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CRCT TESTING: ONE, TWO, THREE

ATLANTA, GA: Warren T. Jackson Elementary, a Georgia School of Excellence, Blue Ribbon School and IB World School, has received its third Platinum designation for exceptional CRCT test scores.

The award is bestowed by the Governor's Office of Accountability, and Jackson remains the only Atlanta school to attain honors at this highest level – for the third year in a row.

In order to receive Platinum designation, 98% (or higher) of a student body must meet or exceed state-mandated test standards.

This is a powerful validation for every student at Jackson, where diligent in-class test preparation takes place each year. To celebrate and recognize their success, Jackson principal, Lorraine Reich, will have a Rewards Day on **Friday, April 1st**, to recognize the children's dedication to excellence. Students will enjoy a fun filled day culminating with a Platinum Picnic complete with fruit kebobs for the entire school.

"Platinum designation is such an honor for Jackson to receive, and earning it three years in a row is just fantastic. Plus, it's such an honor for me to recognize the serious dedication of our student body to strive to do its best," beamed Dr. Reich. "I couldn't be more proud!"

In addition to its three-year sole Platinum designation among Atlanta schools, Jackson Elementary was also recently named a Georgia School of Excellence by the Georgia Department of Education. Only the top 10% of schools in Georgia qualify for this distinction.

Lastly, Jackson has earned the distinction of being part of National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat™ program. Jackson is creating havens for wildlife that provide the essential elements for healthy and sustainable wildlife habitats. As they say, good things come in threes.

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Located in Buckhead, Jackson Elementary promotes a progressive balance of challenging academics together with advancing a child's character education. Through a variety of action-oriented programs and events (often philanthropic and ecological in nature), Jackson students are encouraged to go beyond the norm and become inquirers both in the classroom – and in the world at large. For more information, visit www.wtjackson.org.

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