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News to Know May 24

This tip sheet is prepared weekly to help members of the news media plan coverage for the week. This will be the last issue until the start of the 2019-2020 school year!

Special Observances for May

May 23 was the last day of school for **Fulton County Schools**.

Open Enrollment has closed. Parents will be notified of their child's transfer status by June 30.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and FCS employees are participating in various ways. 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.

Save the Date

Evoline C. West Elementary School will be honored Tuesday, May 28 at the South Fulton City Council meeting. Two students will receive gift cards for participation in the city's mascot contest.

Fulton County Schools' Summer Leadership Institute 2019 will be held May 29-31 at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center. This year's institute will be the launching pad for the 2019-2020 school year, providing all district leaders with high-leverage knowledge, skills, and strategies to support the continued implementation of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). A combination of FCS leaders and experts in the field of collaboration will provide learning aligned to the *Six Essentials of PLCs*. For more information contact Alexandra Bates, Executive Director of Professional Learning, at 470-254-7805. Follow us on Twitter: #FultonSLI@FCSPLLD.

Fulton County Schools Summer School registration is open now through May 31. Summer sessions are a condensed version of content provided during the school year, and students must have their course requests validated by their counselor before being enrolled. Fulton Virtual Summer School is open to middle and high school students. Tuition is required for classes taken for the first time and transportation is provided between selected locations for high school students attending face-to-face summer school. New courses will be offered

this summer by Fulton Virtual or Earth Systems, First Aid and Safety, College Readiness Math, and Visual Art & Composition. Students who have previously failed a class may retake the class during the summer session at no cost. Students may retake up to two credits through Fulton County Summer School and/or Fulton Virtual School. For more information visit fcssummerschool@fultonschools.org.

Don't miss the FCS **Custodial Hiring Event** held May 30 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at North Springs Charter High School, 7447 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs. FCS offers great pay, benefits, retirement and a sign-on bonus for new hires. Registration for the event is required. Find information online via the [homepage banner link](#).

FCS will also host a **Transportation Hiring Event** for bus drivers, driver assistants and mechanics, Friday, May 31 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at North Springs Charter High School, 7447 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs. Registration for the event is required. Find information online via the [homepage banner link](#).

FCS will honor its 2019 retirees at a retirement dinner – **“The Next Chapter,”** held Tuesday, June 4 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, NW, Atlanta. The event will begin with a reception at 5:00 p.m. The program will start at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing. FCS retirees will be celebrated for their years of service to the district. The evening will include food, fun and live entertainment! Retirees receive a complimentary ticket. Additional guests tickets are \$45, which includes a three-course meal. Discounted valet parking is available for purchase on the evening of the event. Questions? Contact events@fultonschools.org.

Skyview High School will hold its graduation ceremony Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. at Banneker High School.

First Day Fulton, the Fulton County Schools Back-to-School Pep Rally, takes place Saturday, August 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Banneker High School in College Park and North Springs High School in Sandy Springs. Parents and guardians can receive free food, prizes and school supplies. This is an opportunity for families to register new students or students who are changing schools. Entertainment, community vendors and fun activities are included. Learn more at www.fultonschools.org.

Cool Summer News

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for Fulton County Schools (FCS) ensures that children will continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer months. Starting in June, FCS will serve more than 4,500 meals a day at over 50 approved sites across the county as part of its annual Summer Feeding Program. Any child under age 18 may enjoy a summer meal. “The Fulton County School Nutrition Program recognizes the important role school meals play in combating childhood hunger,” said Alyssia Wright, executive director of the district’s School Nutrition Program. “For many families, schools are the one place their children can receive a nutritious meal. Our summer feeding program allows communities to continue feeding children when school is not in session.” A list of Fulton County School Nutrition Summer Feeding locations and serving times is available at www.fcsnutrition.com.

Summer Reading Resources have been provided for parents by FCS. Suggested summer reading goals for students based on grade levels are listed below:

- K-2 students: 10 books
- Grades 3-5: 8 chapter books
- Grades 6-12: 5 fiction books and 5 non-fiction books

For more resources and information on Georgia’s 2019 Summer Reading Challenge, visit <https://www.fcsummerreading.org/>

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Download Purposity today to help us meet the specific individual needs of our students quickly! Once you create an account, select Fulton County Schools and you'll get one notification a week. Click the link, read the story and decide if you'd like to help, right from your phone in a few clicks. Prices of requested items are clearly displayed, and the exact item needed is shipped to the partner nonprofit. Many students in FCS have been assisted with significant needs. Download it today and start helping our community
<https://www.purposity.com/>

Awards and Honors

Alpharetta High School Winter Guard has placed in numerous competitions this spring, winning first in the state and regional level. They have traveled around the region competing against formidable teams yet scoring well.

Amana Academy Principal Charisse Campbell was named the 2019 winner of the Teach on Project, formerly Atlanta Families' Awards for Excellence in Education. She was presented with a \$7,500 check by the Teach on Project. The total is divided into three parts: \$1,500 goes towards professional development, \$2,500 as a personal stipend and \$2,500 to implement an innovative project. All awarded projects must be strategically designed to have a positive impact on student achievement, self-esteem and collaboration.

Feldwood Elementary was awarded a \$20,000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) grant for its Journey 2 Journal program; **McNair Middle School** received a \$20,000 GOSA grant for its Mindfulness Podcast and **Woodland Middle School** won a \$20,000 GOSA grant for its Parent Ambassador Mentorship Program (P. A. M.).

Anti-Vaping PSA Winner Announced!

Congratulations to **Alpharetta High School's Cristina Neville**, winner of the FCS Anti-Vaping Student Video PSA Contest. The video production program at **Alpharetta High School** was awarded a \$500 grant and the entire class enjoyed a pizza party courtesy of Student Support Services (SSS). FCS representatives including SSS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Chris Matthews, Director of Student Discipline Maribel Bell and School Board member Katie Reeves made a surprise visit to the school to give the award and announce the winner. In addition to **Neville**, **Alpharetta High School** students **Paige Tucci** and **Parker Henry** received Honorable Mentions. Other Honorable Mentions include **Emma Stoddard** and **Lilly Meyer** of **Autrey Mill Middle School**; **Blaney Hudson**, **Luke Keener** and **Chase Reichenbach** of **Roswell High School** and **Samyra Raye** of **Hapeville Career Academy**. Winning videos can be viewed on the website via the banner link:
<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/11532>.

In Case You Missed It

On May 21, almost 75 community members attended a meeting at Campbell Elementary School to hear a construction update on the **New South STEM Campus**. Community members asked questions about traffic patterns, how the building would be reinforced to prevent storm damage and how the new school will be named.

In addition, an artistic rendering of the South STEM campus was provided by FCS Deputy Superintendent Patrick Burke and the construction team. The campus is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2021.

Banneker High School's 3DE by Junior Achievement program was featured recently in Delta's *Sky* magazine. The article celebrated the organization's 100th anniversary and noted that Delta would donate \$2 million to 3DE by Junior Achievement, making Delta a National Signature Partner of 3DE.

Wolf Creek Elementary School Principal Dionne Glass reported her students raised \$35,000 in a Boost-a-Thon fundraiser. To celebrate, she was dunked ten times in a tank of water.

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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.