

# News Release

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## News to Know for Week of March 4-8

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

### **Special Education Observances for March**

#### **School Social Work Week**

For School Social Work Week, March 4-8, Fulton County Schools celebrates the interventive, educational and equipping services of our Social Workers, who uplift the lives of students and families daily by serving as the link between home, community and school. As trained professionals, social workers advocate for students' rights, provide consultative support to administration and educate staff on school policy and procedures as well as lead trainings on suicide prevention, attendance interventions, child welfare, and safety.

#### **School Breakfast Week**

To encourage more families to take advantage of the healthy choices available for school breakfast, Fulton County Schools is celebrating National School Breakfast Week during March 4-8. The campaign theme, "Start Your Engines," reminds the entire school community that school breakfast provides a healthy and energizing start to the day for students. Students will be encouraged to show their enthusiasm with a special Breakfast for Lunch menu, coloring contests, giveaways, cafeteria events, free samples during "Try It Tuesday," and a chance to win the Grand Prize at the end of the week.

#### **Exceptional Children's Week**

Also March 4-8, Exceptional Children's Week is an annual event celebrating children and youth with exceptionalities and the professionals who serve them. This week is sponsored by the Georgia chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, the world's largest membership organization for special and gifted teachers, teacher/educators and preservice teachers. This year's theme is "Building Blocks for Successful Students."

### **Awards and Honors**

#### **Robotics Team wins state competition**

The Astrobots, a six-member robotics team within Webb Bridge Middle School's Robotics Club, took home first prize in mechanical design at the First Lego League (FLL) State Robotics Competition in Athens, Georgia. Club members Garrison Lee, Dhanvin Yajaman, Anushka Goray, Victor Joseph Gagandeep Narang and Aaron Wang, built a robot designed to create a sustainable food supply in space. The competition is open to grades 4 – 8, and the Astrobots won on the regional, super-regional and eventually state level.

Following the FLL challenge, “Into Orbit,” students were tasked with successfully building a robot to complete as many tasks on the First Lego League mission table as possible in two and a half minutes. The Astrobots’ solution focused on aeroponics – the process of growing plants in air or mist without using soil or other media.

**Photo attached.**

## **Cool Kids Doing Cool Things**

### **Class of 2019 senior accepted to 31 colleges**

Westlake High School Senior Kayla Willis has been accepted to 31 colleges and been offered nearly \$1 million in scholarships, a rare feat for any high school senior. Schools near and far, such as Texas Christian University, Loyola University of New Orleans and Spelman College, want her to be part of their incoming 2019-2020 freshmen class. [Read More...](#)

### **PBIS Showcase features three Fulton County schools**

On March 5, three Fulton schools – Creekview Elementary School, Langston Hughes High School and Renaissance Middle School – will hold “PBIS Showcases” to display the outcomes of an approach that helps students be more successful behaviorally and academically.

PBIS stands for “Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports,” and it uses a decision-making framework that guides selection, integration, and implementation of the best evidence-based academic and behavioral practices to improve important academic and behavior outcomes for all students. The approach supports a student’s social, emotional, and behavioral needs in order to reach academic goals.

Creekview’s showcase is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Langston Hughes’ showcase is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Renaissance’s showcase is from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## **Save the Date**

### **Student Choice Food Challenge**

On March 15 at Fulton County Schools’ Administrative Center, approximately 160 students will gather for the fourth annual Student Choice Food Challenge, an event where students come together to taste and vote for potential new school meal recipes. Students will provide feedback through a rating system, and the collected data will help the district determine which student-approved recipes will be added to school menus.

## **In Case You Missed It**

### **Campbell Elementary School hosts “For the Love of Reading”**

On February 14, Georgia’s School Superintendent Richard Woods and Fulton County Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. Cindy Loe were among the VIP’s who read to children at Campbell Elementary School’s “For the Love of Reading” event. [Read More...](#)

### **FCS is one of six in the nation recognized for school budgeting**

The Budget Services Department of Fulton County Schools has been honored with the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Best Practices in School Budgeting for fiscal year 2017-2018. [Read More...](#)

## **On the Website: [www.fultonschools.org](http://www.fultonschools.org)**

[Graduation dates announced for Class of 2019](#)

[Spring Kindergarten & Pre-K Registration Dates Set](#)  
[2019-20 and 2020-21 school calendars approved](#)

## **On The Tube: FCS-TV**

[Fulton County Schools Science Fair Recap](#)

[Teacher Feature: Jamie Chuyen from Johns Creek High School](#)

[Fulton Now! student-hosted news show](#)

[Inside Look: Langston Hughes High School](#)

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**About the Fulton County School System.** The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 95,000 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.