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News to Know for Week of April 22-26

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

(Correction: The listing of Haynes Bridge Elementary School is corrected below, highlighted in yellow, to Haynes Bridge Middle School.)

Special Observances for April

April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and Fulton County Schools (FCS) employees are participating in various ways. School social workers are prepared to assist our community in shining the spotlight on prevention. Other FCS employees wore blue this month and posted pictures on social media using #fultongoesblue to raise awareness. Read more on the FCS website at www.fultonschools.org.

The **FCS Board of Education** announced **Superintendent Finalist, Dr. Mike Looney**, at its media briefing on Wednesday, April 17, followed by numerous meet and greet community forums across the district for discussion and Q & A. [Read more here.](#)

Save the Date

GO First Step, FCS' student teacher intern program will celebrate the close of their inaugural year, on Wednesday, April 24 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Administrative building. Student interns will “graduate” as Fulton's newest incoming teachers. There will be a dinner to thank interns, cooperating teachers, principals, university faculty and district administrators. Media is invited. Register via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-step-year-end-celebration-tickets-60124410731>

Sandtown Middle School's first Color Run is April 27. The Sandtown PTSA will begin check-in at 7:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Wolf Creek Elementary holds its third annual Reading Carnival May 3, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The event is followed by a parade at 1 p.m. Volunteers are asked to read to two classes in a 20-minute time slot. To volunteer, visit: bit.ly/wcesread.

Cool Schools Doing Cool Things

Innovation Academy, which opens in 2020, will have a new principal - Tim Duncan, currently the principal at Chattahoochee High School. Duncan brings 26 years of experience to the job, and he officially joins the team this summer.

Autrey Mill Middle School and River Trail Middle School are proud to announce that their Media and Educational Technology Instructors (METIs), Martha Bongiorno and Sarah Sansbury, will present at the American Association of School Librarians National Conference, November 14-16 in Louisville, KY. Their presentation, “Bookstagramming: Leverage Instagram to Connect, Promote and Reflect,” will focus on the use of social media to promote reading and the media center program.

Camp Creek Middle School art students are hosting “The Lost Boys Exhibition,” a moving art exhibit that focuses on stereotypes “society” labels or assumes are associated with African American males. The exhibit is designed to sow seeds of inspiration and aspiration into young, African American males and to reinforce their power within. The exhibition will run through May 23. For more details contact Ms. White at white5@fultonschools.org.

Haynes Bridge Middle School (HBMS) Audio Video Film and Technology students competed in the Student Television Network (STN) competition in Seattle, WA in March against 178 schools that included 3,500 middle and high school students from across the U.S., including Hawaii. **HBMS** was the only FCS middle school represented, and two groups of the students placed fifth in the silent film and movie trailers competition. They also participated in Crazy 8’s, an eight-hour film and editing competition. STN is an organization that strives to help students excel in video production, offering two days of informative sessions for students to improve their skills and meet current industry leaders. The competitions provide students with a glimpse of real-world pressures and deadlines in a video production environment. Centennial, Alpharetta and Johns Creek High Schools also attended the event.

Ison Springs Elementary School (ISES) STEAM lab teacher Allison Tripp won a \$5,000 grant from Krystal to go towards her work in the lab with students. ISES is one of 31 schools to receive the grant. They will use the grant for robotics, engineering labs and hydroponic set-ups. The grant is open to all Metro Atlanta schools.

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>.

Awards and Honors

Kiana Pinckney, 2018 Fulton County Schools’ Teacher of the Year, is a finalist for the 2020 Georgia Teacher of the Year. The finalists are selected from Georgia district teachers of the year. She was featured in episode 1 of FCS-TV’s “Teacher Feature”. To view, visit: <https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/921>.

Serena Sacks, Chief Information Officer of FCS, recently won Woman of the Year at the Women in IT Awards, one of the world’s largest technology diversity events, organized by business technology site Information Age. This prestigious honor is part of the global award series held in New York. It is given to a woman who has demonstrated the highest degree of IT excellence, innovation and leadership in the last year, and has shone a light on the great things women in IT can achieve.

Sacks joined FCS as the Chief Information Officer in 2014, and under her leadership, the Technology Division has enabled the district to achieve significant gains in student achievement, graduation rates and cultural synergy.

In Case You Missed It

Purposity, an app that will connect Fulton students in need with people in the community who can help, launched in FCS Wednesday, April 17. When a student in our community has a need – clothes, school supplies, etc. – the community can help quickly right from our cell phones. Over 850 people associated with FCS are currently registered and 65 needs have been met. The Purposity app connects with one-to-one needs. Download the app today! <https://www.purposity.com/>.

The **2019 Spring Teacher Hiring Event**, hosted by the FCS Talent Management Department, held a successful job fair Saturday, April 20 at the Georgia World Congress Center. Registrations reached an unprecedented 1,500+ registrants, the highest number ever, and numerous positions were filled that day.

Creekside High School art students participated in the South Side Showdown competition at the High Museum of Art. Student Julietta Carvajal won a \$1,400 scholarship to SCAD Summer Institute and also won first place in the “Balance Collages” competition.

Riverwood International Charter School baseball team got to play in Suntrust Stadium, April 15 against the Maynard H. Jackson Jaguars for the 42 Classic in celebration of Jackie Robinson Day, winning 3-1.

On the Website: 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 Schools Science Fair Recap](#)

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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.