## History of

## **Annistown Elementary School**

In the early 1900's the area around Annistown Elementary School was known as Annie's Town. The site for Annistown Elementary School, located at 3150 Spain Road in Snellville, was previously a wooded hill covered with pines, dogwoods, and other hardwoods. Today, from the top of the hill, Stone Mountain can be viewed by students and faculty as they come and go.

The need for Annistown Elementary School came as a result of rapid growth in the Snellville/Stone Mountain area. As a result, a 1979 Gwinnett County bond referendum included this school in its plan. The 23-acre site was selected in February of 1980. Construction, using a self-contained classroom concept, began in May of 1980, and was completed in August of 1981.

Since the original building was constructed, two additions have been completed. In 1982, an activity building was constructed behind the southeast end of the facility. In 1988, a 12-room addition was added to accommodate rapid growth which also provided music and art classrooms, additional office space and small-group instruction settings.

Approximately 87 percent of Annistown's student population was drawn from Centerville Elementary, and eight percent was drawn from Mountain Park Elementary. Approximately five percent of the population was due to growth in the area.

Address: 3150 Spain Road Snellville, GA 30039 The following have been principals of Annistown Elementary School: 1981-85 Dr. Fred Rundle 1985-86 **Ted Briggs** 1986–98 Dr. Joy Marsee Dr. Valerie Manson 1998-2003 Calvin Watts 2003-2005 2005-2011 Lorraine Henry 2011-2018 Dr. Steve Frandsen Gwenda Nimmo-Smith 2019-Present

School Colors: Black & Silver School Mascot: Generals

The school's mascot was the Annistown Tiger, which was chosen by the school's first principal and a group of teachers. They selected the colors blue and gold for the school colors. In 2019, the mascot and colors were changed to match the rest of the cluster. The Annistown Generals' colors are black and silver.

School traditions include skate night, a wax museum of famous Americans, the school talent show, the fall carnival, math and science night, literacy night, Bingo night and PTA meetings featuring student performances.