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Knight Elementary invites community to “A Knight in the Garden”

Knight Elementary and the Knight Elementary PTA -- with generous help from The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Home Depot, and community members -- are proud to debut a new on-site Outdoor Learning Project. The unique outdoor environment, designed to bring students, their families, and the local community together, will feature raised vegetable and pollinator gardens on school grounds. Parents and community members are invited to “A Knight in the Garden,” a special evening event celebrating the new outdoor project. The event is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 6-8p.m. at Knight Elementary, 401 River Road, in Lilburn.

The educational garden is broken into several unique learning areas: a Rainbow Garden, Dragon Garden, Music Garden, Heritage Gardens, Storybook Gardens, Herb Garden, Math Gardens, and Sensory Garden. The garden is aimed at reconnecting students with nature, thereby improving upon the health and well-being of the children, their environment, and the school’s community. **Knight Elementary Principal Toni Ferguson** says, “Environmental awareness learned in early childhood promotes optimal childhood health, intellectual development, and environmental stewardship.”

This unique learning environment is part of Knight Elementary’s ongoing partnership with the EPA to provide quality instructional programming. It is Knight Elementary’s educational philosophy that students who take part in environmentally-themed outdoor learning activities will perform better in core academic subjects such as mathematics, reading, science and writing, as well as become better stewards of the environment. Knight Elementary is committed to applying viable strategies that support environmental awareness.

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WHAT: “A Knight in the Garden” celebration, debuting Knight Elementary’s new outdoor learning project. The event will feature:

- Self-guided tours of the new gardens
- Nature-themed craft and planting stations
- Live music from local musicians, students, and former Knight Elementary students
- Dinner (tickets are \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 at door).

WHEN: Friday, May 3, from 6 to 8pm.

WHERE: Knight Elementary School, 401 River Road, Lilburn, GA 30047

News media representatives are invited to the event. For more information, please contact Knight Elementary Principal Toni Ferguson and Knight Elementary PTA President Rosanne Marshall by calling the school at 770-921-2400