

News Release

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News to Know for Week of February 25 - March 1

This tip sheet is prepared weekly to help members of the news media plan coverage for the week.

Black History Month Observances

February is Black History Month, and since February 1, the Fulton County School System has celebrated the significant contributions of African Americans to our communities and national culture. As the month draws to a close, schools are still abuzz with creative activities.

More details about these events can be found at the hosting school's website.

- **Asa G. Hilliard Elementary School** will present a Black History Month performance on February 26.
- **Bear Creek Middle School** will host a social studies night with a Black History theme.
- **Bethune Elementary School** presented its WINGS Black History event on February 22 and is planning "A Journey Through Black History" on February 26.
- **Birmingham Falls Elementary School** rolled out an extensive campaign involving trivia readings on school news programs, to door decorations featuring famous African Americans, to bulletin boards with inspirational quotes and famous local and national athletes. In literature and the arts, students studied African American writers, composers and musicians.
- **Brookview Elementary School** presented its Black History Musical on February 21.
- **Campbell Elementary School** will host Campbell Café, a Black History Month culminating celebration and performance, on February 26.
- **College Park Elementary School** will hold a culminating student performance on March 1.
- **C.H. Gullatt Elementary School** will host a Black History program on February 26.
- **Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary School** celebrates Black History on February 26 with a program that includes dances, poetry, skits, step and video presentations.
- **Hapeville Elementary School** will present a Black History program on February 28. Each week the school has held activities and trivia.
- **Hopewell Middle School** is using its morning announcements to challenge students with daily trivia and will award weekly prizes to motivate them. Also, the media center has historical displays and the door is covered in decorative artwork. **Pictures attached.**
- **Langston Hughes High School** presents a walk-through exhibit titled "Traveling Through Black History" on March 1.
- **Mountain Park Elementary School** has students participating in daily school trivia contests with prize drawings for winners. The following day, historical tidbits are shared in the morning announcements

based on the previous day's trivia fact. A jazz saxophonist performed in the cafeteria during lunch one day, and students discussed the influence of jazz on American music. Lucky fourth graders got to attend "Freedom Train" at the Fox Theatre.

- **Oakley Elementary School** is holding a Black Entrepreneur Showcase on February 27.
- **Roswell North Elementary School** has third grade classes and the fifth-grade chorus performing an African American Music Legacy concert with music influenced by jazz, hip hop, rock and roll, spiritual and African styles.
- **Seaborn Lee Elementary School** will hold a Black History program on February 28 and their PTA meeting will feature a Black History Month Showcase and "Taste of Soul" event.
- **Tri-Cities High School's** Visual & Performing Arts Magnet Program presents "The Wiz: The Super Soul Musical" the week of February 21-24 at the Viola Turner Theater. Special guests include middle school students from Camp Creek Middle School, Chattahoochee Hills Charter School, Main Street Academy, Paul D. West Middle School, the RISE Schools, Ron Clark Academy, Woodland Middle School, and Wesley International Charter Academy.
- **Westlake High School** hosted a screening of the movie, "Eyes on the Prize," on February 21 and a presentation on African American pilots on February 22.

February is CTE Month

February is also a month in which Career and Technical Education (CTE) is celebrated in Fulton County Schools. Both middle and high schools are achieving great things in CTE, and some schools have added the Agricultural component to make it Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE).

Fulton's CTE pathways engage students in innovative and industry-relevant, technology-focused curriculum as well as authentic, hands-on learning experiences. Some of the exciting happenings include the following:

- Teams from **Chattahoochee High School's** LaunchX, an entrepreneur program, have created new business concepts and presented their business pitches for feedback.
- **Creekside High School** FFA Club toured the State Agriculture Building and got to hear Gov. Brian Kemp speak to their group.
- **Camp Creek Middle School** boasts being the only middle school with two communications programs: graphic design and film.
- **Centennial High School** won a 2018-2019 Southeast Regional Broadcast Excellence Award, an honor for the top-produced student news programs, from the Student Television Network. Their monthly show "The Rise" won "Best in Show."
- **Cambridge High School's** FFA students got to share the organization's message recently at the Georgia Agricultural Education Legislative Advisory Commission meeting. The school's Agriscience and Veterinary Education program (CAVE) offers students three-year pathways in everything from veterinary medicine to equine science to agribusiness management. **Picture attached.**
- **Alpharetta High School's** Future Business Leaders of America has over 50 national competitors each year at FBLA competitions.

Whether they plan to attend a two-year college, a four-year university or other post-secondary options, students can choose an area of interest in a high school from one of the 16 career clusters. Classes are tailored to their cluster which helps them navigate their way to greater success, no matter what their choice is after high school graduation.

Cool Kids Doing Cool Things

Thanks to students and staff, Fulton County school cafeterias helped change the game on local food insecurity with over 1,000 canned goods collected to donate to local food pantries. February is Canned Food Month, and the FCS Nutrition Department participated in a Tackle Hunger Canned Food Drive.

Aligned with Atlanta's hosting of the Super Bowl, Fulton County cafes enjoyed game-themed activities January 28 – February 1, including the district-wide canned food drive. By the week's end, 1,069 non-perishable foods items were logged and donated to the Atlanta Community Food Bank and North Fulton Community Charities, both of which are located in Fulton County. The Atlanta Community Food Bank runs School Mobile Food Pantries every month at three district schools: Banneker High School, Asa G. Hilliard Elementary School and Brookview Elementary School.

Save the Date

Lake Windward Elementary School is hosting a musical performance and art show in honor of Exceptional Children's Week on March 8 beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the school's cafeteria. Titled "Wally Goes to the Movies" in honor of the school's alligator mascot, students will present movie themed songs and art activities.

On the Website: www.fultonschools.org

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