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Schools appoint four new principals

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Gwinnett County Public Schools have named four new principals.

- **Wandy Taylor**, currently an assistant principal at Lilburn Elementary, will move into the top job next year. The school's principal is moving on to an administrative position at the Instructional Support Center. Taylor has a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree from South Carolina State University.
- **Gene Taylor**, currently principal at Alton C. Crews Middle School in Lawrenceville, will head Lilburn Middle next school year. Cecilia Garcia, principal of Lilburn Middle, is retiring. Taylor is a former assistant principal at North Gwinnett High School. He has a bachelor's degree from Mount Vernon Nazarene College of Ohio and a master's degree and a doctorate from Ohio State University.
- Assistant principal **Reginald Kirkland** of J.E. Richards Middle School in Lawrenceville will lead the campus next school year. Principal Judy Stephens is retiring. Kirkland has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree from University of Detroit-Mercy. He also has an education specialist's degree.
- Assistant principal **David Ashton** at Oakland Meadow School in Lawrenceville will be promoted to the top job next year. Principal Carol Quinn is retiring. Ashton has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree and specialist's degree from Converse College in South Carolina.

Theft suspected

Gwinnett County Public Schools resource officers investigated the following crimes in recent weeks:

- A student is suspected of stealing \$101 in donations April 30 from the Relay for Life campaign at Lanier Middle School. The student received disciplinary action, said Jorge Quintana, a spokesperson for Gwinnett County Public Schools.
- Vandalism at South Gwinnett High School caused a sprinkler to flood a classroom April 28. Police said the sprinkler head was struck by a hard object, causing the fixture to snap and release water into an empty classroom. Police have no suspects.
- A Mill Creek High ninth-grader recently carried a "shank" made out of a small pair of scissors, police said. The student was fighting a classmate when science teachers stopped the tussle and administrators found the weapon. Students face disciplinary action.
- Police charged several juvenile students at South Gwinnett High with battery. They are accused of kicking a classmate who was down on April 28. Police watched video footage of the incident to identify suspects.

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