



Debbie Meck

Mrs. Debbie Meck was born in Manhattan, New York. She graduated from Maconaquah High School in Indiana. She received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education in 1980 from Wesleyan College. She later received a Master in Early Childhood Education from Fort Valley State University and a Specialist from Troy State University.

Mrs. Meck began her teaching career at Centerville Elementary School in 1980 where she taught multiple grade levels throughout her 31 years as a Mustang. She retired from the Houston County School District in June 2011. During her

tenure, she served on the school-based Staff Development Committee, implementing programs on writing, cooperative learning, story-telling, whole language, assertive discipline, and motivational techniques for at-risk students. She also served as a peer teacher for several first-year teachers and was selected to participate in the first Teacher Support Specialist Program, serving as a mentor for student teachers. She was named a Georgia Teacher of the Year finalist in 1993.

Mrs. Meck and her husband, Donald, have been married for 53 years and live in Bonaire. Mr. and Mrs. Meck have three sons and eight grandchildren. She enjoys hunting and golfing with her husband.



Debbie Meck was the epitome of the type of person every parent prays their child will have as a teacher. She created a sense of family and comfort inside of her classroom.

Students were challenged academically while feeling safe to take risks to grow as a learner. She was not only an outstanding educator to elementary aged children, but also to her peers at Centerville Elementary and across the District. She mentored many young teachers, and they were very eager to model what they learned from Mrs. Meck inside of their own classrooms. She paved the way for many educators in the county.

Meredith Rhodes



Debbie Meck knew how to create an atmosphere in which students and teachers felt that together, we could accomplish great things. I remember watching her magically connect with students that many could not reach. She knew that the secret to helping children grow was to provide opportunities for them to fall in love with learning. She also served as a role model for all teachers and believed everyone played a valuable role. She wanted each of her co-workers to be successful and make school engaging, because she knew it would benefit all students. Mrs. Meck was and continues to be an inspiration to many educators.

Tonya Maddox

