

Glenn C. Jones Middle School is the namesake of a long-time, Gwinnett County educator, Mr. Glenn C. Jones. Mr. Jones was a teacher at Harmony Elementary School in 1938, and then became the principal, serving from 1939 to 1973. During his tenure as principal, he also served as a custodian, basketball coach, bus driver, and teacher! His service to public education has had a lasting impact on the Jones Middle School community.

Dr. Richard P. Holland was appointed as the principal of Glenn C. Jones Middle School, and on August 9, 2004, Jones opened its doors for the first time. Eight-hundred and sixteen students were greeted by kind-hearted, talented teachers and support personnel.

Upon arrival, students went to classrooms in the “Woodlands”, “Rainforest”, and “Savanna” hallways - environments where “Jaguars” (our school’s mascot) are known to inhabit. Within these smaller “schools within a school,” students were placed in four-member teacher teams for math, science, language arts, and social studies instruction. They were also assigned two connection classes including Art, Family & Consumer Sciences, Computer Science, Technology Education, Health, Physical Education, Spanish, Band, Orchestra, and Chorus.

During the summer of 2004, Jones held the first summer camps for rising sixth graders and conducted weekly tours for community members who were eager to see the new school. The first PTSA and School Council representatives, including parents, teachers, and business partners, were also elected.

The school’s dedication was held on October 17, 2004. Mr. Jones and his family were in attendance among an overwhelming crowd of well-wishers and friends. Attendees filled the cafeteria to pay tribute to this most revered and special educator who had taught or influenced nearly everyone in attendance. During the reception, the school unveiled a tribute to Mrs. Agnes Jones—the dedication of the school’s media center in her honor.

The celebration of education continued with Jones Middle School’s celebration of American Education Week and its first annual community breakfast. Joy Towslee, parent of Amanda and Sam Towslee, received the school’s first Legacy Award, and Counselor Loree Stovall received the Spirit Award. Fifteen years later, Jones continues this tradition by recognizing staff and community supporters with these special awards for their kindness and service.

The school’s second year began with the loss of its beloved counselor, Loree Stovall. Ms. Stovall was a former Gwinnett and Georgia Middle School Counselor of the Year. Today, a portrait of Ms. Stovall hangs in the school media center.

In 2005, Jones Middle welcomed 1,053 students. School staff and leaders added a vision statement to its mission and belief statements. The school also added the first-of-its-kind middle school Student Leadership Academy to its extensive list of club activities.

That same year, the school celebrated Mr. Jones’ 95th birthday with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner meal prepared by the cafeteria staff. With many of his family in attendance, students serenaded Mr. Jones with a rousing version of “Happy Birthday.” Sadly, Mr. Jones died two years later. To honor Mr. Jones, the school began an annual scholarship for graduating Mill Creek seniors who plan to become teachers.

The school’s enrollment continued to grow, reaching 1,494 students by 2008. In 2016, Jones Middle School underwent a redistricting phase, bringing Jones’ enrollment to 950 students.

Jones celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2014 with a catered dinner that included current and past faculty and staff members, as well as members of the Jones family.

In March of 2016, Jones Middle School celebrated the retirement of Dr. Richard Holland’s and his 37 years of service in education. Dr. Holland was the principal of JMS for 12 years, and the school honored him by dedicating the fine arts hallway— named “The Richard P. Holland Fine Arts Academy”— as daily reminder of Dr. Holland’s love and support of the arts.

In June of 2016, Jones welcomed a new principal, Ms. Memorie Reesman. Ms. Reesman is a former middle school teacher, Local School Technology Coordinator, and most recently, the Associate Principal at Norcross High School.

In addition to a new principal, in 2017, Jones revealed new school colors and a new mascot! Joining the Mill Creek cluster as the “Jones Hawks” has contributed to an atmosphere of school and community spirit!

Teaching, learning, and continuous quality improvement remain the essential business of Jones Middle School. Sacred Planning time is reserved each week for teachers to collaborate with a focus on four key questions: What Academic Knowledge and Skills do we want our students to know and be able to demonstrate? What instructional strategies and experiences will we use to teach these skills and concepts? How will we know when students have learned or mastered these skills? What will we do for students who need additional support or enrichment?

Over the years, Jones Middle School has worked to become a recognized leader in serving and educating middle school students. The teachers and staff at Jones are committed to pursuing excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behaviors for all students, resulting in measure improvement and readiness for the next level of learning.

From its very beginning Jones Middle School has worked to forge a community of learners... one that supports public education and the students served by the school. By partnering with parents and community members, Jones Middle School works to uphold the high standards set by Glenn C. Jones and to provide students with an unparalleled educational experience.