out the student. It usually takes 5-10 minutes for a student to arrive after being called for checkout. If the student is on the playground or in another part of the building, it may take a little longer. Please plan accordingly.

For safety reasons, we release students **only** to those persons listed on the student's information form. If anyone not listed attempts to check out a student, the office staff and/or an administrator will verify the person's I.D. and the parent will be contacted. In each situation, anyone picking up a student should be prepared to show photo identification. Students are released from the front office and only to parents or adults designated by parents. Please do not go to the classroom to check out a student. Teachers are instructed not to release a student to anyone unless the office staff has notified them to do so.

Please allow your young child to become an independent and responsible student. To do this, we ask that you do not go into the classroom with your child in the mornings or afternoons to help him/her with book bags, etc.

## Electronic Technology

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) recognizes that the use of technology is prevalent in society. Students and staff have access to the internet, cell phones, games, and a variety of personal technology devices. Students and staff utilize social media websites and applications as well as a variety of other digital resources that allow them to interact, share, create and innovate. Staff members utilize these same resources as a means to effectively engage students, motivate student learning, and collaborate with colleagues.

When using GCPS technology or network access, students are expected to follow the Student Conduct Behavior Code, including respecting others' privacy. Online student accounts to be used for legitimate educational purposes will be subject to monitoring and review, including review of text and attachments that are related to that student or students. At NO TIME should a student consider GCPS email, networked applications, or account or technology access private or confidential in any way.

While the school district does maintain internet filters, there may be times when a student may accidentally or purposefully discover inappropriate materials online. Gwinnett County Public Schools DOES NOT CONDONE the use of such materials. Inappropriate use of any GCPS technology resource or network access is a violation of the Student Conduct Behavior Code.

Gwinnett County Public Schools is a 1:1 district. When a device has been assigned to a student and taken home or a technology resource has been checked out to a student, it is the family's responsibility to monitor its use to ensure the student is following the Student Conduct Behavior Code and to ensure that the device or resource is returned in the condition it was received.

Access is a privilege, not a right, and all students are expected to treat this learning tool with respect. GCPS technology, network access, and electronic resources must not be used to:

- Harm other people.
- Interfere with other people's work.
- Steal property.
- Gain unauthorized access to other people's files or programs.
- Gain unauthorized access to online resources, including obtaining or using someone else's password.
- Make changes to the hardware or software configuration of any machine, including installing or deleting any software.

Improperly use the network, including introducing software viruses and/or bypassing local school or office security policies.  
Steal, alter, or damage data and/or computers and network equipment.  
Access, upload, download, and/or distribute pornographic, hate-oriented, profane, obscene, or sexually explicit material.  
Failure to follow these guidelines can violate C.G.A. § 16-9-90, § 16-9-91, § 16-9-93, and § 16-9-93.1 as well as Title XVII of The United States Public Law 106-554, known as the Children's Internet Protection Act. Such use can also lead to disciplinary actions, up to and including loss of access to GCPS technology resources and further disciplinary actions as defined by existing GCPS policies. Such disciplinary actions may include confiscation of technology being used inappropriately if an incident occurs.

### **Emergency Procedures**

We are committed to providing your student with a safe and secure environment in which to learn. Every effort is made to anticipate and plan for potential safety challenges on our campus. In addition to the implementation of carefully planned safety procedures, Mulberry Elementary employs a camera security system to monitor hallways, exit doors and exterior areas of the building. Fire, tornado and emergency drills are held throughout the school year. While we cannot anticipate all emergencies that could occur, we want students and staff to be familiar with all appropriate safety plans.

If it is necessary for students to be picked up due to an emergency, parents should park at the front of the building. Parents should enter through the front doors to the school only. Your identification will be verified and school personnel will be responsible for summoning your child. It is imperative that student contact information is up-to-date with at least one other person who is responsible if you cannot be reached. Contact information may be updated anytime via the parent portal.

If students must be evacuated from the campus, Gwinnett County buses will be used and parents will be directed to a relocation site.

### **Field Trips**

We make every effort to bring individuals and groups to our school in order to minimize/eliminate cost and travel time for students. We may offer an opportunity for an off-campus field trip that requires a request for funds from parents for admission and transportation. No student will be denied or penalized for failure to contribute; however, if enough funds cannot be secured, the field trip will be canceled.

### **Ice Cream and Frozen Treats**

Mulberry Elementary will sell ice cream and popsicles **only on Wednesdays and Fridays** for \$1.00. You are able to preview the selections and the nutritional information on the school website.

### **Inclement Weather**

If overnight weather conditions make it necessary to cancel school, the announcement will be made by 6:00 AM on WSB Radio (750 AM, 95.5 FM) or WSB/Channel 2 News and GCPS TV. Cancellation information is also posted at [www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us](http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us). If no cancellation is announced, school is in session. Sometimes severe weather moves in during the day. Listen to WSB Radio for early dismissal information. An announcement will always be made before any schools are dismissed early. **Please do not call the school – we need to keep phone lines open.**

### **Local School Council**

Mulberry Elementary School Council is an advisory board, designated by GA House Bill 1187, that meets throughout the year to discuss and make recommendations for continuous school improvement and to build community awareness and interest in educational affairs. The committee is comprised of parent representatives, teacher representatives, local business members and the principal.

Meeting dates and times are published in the Mulberry Messenger, and on the GCPS and Mulberry website at [www.gcpsk12.org/MulberryES](http://www.gcpsk12.org/MulberryES).

All meetings are open to the public, and community attendance is encouraged at these meetings.

### **Lost & Found**

Items found in hallways, playground, cafeteria or restrooms will be taken to the Lost & Found, located on Hall E. Unclaimed articles are donated to a local charity every semester. Please write your child's name on all personal property for easy identification.

### **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

The Mulberry PTA plays an integral role in ensuring that students receive an enhanced experience at school. All parents are highly encouraged to become members of the Mulberry PTA on behalf of children at our school. The PTA holds many opportunities for parent involvement, whether you are an at-home or working parent. Please contact our PTA representatives to learn about the many ways that you can support teaching and learning at Mulberry.

### **Parking**

Visitors to our school should park in the main parking lot at the front of the school, avoiding reserved spaces. **Please do not park in the fire lanes, as they must remain open for emergency vehicles.**

### **Pictures**

Group and individual pictures will be taken in the Fall. These are offered as an option for purchase to students and parents.

### **School Contributions**

The following contributions enable students to receive materials and programs that are not covered by your tax dollars. Below is an explanation of the various items included on our contribution form.

Grade K-5 General Supplies: \$10.00 (maximum per student) – This contribution is used to purchase consumable supplies such as paper, pencils, art supplies and paint to support the curriculum.

Clinic: \$10.00 (maximum per family) – This contribution defrays the cost of clinic supplies.

Technology: \$25.00 (maximum per family) – This contribution is used to purchase ink cartridges, toner, paper and supplies for our computers, as well as projector bulbs and additional technology such as Mimio Interactive projection systems, notebook laptops and tablets.

### **School Spirit**

Mascot – Falcon

Colors – blue and gold

We encourage everyone to wear spirit wear and/or school colors every Friday!

### **Student Records**

Under the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), parents have certain rights:

- The right to inspect and review educational records of their child
- The right to challenge the content of those records
- The right to control the release of education records of their student
- The right to complain to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Office about the school's failure to comply with the law
- The right to be informed of these rights just listed

For additional information pertaining to Gwinnett County's policies and compliance, please refer to the GCPS Parent/Student Handbook.

#### **Changes in School Records**

In order to keep our records current, please notify the office immediately of a change in any of the following:

- address
- telephone number
- employer and phone number of each parent
- change of guardianship
- person to call in case of emergency or when the parent cannot be reached
- medical information

### **Textbooks**

Textbooks and instructional resource materials are provided by the State of Georgia and Gwinnett County and are issued to students. These books and materials are on loan to the students during the school year and should be treated as borrowed property. Every student is obligated to give his/her books the best of care.

In case of loss or abuse of textbooks or school resources, a student must pay for the item(s) in accordance with a scale determined by the State Department of Education and/or the local Board of Education.

Electronic resources, including eTextbooks, are available through the student "my eCLASS" portal.

### **Toys and Non-Academic Items**

In order to provide the best learning environment for students, please do not allow your child to bring toys or items that are distracting to the learning at school. If present at school, cell phones may not be visible and must remain off during school hours unless specifically used through the Gwinnett network contracted under the terms and conditions of the Gwinnett County Public Schools Responsible Use Policy (RUP).

### **Visitor Check-In**

We encourage and welcome parents to visit our school! For the safety of our students and staff, however, **ALL** visitors who enter Mulberry Elementary must do so through the front of the building and register with the office staff. Please be prepared to show photo identification. Visitors will receive a visitor sticker and it should remain visible at all times while on school property. Staff members have been instructed to monitor our visitors and to send those without a badge or sticker to the front office. Visitors are asked to turn cell phones off while in the building. Parents and visitors play an integral role in ensuring safety at school. Please make it a priority to follow safety rules and to report to the office any concerns that you notice while on campus.

Classroom visits must be approved by the office and the teacher notified prior to the visit so that there will be no disruption of instruction. This includes arrival and dismissal times 7:45-3:15. A prior appointment should be made for any visitation and/or conference so that proper planning and focus can be given to the meeting.

When leaving the school, visitors should return to the front office, check out and leave through the front door.

### **Volunteering**

Please take advantage of the many opportunities to become involved with our school. Research shows a strong correlation between successful schools and the amount of volunteer presence by parents and community members. Teachers will determine schedules and needs within individual classrooms. We also seek volunteer readers, media and technology parents, and greeters in the front lobby. Please contact our front office staff to explore the ways you can become involved!

### **Withdrawal Information**

Please notify the front office at least one week before your child is to be withdrawn from school. The Registrar will complete the withdrawal form, contact the enrolling parent to set up an appointment for a signature and provide a copy of the completed form to the parent. This form should be given to your child's new school at enrollment. Upon receiving a signed release of records from the transferring school, a copy of the student's records will be mailed to the new school.

## **Part II: Student Academic Information**

### **Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS)**

The Gwinnett County Public Schools Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) is the adopted curriculum. The AKS represents the curriculum and standards of academic excellence for all students in our school system. The AKS is aligned with Common Core state standards. Parents will receive an AKS pamphlet for their child's grade level at the beginning of the school year. This allows parents to know what their child is expected to learn and be able to do at each grade level.

Curriculum and instruction are designed for mastery of the AKS for all students. Each teacher has his/her own teaching style and each student has his/her own learning style. Teachers will use AKS resources, national standards, textbooks, trade books, and other educational materials, including electronic media, as resources for instruction.

### **Achievement Recognition**

During the school year, students are recognized who have shown exemplary academic achievement, progress, and/or citizenship. Award criteria are listed below and are based on students' performance during each semester grading period.

#### **Principal's Academic Achievement Award**

Straight A's (grades 2-5) or E's (grade 1) and  
All S/E's in conduct, effort and special area classes

#### **Honor Roll**

All A's and/or B's (grades 2-5) or S/E's (grade 1) and  
All S/E's in conduct, effort and special area classes

#### **Perfect Attendance**

Present each day at school with no more than 3 total tardies or early checkouts

#### **Achievement Award**

Recognizing one or two students per class, this award honors students that have demonstrated significant improvement in academic performance based on high effort and motivation.

#### **Citizenship Award**

This special award recognizes one child in each room who:

- ❖ is a diligent worker
- ❖ respects personal and school property
- ❖ follows rules
- ❖ has a pleasant and positive attitude
- ❖ is helpful to others
- ❖ demonstrates leadership qualities
- ❖ shows him/herself as an asset to the class and community

### **Counseling**

The goal of school counseling is to remove barriers to student learning. Our school counselor serves as a resource for all students and staff. Through classroom guidance, individual and small group sessions, the counselor works with all students on a range of issues such as grief, anxiety and friendship. She also works with students on study and test-taking skills, as well as guides parents as they support the education of their students.

### **Gifted Education Program**

Students who meet state guidelines are served through our school's gifted education program, called FOCUS, in an interdisciplinary approach. Referrals to the gifted program may come from teachers, parents, administrators or as a result of system-wide testing. Evaluation for the FOCUS program includes mental aptitude, achievement, creativity and motivation. Private evaluation and testing may not be substituted for test data generated by the local school. Mulberry's gifted eligibility team reviews referrals at the beginning, middle and end of each school year to determine which students may qualify for the program.

## **Grading**

Kindergarten and First Grade: Students are assessed on progress toward the AKS using the following scale:

E - Excellent  
S - Satisfactory  
N - Needs Improvement  
U - Unsatisfactory

Grades 2 – 5: The following scale is used to assess student acquisition of grade level AKS:

A = 90 and above	Excellent Progress
B = 80 – 89	Above Average Progress
C = 70 – 79	Average Progress
U = 0 – 69	Below Average/Unsatisfactory Progress

When reporting progress (effort, participation, skill acquisition and completion of tasks) for special areas such as art, music and physical education the following scale is used:

E = Excellent  
S = Satisfactory  
N = Needs to Improve  
U = Unsatisfactory

## **Homework**

Homework is an extension of the classroom learning process. It is one method to help students establish self-discipline and study skills. Homework is also a way to keep parents informed and involved with their child's schoolwork. Assignments may be brief or may include long-range projects. Assignments may be individualized for remediation or enrichment. Time spent on homework should promote productive and positive experiences.

Parents can help by encouraging children to establish effective study habits and by reviewing homework with their child. It is very helpful for parents to establish set times to work. If your child has no current assignment, he/she should be encouraged to read.

Mulberry's PTA funds agenda books for all students to aid communication and foster planning and work completion. Parents are encouraged to check agenda books each day and to communicate with teachers using this tool.

## **Make-Up Work**

Students will be given an opportunity to make-up work they have missed due to an excused absence. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements to make up work missed when absent and work must be completed in a timely manner (generally one day for each day missed). Parents of students who are absent two or more days may request ungraded assignments by calling the school before 9:00 AM. Assignments may be picked up in the front office between 2:00 and 3:30 PM. Requests for assignments made after 9:00 AM will be ready the following day. Make-up work for students traveling will be available upon their return.

## **Media & Technology**

### **Media Center Guidelines**

The media center has books and magazines for assigned study and recreational reading. It is open for use during the entire school day. Students are encouraged to use the media center for reference work and for selecting books to read. There are special rules for reference books, magazines, and reserved books. E-books, e-textbooks and online resources are also available for student use. The media specialist is available to assist those who need help. Students are responsible for the replacement of lost or damaged library books, media materials or textbooks.

### **Technology Guidelines**

Mulberry Elementary School is very fortunate to have many technology resources. Up-to-date equipment provides a variety of opportunities for students. It also requires great consideration of how we will use these technology resources for instruction.

One of the most versatile information sources for teachers and students is the Internet. Students and parents are required to sign the Gwinnett County Acceptable Use (AUP) agreement before students are allowed to access the Internet at school.

In addition to these requirements, the following guidelines for Internet use at Mulberry Elementary have been developed:

- A. Students will be instructed on the proper use of the Internet and their use will be closely monitored.
- B. For most lessons, students will use bookmarked sites. The teacher will have previewed these sites prior to the lesson.
- C. If it is necessary to locate additional information on a specific educational topic, students will use online media resources. These sites are monitored for appropriate material and are specifically designed for use by children. There is to be no random searching by students.

Our website is updated frequently and provides an additional source of information about Mulberry including menus and lunch times, photos of Mulberry events, student projects, business partners, and educational links. Please visit our site often at: [www.gcpsk12.org/MulberryES](http://www.gcpsk12.org/MulberryES). Mulberry is on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Check us out! You can make website suggestions or share your photos of Mulberry events by contacting [melissa.timmerman@gcpsk12.org](mailto:melissa.timmerman@gcpsk12.org). The Dacula cluster shares events and information using social media. Be part of the happenings; stay linked in!

### **Promotion Requirements**

Gwinnett County Public Schools measure student learning of the school system's curriculum (AKS) in a number of ways. Each student must earn grade promotion through demonstration of proficiency of the grade level AKS.

### **Special Education**

Programs are available at Mulberry for students with various special needs in a collaborative and co-teaching team, resource and self-contained setting. Programs include: Speech and Language, Significant Developmental Delays, Specific Learning Disabilities, Moderate Intellectual Disabilities, Emotional/Behavior Disorders, and Other Health Impairments. Special needs pre-kindergarten services are also available for those who qualify.

### **Student Progress Reports**

Elementary report cards are sent home each semester. Parent conferences are held during October and March. Teachers will contact parents to schedule these conferences. The dates for issuing are:

#### **Report Card Dates:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: January
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester: May

#### **Progress Report Dates (grades 1-5):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: September 15 & October 27
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester: February 14 & March 29

### **Student Organizations**

Students at Mulberry have many opportunities to participate in school sponsored initiatives. Some past activities include: Student Council, Ambassadors, Chess Club, Falcon Network News, Readers Rally team, Witzzle Pro team, Cooking Club, Running Club, Kind Kids Club, Robotics, Drama Club, and Chorus. Please access the Mulberry School website for complete details on club opportunities.

### **Student Support Team (SST)**

The purpose of the Student Support Team (SST) is to allow teachers, parents and other educators to work in a collaborative manner to develop an intervention plan to address the needs of students who are not meeting success. This group provides advice, suggests alternative teaching strategies or interventions, and may recommend a referral for specialized testing.

### **Part III: Student Conduct**

Students learn best in a safe, positive and orderly environment. All students are capable, with support and encouragement, of being responsible for their own behavior. Parents and educators must work together as partners in teaching students to make good choices about their behavior, and to understand that there are consequences for making poor decisions. Rules are established to help make Mulberry a productive learning environment and to develop students as responsible citizens of the Mulberry community.

Students are expected to respect one another and all adults and to behave appropriately on school premises. The school uses Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports as established expectations and has uniform discipline guidelines that are utilized for all classes including special areas. Each teacher, then, establishes his/her own classroom management strategies within these guidelines.



The GCPS Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook holds specific guidance for student behavior and discipline. It can be accessed via the county website, at <https://www.gcpsk12.org/Page/24891>.

#### Student Code of Ethics Guidelines for Student Behavior

- I will be honest in my statements and actions.
- I will respect myself, the school staff and fellow students.
- I will respect the beliefs of others.
- I will display good conduct and sportsmanship at school, on the bus and at all school activities.
- I will respect the property of others.
- I will work to the best of my ability.
- I will use criticism in a helpful manner.
- I will promote school cleanliness and the upkeep of school property.
- I will make substitute teachers and visitors feel welcome.
- I will support school activities.

#### **Bus Rider Information**

Riding the bus is a privilege. Improper conduct on the bus will result in that privilege being denied. Bus drivers teach Bus Guidelines and Safety Procedures on the first day of school, with monthly reviews to enhance the safety of children being transported. All students are expected to obey the following bus rules:

Students will:

- Students will follow directions of the driver.
- Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus arrives, waiting in a safe place, clear of traffic and 10 feet from where the bus stops.
- Students will wait in an orderly line and avoid playing.
- Students will cross the roadway in front of the bus after the bus has stopped, they have looked at the driver for a hand signal, and they have looked in both directions for traffic; left, right, left.
- Students will signal the driver with a waving motion if something is dropped and wait for the driver to give a signal before picking up object.
- Students will go directly to assigned seat when entering the bus. Keep the aisles and exits clear.
- Students will remain properly seated, back against the back of the seat, bottom against the bottom of the seat, and keep hands to themselves.
- Students will not eat, drink, chew gum, or bring tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or any controlled substances on the bus.
- Students will not carry animals, glass objects, nuisance items, hazardous materials, or weapons onto the bus. Students may carry only objects that can be held in their laps to include musical instruments.
- Students will refrain from using loud voices, profanity, and/or obscene gestures, and respect the rights and safety of others.
- Students will not extend head, arms, or objects out of the bus windows.
- Students will be totally silent at railroad crossings.
- Students will stay seated until time to get off the bus. The open door is the signal to get up from the bus seat.
- Students must provide a written note, signed by a parent/guardian and a local school official will provide a bus pass giving permission to ride a different bus or to get on or off at a different bus stop location. A bus pass only will be issued in the event of an emergency, determined by a local school official.
- Students will keep their bus clean and in good, safe condition.
- Students shall be prohibited from using any electronic devices during the operation of a school bus, including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, radios, tape, CD or MP3 players; or any other electronic device in a manner that might interfere with the school bus communications equipment or the school bus driver's operation of the school bus. The bus driver may allow the wearing of headphones with an audio system on a case-by-case basis as long as it is in accord with the local school rules.
- Students shall be prohibited from using mirrors, lasers, flash cameras, or any other lights or reflective devices in a manner that might interfere with the school bus driver's operation of the school bus.

#### **Student Grievance Procedure**






If a student believes he or she is being mistreated by school employees on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin or handicap, the student should report this to any school employee such as their counselor or the principal.






























## Mulberry Elementary, a PBIS Implementation School

We are excited to announce that Mulberry Elementary is a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) school. PBIS is a research-based framework that is used in schools throughout the nation and includes a set of clear practices that are embedded into a support system for students. The following pages outline everything you need to know about school-wide expectations and procedures. The expectations for Mulberry ES students are broken down into four main categories:

### Synergize, Ownership, Attitude and Respect

The matrix seen below takes each major location on campus and breaks down the specific expectations for that environment. The expectations are separated by the categories synergize, ownership, attitude and respect. Copies of the matrix are posted in all of these locations, including every classroom, and are used to remind students of expectations and to serve as a guide for behavior.

	Classroom	Hall	Restroom	Cafeteria	Playground	Bus
 Synergize	Be engaged in your learning	Remember that others are learning	Report unsafe behavior	Clean up after yourself and others	Include others and play fair	Follow bus driver directions
 Ownership	Take responsibility for materials and actions	Level 0 voice	Treat facilities with care	Eat your own food.	Control words and actions	Keep control of your belongings
 Attitude	Persevere	Walk with a purpose	Use time wisely	Use good table manners	Sportsmanship always wins	Level 1 voice when speaking
 Respect	Listen to others and communicate kindly	Eyes forward, hands to yourself	Honor people's privacy and personal space	Speak kindly to those nearby	Treat others and equipment with care	Follow safety rules

	Classroom	Hall	Restroom	Cafeteria	Playground	Bus
 Synergize						
 Ownership						
 Attitude						
 Respect						

Students will be taught each expectation through a series of videos and classroom lessons that are standardized, school wide. The expectations will continually be reviewed throughout the school year in classrooms and on morning announcements.

Mission Statement:

Each morning on announcements, students will repeat our mission statement as a school community:

*Mulberry Elementary: A learning environment that SOARS. We synergize, show ownership, have a positive attitude, and show respect. We achieve excellence.*

Incentive Program:

To reinforce behaviors that meet Mulberry ES expectations, students will have an opportunity to earn digital points throughout the school day. On a regular basis, students will be able to cash in their digital points for special incentives.

### Minor Incident Referral Form:

If a student demonstrates behavior that does not align with school expectations, the teacher will first address through behavior supports and interventions. If the student does not respond to such support and interventions, the teacher will complete a Digital Minor Behavior Referral form, and call parents. Parents may access a digital copy of this form via the parent portal. If the behavior continues, an administrator may be contacted to support with additional next steps.

Additionally, students who are meeting or exceeding the SOAR expectations will have the opportunity to receive a positive referral note sent home.

### Overall Goals of PBIS:

- To improve and sustain a positive and safe school climate.
- To be consistent with consequences and interventions school wide.
- To decrease the amount of class time used to manage misbehaviors.
- To encourage and celebrate behaviors that are meeting expectations.
- To teach students how to manage and correct problem behaviors.

***Mulberry Falcons: RISE UP!***