



# Jane Belflower

Mrs. Jane Belflower was born in Macon, Georgia. She graduated from Mount de Sales Academy. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education in 1981 from Georgia College and State University. She later received a Master in Early Childhood Education from Mercer University and a Specialist in Early Childhood Education from Georgia Southwestern State University.

She began her teaching career at Danville Elementary in Twiggs County. In 1983, she transferred to Houston County to become a first grade and compensatory education teacher at Miller Elementary. She also taught at Kings Chapel Elementary, Matt Arthur Elementary, and Shirley Hills Elementary. Mrs. Belflower retired from the Houston County School District in June 2014 after 31 years in the classroom. During her tenure, she received several awards including Make a Difference Day National Award from Oprah Winfrey, My Teacher is Tops, and the Literacy Month Recognition from Governor Brian Kemp. She also was named Teacher of the Year on two separate occasions.

Mrs. Belflower and her husband, Billy, have been married for 42 years and live in Warner Robins. Mr. and Mrs. Belflower have three children and four grandchildren. She continues to volunteer her time in classrooms and at Central Baptist Church.



What I remember most about Jane Belflower's class was the quality of her lessons and the compassion she had for her students. She ensured that everyone was able to learn by not only providing a rich, intellectually stimulating environment, but also by connecting directly with us every day. Whether it was by reading aloud from her collection of books, giving us advice and resources for writing, or taking us outside to do a new science experiment, she never missed an opportunity to guide learning. She pushed us to broaden our horizons and nurtured our passions. She was always confident in our ability to succeed.

*Luke Foster*



When I think of Jane Belflower, I think about professionalism, dedication, and commitment. As her Assistant Principal at Matt Arthur Elementary, I witnessed her make a significant difference in the lives of many students. She loved all students unconditionally, nurtured them, and challenged everyone to never stop learning. She had a great rapport with her students, colleagues, and administrators. She is also a dynamic leader who remains dedicated to the education profession. She continues to strive for excellence in all areas through her impeccable work ethic. She has mentored both novice and veteran teachers with her innate ability to motivate and inspire others.

*Dr. Cynthia Hammond*

