

**“Murphey is a wonderful place for students to grow, care, share, learn and lead. The teachers help each student discover their unlimited potential and succeed in school. Since becoming a part of the Murphey family, my child has developed a positive attitude toward learning as well as a love for reading.**

**I love the real sense of family that Murphey has created, and I know my child is safe, happy and becoming the person she can be. I am proud to be part of such an exceptional school!”**

*Mrs. Sonja Eley-Ghee*

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# Murphey

Traditional Academy

STRIVING. ACHIEVING. EXCELLING.



**“Teachers and staff work together with parents for the students learning success. You are part of a family at Murphey.”**

*Marcia Schorr*

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where the tradition is excellence

## LATIN CLASSES IN ALL GRADES

## PAIDEIA SEMINARS

## SINGAPORE MATH

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

## EMPHASIS ON PATRIOTISM AND APPROPRIATE MANNERS

## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT

## WEEKLY CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS

## the murphey tradition

Are you looking for a magnet school where the focus is on academics and communication skills? Where students learn Latin and mathematical thinking? Where students wear simple uniforms and good citizenship is taught every day? Where students learn to think and solve problems together? The learning environment at Murphey is the perfect match for students and parents who like structure and who value a highly academic setting.

## what is paideia?

Paideia is a holistic approach to life-long learning with roots in ancient Greece. In contemporary schools across the United States and a few other countries, Paideia is a set of beliefs about education including active and rigorous teaching methods.

The Paideia Program is based on the belief that the human species is defined by its desire for learning. We create a public education that is at once more rigorous and more accessible.

Murphey is the only Paideia Magnet School in Guilford County. We practice the thinking, reading, listening, speaking, and writing through the Paideia Seminar. The Paideia Seminar is a collaborative dialogue facilitated with open-ended questions about a complex text.

## what is singapore math?

Singapore Math approaches abstract mathematical concepts and teaches them at a more concrete level through problem solving. It is through these problem solving and rich mathematical tasks that the students are given the opportunity to talk about the math they are learning and experiencing in order to deepen their understanding of the concepts. The problem solving approach is very visual and logical, and it gives the students the opportunity to see and explain the math at a more conceptual level.

Murphey Traditional Academy received a \$240,000 grant for a six-year pilot program to teach math using Singapore's successful methods. Murphey is one of only six schools in North Carolina to receive this grant, sponsored by the NC Department of Public Instruction and the Burroughs Wellcome Fund.

## the academy

Murphey Traditional Academy, one of the first magnet schools in GCS, is a vibrant, 21st century school. Although students learn the same curriculum as other students in the district and enjoy the same access to technology, the added advantage is that Murphey ensures student success. The structured, orderly environment enables students to reach standards of excellence that have become a tradition. Our teachers use a combination of traditional teaching methods, Paideia seminars, and modern teaching practices.

## why learn latin?

Murphey is the only elementary school in GCS that offers Latin to all students. A certified Latin teacher is a full-time specialist on the Murphey faculty. All students take Latin every week. Research shows that students who learn Latin early in their academic lives build strong vocabularies and improve their reading, which leads to success on college entrance exams, such as the ACT and SAT. It also lays the foundation for success in IB and AP courses, as well as future foreign language study since Latin is the basis of most Spanish, French and Italian words.

## uniforms make academics the focus

"What should I wear today?" is not a question for Murphey students who are required to dress in the school colors of navy blue and white. The uniforms keep the focus on academics and send the message that Murphey is about the business of learning. The blue bottoms and white tops, which may be purchased locally, are often less expensive than normal school clothes.

## schedule a school visit

Parents interested in applying to Murphey Traditional Academy are invited and encouraged to visit the school. A tour can be arranged by calling (336)294-7380 or emailing [thomasv2@gcsnc.com](mailto:thomasv2@gcsnc.com).