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## Whitefield announces master teacher, new lower school principal

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Whitefield Academy in southeast Cobb County recently announced two news items.

First, Adrienne Margine was named a master teacher by the Georgia Independent School Association. The association is a nonprofit of more than 150 private, independent and parochial schools throughout the state. According to the organization, the master teacher program recognizes teachers who exhibit best practices in the classroom and a willingness to collaborate with others. Additionally, master teachers inspire excellence in the classroom, among colleagues, and especially students. Now in her 13th year at Whitefield, Margine is teaching her 11th class of kindergarten students. She holds a master's degree in elementary education.

Second, Head of School Kevin Bracher announced the selection of Maryellen Berry as Whitefield's new lower school principal beginning this summer. Berry comes to Whitefield from Trinity School in Buckhead, where she has served

since 1991 in various positions including classroom teacher, placement counselor, curriculum coordinator and upper elementary division head.

Berry will replace Jeannie Brostrand, who has served as Whitefield's lower school principal for the past 12 years and is retiring at the end of this school year to travel, enjoy being a grandparent and do mission work with her husband, Roy. Brostrand was a founding member of the Whitefield Lower School faculty in 2002, teaching first grade for four years before being promoted to her current position.