

Sharing Health and Wellness at Morven Elementary School

In June 2023, Parallel Cultures, Inc. held its Second Annual Culture, Leadership, and Knowledge Camp at Morven Elementary School. The week-long camp endeavors to provide cultural-based educational and enrichment activities that expose youth to a range of fields and professionals from STEM to the Fine Arts, and to teach health and wellness practices that emphasize self-love and knowledge of self.

The organization's Founder and Executive Director is a Morven native, Dr. Masonya J. Bennett (Assistant Professor of Black Studies at Kennesaw State University). Dr. Dionnya Pratt, Principal of Morven Elementary School, hosted and supervised all activities geared toward the enrichment of Morven youth. In accordance, Mayor Timothy Watkins officially proclaimed the week of June 12-16, 2023, as Parallel Cultures, Leadership, and Knowledge Week in the Town of Morven.

The theme of this year's #CLKCamp emphasized Health and Wellness. This focus included encouraging healthy eating and cooking habits, learning about human and animal bodies, and engaging with cross-cultural healing customs. Returning students from last year's CLK cohort were joined by new MES 2nd-6th graders, which totaled to about 20 happy campers.

Camp attendees were super excited to see the return of camp counselors and Parallel Cultures' team members, Ms. Semjal Hagos (Washington D.C. Mayor's Office on African Affairs) and Dr. Marwa Ghazalia (Assistant Professor of Anthropology at University of Houston and Harvard University fellow). Both Ms. Hagos and Dr. Ghazalia are of East African descent (Ethiopia and Egypt respectfully). Throughout the week, they shared a wealth of knowledge while facilitating an array of cultural-based arts activities such as healing beading practices and Kenyan-inspired jewelry-making.

Artist Ryan Cureton of Monroe, NC also returned this year to guide another painting workshop, teach new techniques, and discuss professional arts with the students. Dr. Masonya Bennett conducted a week-long Photo-Voice project in which students were provided a camera to capture their own personal experiences and perspectives of the week's activities. Vegan Chef Sunni led hands-on vegan culinary workshops in which students prepared vegan pizza, vegan nachos, and vegan banana pudding. In addition, Primatologist Mr. Trevon Covington (Seattle, WA) facilitated a two-day interactive discussion about Primates. Dr. Brittany Lee, Family Medicine Physician with Atrium Health Charlotte supplemented Morven's brilliant young minds by offering up close and interactive presentations of human anatomy. The week concluded with an interactive drumming circle facilitated by Drums 4 Life of Charlotte, NC.



Tydrequis Roberts Earns Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship

Morven Elementary School student Tydrequis Roberts (pictured right) missed out on the Field Trip as he was spending the week at UNC's Basketball Camp due to receiving the Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarship.



Students Take Field Trip to International Civil Rights Center & Museum and NC A&TSU

With the assistance of School Social Worker Ms. Kam McDonald, MES students attended a Field Trip to Greensboro, NC where they visited the International Civil Rights Center & Museum and toured the campus of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&TSU).



Letter from Anson Middle School Principal Arthur Jackson

Dear Anson Middle School Families,

I would like to welcome you back for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope your summer has gone well and you are excited for the beginning of the new school year. We are excited to announce that Anson Middle School is fully staffed with licensed teachers! This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students!

We embark on this journey with a pledge that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful, and rigorous work in our classrooms. I anticipate a year that will foster a culture of learning and academic prowess.

Thank you for the support that you have shown this past year. I look forward to serving as the principal of Anson Middle School.

Open House Anson Middle School will have a "Drop In Meet & Greet Open House" on Thursday, August 24th, 2023. Drop in times are from 9:00 am to 11:00 am or from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The following items will be made available to you during your Open House visit:

- Dress code information • School Fee sheet • Class Schedule

The first day of School begins on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 8:30 am, students are tardy after 8:30. Please note that car drop-off will open promptly at 7:45.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as your principal for the 2023-2024 school year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any information (704) 694-3945. You may also email me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Arthur Jackson, Principal, Anson Middle School



AMS is Getting Ready for a Great Year!

As we get closer to the first day of school, there are many things that have to be done to get ready for a new school year. So many behind the scenes activities take place over the summer to get ready for staff and students returning to the building.

Mr. Jackson has been working extremely hard getting school wide routines outlined, creating schedules and developing documents for the teachers and students. The office staff has been organizing the office, replacing posters, gathering supplies for classrooms, and getting handbooks ready for the staff. The custodians have been working hard to clean the building, move furniture within the building, and check that everything is in working order. Sometimes we forget just how many things happen during the summer while we are taking a break from school.

The Anson Middle School staff has already started working in rooms because they are so excited to kick off the new school year. We are so excited to announce that AMS is fully staffed for the 2023-24 school year.

The AMS open house is on Thursday, August 24, 2023 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.. Please drop in during either of these timeframes. You will get the opportunity to meet the staff, get important information for the new school year, and tour the school. We can't wait to see you!

STUDENT FEE SCHEDULE • STUDENT TRANSCRIPT FEE SCHEDULE • STUDENT AFTER SCHOOL CARE FEES

Student Fee Schedule - FY 23-24			
Fee Description	Grade K-5	Grade 6-8	Grade 9-12
Instructional Supplies	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Parking			\$50.00
Band		\$10.00	\$15.00
Marching Band			\$65.00
Marching Band Uniform			\$20.00
Athletic Transportation Fee (Max. \$60.00 per student)		\$20.00	\$20.00
Art I, II, III, IV, & V			\$15.00
JROTC I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, & VIII			\$25.00
Technology Fee	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
NSF Check Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
SPCC Campus Insurance Fee			\$3.20
SPCC Campus Student ID (9th grade only)			\$5.00
Driver Education Fee			\$65.00
Summer of STEM	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Planetarium/Science Center			
Out-of-District School Groups including homeschool groups (\$100 Min. Charge) – Per Student & Parent (no charge for teachers)	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
Athletic Event Fees (Ticket prices are set by the Rocky River Conference)			
All Sport Events (age 0-5)		Free	
Varsity Football & Basketball Events			\$10.00*
All Other Sport Events			\$8.00*

* In addition, an estimated processing fee up to \$2.00 may be added to the ticket price with online purchases.

Note: All conference tournament tickets could be increased by \$1.00.

Student Transcript Fee Schedule – FY 23-24			
Fee Description	Grade K-5*	Grade 6-8*	Grade 9-12*
Transcripts	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Diploma Verification	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Birth Certificate	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Immunizations	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Social Security Card	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Third Party Verifications	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

*A \$2.00 processing fee will be added to each request.

Student After School Care – Elementary Only	
Fee Description	Grade K-5
Registration Fee Per Family - Annually	\$20.00
Late Pickups per minute per child	\$1.00
Employee Discount Only – After School Care Only (no summer discount)	50%
After School Care (until 4:30) (weekly)	
1st Student	\$35.00
2nd Student	\$30.00
3rd student	\$25.00
(each add'l student is \$20)	
Daily Rate (PT Enrolled Students-no discount)	\$10.00
After School Care (until 5:30) (weekly)	
1st Student	\$45.00
2nd Student	\$40.00
3rd student	\$35.00
(each add'l student is \$30)	
Daily Rate (PT Enrolled Students-no discount)	\$12.00
Summer School Care (weekly)	
1st Student	\$80.00
2nd Student	\$65.00
3rd student	\$50.00
(each add'l student is \$45.00)	
Daily Rate (PT Enrolled Students-no discount)	\$22.00