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News to Know for Week of May 6-10

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

Dr. Michael “Mike” Looney has been named **Fulton County Schools (FCS) Superintendent** following an extensive national search, an engaging public input period and a unanimous vote by the Fulton County Board of Education. During the special called meeting, the Board [voted to approve a three-year contract](#) with Looney. He will begin his duties in Fulton County on June 17, 2019.

Special Observances for May

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and FCS employees are participating in various ways. Why care? Because one in five people will be affected by mental illness in their lifetime. Mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being, and mental illnesses are common and treatable. Link [here](#) to see the various learning supports offered by the school system that assist with students’ social and emotional development in order to graduate ready to pursue and succeed on their chosen path.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6 – 10. Founded by the National PTA, this celebratory week gives PTAs and PTSAs an opportunity to conduct activities to strengthen, respect and support for teachers and the lasting contributions they make. There will be celebrations and demonstrations of appreciation throughout the district during the week.

National School Nurse Day is Wednesday, May 8, a day to recognize school nurses and foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting. Fulton County Schools is thankful for its Student Health Services professionals and the vital services they provide. The office includes a Coordinator, Professional Assistant, and 23 Registered Nurses (17 Cluster Nurses and six Special Education Nurses). All bring years of pediatric and healthcare experience and work to ensure the health and well being of students and staff by developing, implementing and delivering school health services and programs.

Open Enrollment has begun and FCS has identified 58 schools that can accept transfer students next school year through Georgia’s Quality Basic Education Act (also called House Bill 251). Approved in 2009, the Intra-District School Choice section of the law allows parents of students enrolled in a public K-12 school to enroll in another school within the district if space allows. The application deadline is Wednesday, May 15, at 4:30 p.m., and parents will be notified of their child’s transfer status by June 30. The transfer application is currently available online. To view specific schools open to transfer, please visit the [website](#).

Save the Date

Fulton County Schools will host its first **Career Pathways Signing Day** on Thursday, May 9 at 10 a.m. at the South Learning Center, 4025 Flat Shoals Road, Union City. Career Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational learning. The event will be a celebration of students who are entering the workforce following high school or committing to pursue an education degree in college to become teachers. The keynote speaker will be community leader Rodney Sampson, Nonresident Senior Fellow of the Metropolitan Policy Program.

The Special Olympics for all schools on the north side of the district, will be held on Thursday, May 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Centennial High School (CHS), 9310 Scott Road, Roswell (rain date Friday, May 10th). Please park in the former Kohl's parking lot and take the shuttle to CHS.

Brookview Elementary School will hold its annual talent show, "Brookview, You've Got Talent," Friday, May 10 at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Adrienne Hudson, Parent Liaison, at 470.254.9124 or HUDSONA12@FULTONSCHOOLS.ORG.

Ridgeview Middle School is celebrating its 2019 Georgia Light House School to Watch Award on Thursday, May 16 from 9:15-10:45 a.m. The award assembly begins at 9:15 a.m. in the gym followed by IB Projects Showcase at 9:55 a.m. in various classrooms. The award is given by the National Forum and recognizes schools for academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity and organizational effectiveness. Please RSVP to Principal Opie Blackwell at blackwello@fultonschools.org or 470-254-7710.

An FCS **Transportation Hiring Event** for bus drivers, transportation assistants and mechanics, will be held Friday, May 31 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at North Springs Charter High School, 7447 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs. Look for more information soon on our website.

An FCS **Custodial Hiring Event** will be held in late May. FCS offers great pay, benefits, retirement and a sign-on bonus for new hires. Applications are already available online via the [homepage banner link](#). The website will provide more information soon.

Cool Schools Doing Cool Things

Stonewall Tell Elementary School is celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week in a unique way. Parent Liaison Elaine Perryman has made recommendations on how to show gratitude for their teachers, including Super Sweden Wednesday, in which teachers can be showered with Swedish inspired gifts that will help them relax such as candles and journals.

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.

Chattahoochee High School's Assistant Principal, Dr. Mike Todd, has been named Principal of the school, effective July 1, 2019. He will be replacing current Principal Tim Duncan, who has been named Principal of Innovation Academy, which officially opens in fall of 2020.

Riverwood International Charter School's Raider Writing Center is proud to announce the first edition of *The Glaive*, a literary magazine featuring contributions from students. In the online publication, readers can find works of poetry, fiction and nonfiction stories and essays as well as music reviews.

Anti-Vaping Video Public Service Announcement Contest

The Anti-Vaping Video PSA contest submission date for FCS middle and high school students is rapidly approaching on Wednesday, May 8 by 12 p.m. The winner will be announced on Wednesday, May 15. Entrants are asked to show their creativity and educate others about the dangers of vaping and Juuling. Entrants can find details and enter the contest by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/2HXOpiC>.

Awards and Honors

Stonewall Tell Elementary School has been selected for the 2019 Best of College Park Award in the Elementary School category by the College Park Award Program. This marks the third consecutive year Stonewall Tell Elementary has won the award. The College Park Award Program is an annual event honoring achievements and accomplishments of local businesses and agencies in the community.

Langston Hughes High School student body president Kiera Kinsey has been selected for Navy Prep School.

Chattahoochee High School senior Mihir Paramesh recently won second prize in the National U.S. History Bee, held in Arlington, VA.

Milton High School senior Harrison Lewis and **Roswell High School** junior Jessi Kirtley both won top honors of Best Performance as a Leading Actor and Actress respectively, at the 11th Annual Georgia High School Musical Theatre Awards (the Tony's of high school musical theatre), held at Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center. Lewis won for his role as Lieutenant Frank Cioffi in "Curtains" and Kirtley won for the title role in "Mary Poppins." The two-hour show, commonly referred to as "The Shulers", named after Atlanta-born stage and screen actor Shuler Hensley, aired on Georgia Public Broadcasting and featured nominated individuals and ensembles as well as crew teams. Having won at the state level, these two talented FCS actors will travel to New York City as Georgia's entrants for the National High School Musical Theatre Awards program named The Jimmy Awards. The awards show will be presented at the Minskoff Theater on Broadway in June, with potential prizes of merit scholarships and professional opportunities.

In Case You Missed It

The Special Olympics for all schools on the south side of the district was held Monday morning, May 6 at Langston Hughes High School, 7510 Hall Road, Fairburn.

Wolf Creek Elementary School celebrated its Third Annual Literary Carnival Friday, May 3 with a parade, book giveaways and reading to classes in reading nooks. Over 70 volunteers from **Westlake High School** were on hand to run errands, read to students and march in the parade. "We wouldn't have been able to do this without the support of Westlake," said Sadie Searcy, Wolf Creek counselor. "We're in our third year and each year it gets bigger and better."

High Point Elementary School hosted the second 2019 Hound Bowl math tournament on Saturday, April 27, sponsored by Sandy Springs Education Force, a nonprofit organization that designs and implements free supplemental programs to engage, support and encourage economically disadvantage public school students. The free event is sanctioned by Math Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools (MOEMS). Sixty students in grades four through six worked to solve 20-25 challenging problems face-to-face for over four hours on five-member teams. Participating elementary schools included **Dunwoody Springs, High Point, Ison Springs, Spalding Drive** and **Woodland** as well as **Ridgeview Charter (Middle) School**. Mathnasium provided event t-shirts for all competitors.

Westlake High School graduate and Tennessee State football player Christian Abercrombie, who is recovering from a severe brain injury, was featured recently on the 2019 NFL Draft in Nashville, TN. Abercrombie read the name of a draft pick for the Tennessee Titans. Coincidentally, the pick was Langston Hughes High School alumnus D'Andre Walker, lineman for University of Georgia.

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