

The History of Lake Joy Primary School

Lake Joy Primary School is located on a twenty- acre lot facing Lake Joy Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. This property was purchased by the Houston County Board of Education in 1997.



Construction of the 80,851 square foot building began in 2002 and was completed in August of 2003. Total cost of the school facility was \$6,245,560. Originally, the structure was named Lake Joy Elementary. On opening day, the staff of 100 welcomed 670 students in grades Pre-K through fifth grade.

The student population grew quickly and by 2006 had exceeded 1200 students. Sixteen portable classrooms (Learning Cottages) were added to the school campus to hold the growing number of students. The Board of Education purchased an additional twenty acres of land on

Lake Joy Road adjacent to Lake Joy Elementary School. Construction of an identical building was completed in 2007 at a cost of \$9,300,000. The new building was designed to house grades three, four and five and would assume the name Lake Joy Elementary. The older building, formerly known as Lake Joy Elementary, changed its name to Lake Joy Primary School and its student population is now made up of children in grades Pre-K through second grades.

Mrs. Melanie Loggins served as principal of LJE/LJP from opening day in 2003 until her retirement in July of 2009. Under her leadership, Lake Joy Primary School was awarded the 2008 Platinum Award by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for the Greatest Gain in students meeting and exceeding standards.



Dr. April Strevig has served as the principal since July 2009. In 2013, LJPS earned the prestigious School Bell Award under her leadership. Our staff of 100 employees currently welcomes over 750 students each day making each day a great learning experience at LJPS!