



311 South East Street
Kingsland, GA 31548

Telephone: (912) 729-5687
Fax: (912) 729-1489

Dr. William C. Hardin, Superintendent

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 29, 2018

Contact: Dr. Rebecca Gillette, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction, (912) 729-5687, rgillette@camden.k12.ga.us

Crooked River Elementary Awarded 2018 Military Flagship School Award

Crooked River Elementary was chosen as a Military Flagship School Award winner by the Georgia Department of Education. Georgia School Superintendent, Richard Woods, described the Military Flagship Awards as recognizing “Schools going above and beyond to provide a supportive environment for military students and families. Military Flagship Schools provide specific outreach to military families and recognize and accommodate their unique needs.”

The 2018-2019 school year was the inaugural year for this prestigious award and while sixty-one schools applied, only six schools were chosen from around the state. In addition to being recognized state-wide for this achievement, Crooked River Elementary will be visited by Superintendent Woods and presented with a banner to display in the school advertising their status as a Military Flagship School.

When asked about what made Crooked River Elementary stand out with regard to being a welcoming environment for military families, Crooked River Elementary Principal Mrs. Shawny Thorpe, credited her staff by commenting, “We are blessed to have several members of our faculty and staff who are from military families. They are uniquely aware of the needs of our military children and families as they experience personally both the pride and the challenges related to military service. Their guidance and support along with the support of each military family coming to CRES ensures all faculty and staff are equipped to meet the needs of our students and families. As our school district and our nation celebrates the Month of the Military Family, we are honored and humbled by this award and by the opportunity to work with, teach and support our military children and their families.”

Board Members:

Jane Brown, Chairman · Herbert Rowland, Vice-Chairman

Jason Chance · Jimmy Coffel · Mark Giddens