



Dr. Virginia Henderson

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
RENAMING CEREMONY

MAY 10, 2022

5:30 –7:30 PM

RECEPTION

Enjoy food, carnival games, community art projects, DJ

DRUM CALL

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REFRAIN: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

SPEAKERS

Dr. Carlton D. Jenkins, Ph.D., Superintendent; Nichelle Nichols, School Board Member; Verona Morgan, President, Women in Focus; Sharly Kato, Women in Focus member and long-time friend of Dr. Henderson

INTERLUDE: WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

Henderson scholars

SPEAKERS

Noble Wray, Former Madison Police Chief; Andreal Davis, Former Director of the African American Ethnic Academy; Lindsay Maglio, Henderson Interim Principal; Henderson scholars

INTERLUDE: DANCE PERFORMANCE

Las Tigrinas de Henderson

HENDERSON FAMILY

Dr. Sheryl Henderson

REFRAIN: HENDERSON SCHOOL SONG

CLOSING

Acknowledgment of Dr. Virginia Henderson's Family

Dr. Perry Henderson

Sheryl Henderson

Jasmine Henderson Love (Ginger) and Shauna Adams

Andy and Judy Clair Henderson

Grandsons: Adin Henderson, Jonah Henderson, and Prince Henderson

Lift Every Voice and Sing

By James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Henderson School Song

By Marty Stein

We're the Henderson Tigers, bold and strong
We surely are the best
We work and play and make friends all day
As we aim for success

We've got Topper to lead us on our way
To keep our spirit strong
We're the Henderson Tigers of Madison
And we're proud to sing this song

*lb ab peb nplaub...call it out and let it show
Cinco seis siete ocho...somos muy orgullosos
Henderson Tigers! Rawwwrrrr!*

Virginia Ruth McKinney Henderson loved children her whole life. She trained to be a child psychologist, and received her PhD from the University of New Mexico while raising her own three children and providing a home filled with love and motivation. When she and her husband, Perry, moved their family to Madison, she joined the staff of, what was then, Glendale School. She dedicated her time, love and extraordinary talents to the teachers and children of Glendale.

As the school's psychologist, she was determined that all children under her care would be seen, understood, and loved. She advocated for their success, taught them to embrace their uniqueness, and encouraged them to be kind to each other. She supported children with a multiple of learning styles, and taught the community all children could learn and grow when the educational environment shifted equitably to meet their needs. She found a home at Glendale and created a safe place for students, staff, and teachers to thrive in an atmosphere of multicultural respect.

She was not a woman who sought the limelight, so she would be humbled and very surprised to learn that the school, where she dedicated so much of her time and energy, was being named after her. Her keen intelligence, deep wisdom and diplomacy helped this school, and the entire Madison community, rise to the challenge of building bridges across the differences that often divide us.

As her family, we are deeply touched and extremely grateful that her work and her legacy will not be forgotten. We believe her love, compassion, and deep commitment to every child's right to an excellent education will be cemented in the mission and presence of Dr. Virginia Henderson Elementary School. May those who enter these doors embrace differences, find connections, ignite curiosity, and be kind to each other in honor of her memory.

— In deep appreciation from her devoted husband, Perry, and adoring children Sheryl, Ginger, and Andy

WHILE OUR SCHOOLS PREPARE STUDENTS TO GRADUATE READY FOR COLLEGE, CAREER, AND COMMUNITY, THEY ARE ALSO A PLACE OF BELONGING. DR. VIRGINIA HENDERSON HELPED OUR COMMUNITY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF CARING FOR THE WHOLE CHILD, INCLUDING STUDENTS' MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL NEEDS. DR. HENDERSON'S LEGACY REMINDS US STUDENTS DESERVE TO BE SEEN, HEARD, UNDERSTOOD, AND VALUED - WHICH ARE CRITICAL ELEMENTS FOR SCHOLARS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. AT MMSD, WE TAKE THIS CHARGE SERIOUSLY, AND CONTINUE TO BE MOTIVATED BY HER LONG-LASTING EFFORTS.

— **Carlton D. Jenkins, Ph.D., MMSD Superintendent**

We are so excited to be named after Dr. Virginia Henderson. Her excellence motivates us to be the best school we can be. We are committed to consistently improving so that all of our scholars thrive as their true selves at Henderson. We will always use her as a guidepost to make sure we are living up to her high expectations and ideals.

— **Lindsay Maglio, Interim Henderson Principal**

Dr. Virginia Henderson was a pillar of the Madison Community, leading through her service to others. Her tremendous contributions to our community and beyond have made impacts that will last for generations. It is a privilege to have been part of the process of naming a school in her honor where students, families, staff, and the community can celebrate and be inspired by her legacy.

— **Ben Ketterer, Former Henderson Principal**