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News to Know for Week of April 8 - 12

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

Special Observances for April

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Fulton County Schools (FCS) employees will participate in various ways. School social workers are prepared to assist our community in shining the spotlight on prevention. Other FCS employees will observe Wear Blue Day on Friday, April 12 and post and submit pictures on social media using #fultongoesblue to raise awareness. Watch our social feeds to see photos and activities. Read more on the website at [Fulton Goes Blue](#).

National School Library Month is also being celebrated by FCS in April and specifically School Library Week April 7 - 13, sponsored by National Association of School Librarians (NASL).

Save the Date

Roswell North Elementary School will be hosting a Dads vs. Teachers Kickball Game on Friday, April 12th from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Members of the Dads' Club (see below) will face off against the faculty, and some will even be selling freshly squeezed lemonade at the game; all proceeds go to PTA. Everyone is invited and attendees are asked to bring a canned good or snack item as their entry fee which goes to the school's "Bears Cares" closet for students in need.

Fulton County Government will honor the **Westlake High School Lady Lions**, April 10 at 10 a.m. The commissioners will celebrate the team's second straight Georgia High School Athletic Association (GHSA) state basketball championship and perfect 30-0 season.

Westlake High School will host the **City of South Fulton** which will hold its Task Force On Education's College Success Bootcamp on April 16 from 6- 8 p.m.

Spring Teacher Hiring Event will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Georgia World Congress Center. FCS will present its spring recruiting event to attract teaching talent to the FCS system. The job fair offers experienced teachers as well as recent and soon-to-be graduates an opportunity to learn about existing and future positions available throughout the district. Register on Eventbrite here:

<https://bit.ly/2NwDLju>

Sandtown Middle School's PTSA presents its first ever Fun Run, April 27. Check-in is at 7:30 a.m. and the run begins at 8 a.m. In an effort to "run and have fun," Tara Surratt, PTSA president, is urging the community to take part in the event. For more information on the event follow @SMSPTsaPres on Twitter. To register in advance, visit <https://bit.ly/2Kjh1pf>.

Anti-Vaping Video Public Service Announcement Contest

FCS is promoting an **Anti-Vaping Video PSA contest** for middle and high school students in the district. Show your creativity and educate others about the dangers of vaping. For details and to enter, visit the link: <https://bit.ly/2HXOpiC>.

Cool Schools Doing Cool Things

Dads' Club at Roswell North Elementary School

Whether it's walking the halls or helping in the classroom, the Dads' Club is an active part of the school community at Roswell North Elementary School (RNES). Established to foster a strong male presence and to provide more role models in the building, the dads are enthusiastically engaged in the students' education. The club holds several events each year including Reading with Dads, Bear Dad of the Day, Dads Take Over Carpool, and the club tries to do an activity with teachers at least once per semester.

More fun events are in the works such as Dads Take Over Recess and Dads Take Over Lunch. The next big event is the Dads vs. Teachers Kickball Game (see above).

Awards and Honors

Each year, one school principal is chosen from each learning community to spotlight his or her outstanding leadership and excellence in the school community. Congratulations to the following Fulton County Schools Principals of the Year who have demonstrated excellence:

Northeast (cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, Johns Creek and Roswell) – Martin Neuhaus, Barnwell Elementary School

Northwest (cities of Alpharetta, Milton and Roswell) - Charles Chester, Northwestern Middle School

Central (cities of College Park, East Point, Hapeville and Sandy Springs) – Scott Hanson, North Springs Charter High School

South and Achievement Zone (cities of Atlanta, College Park, Fairburn, Palmetto and Union City) – LaToya Miley, A. Philip Randolph Elementary School

Creekside High School Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) students **John Igieob** and **Da'Jon Bonner** were chosen as the 2019 Dell Scholarship recipients. The Dell Scholarship recognizes and assists underserved populations. Many students who receive the scholarship are the first in their families to attend college.

In Case You Missed It

Yes I Can Awards

Since 2001, Fulton County Schools has recognized and celebrated our exceptional children through the annual, district-wide Yes I Can! Awards, sponsored by the Fulton Education Foundation. Held at Riverwood International Charter School in Sandy Springs last month, students were honored for achievements in academics, athletics, communication, community service, extra-curricular activities, independent living, and vocational and pre-vocational skills. Prior to the ceremony, families got to visit a resource fair to explore

options for recreation, transition, post-secondary opportunities, parent and family support and employment. “Our students persevere to make great strides every day,” said Blake McGaha, FCS executive director for Services for Exceptional Children. “I am honored to have had the opportunity to celebrate each and every one of them during our annual Yes I Can! ceremony.”

Schools in FCS have held their own Yes I Can! awards ceremonies throughout March to celebrate the talents of their exceptional scholars and to highlight other instructional activities.



Milton High School senior Caroline Brolly was presented with the 2018 Congressional Gold Medal Award, the highest honor a member of the United States Senate or House of Representatives can bestow upon a youth civilian, in House Resolution (H.R.) 807. Caroline has earned the highest and most prestigious award in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award, presented to a young woman for her leadership activities, a service project and completing a Gold Award project that is sustainable and has a measurable outcome. One of only eight students in Georgia to be awarded this honor, she has demonstrated outstanding integrity, honesty, and leadership and serves as a positive role model for young women in the Girl Scouts program and throughout the state of Georgia.

On the Website: www.fultonschools.org

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

[Fulton County Schools' Code of Conduct Survey](#)

[2019-20 and 2020-21 school calendars approved](#)

On The Tube: FCS-TV

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

[Teacher Feature – Bethany Chapple of Lake Windward Elementary 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.