



# News Release

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## **News to Know for Week of September 2-6**

### **Special Observances for September**

September is Suicide Awareness Month. The counseling, psychological and social work services department is busy distributing kits to schools and departments so that everyone will be prepared with their yellow ribbons. September 10 is wear yellow day!

### **Save the Date**

**Milton City Hall** will host “A Community Conversation” on Suicide Prevention in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 10. from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. A distinguished panel, including FCS’ Executive Director of Counseling, Psychological, and Social Work Services **Chelsea Montgomery**, will provide expertise for this candid discussion and professional insight. Milton is working to reduce the stigma and shame of mental healthcare, while increasing the awareness and use of skills to prevent suicide. To watch livestream or view recording later, visit [cityofmiltonga.us](http://cityofmiltonga.us) for details.

Art students from **Cambridge, Chattahoochee and North Springs Charter High Schools** will be showcasing their work at the Atlanta Celebrates Photography Open Exhibition, from Saturday, September 7 (installation) through Saturday, September 28 at the Abernathy Arts Center, 254 Johnson Ferry Road in Sandy Springs. A final reception and awards ceremony will be held from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the final day.

**Partners in Education (P.I.E.) Expo** is September 12 at 9:00 a.m. at Atlanta Technical College. All FCS Schools in South Fulton County will be represented, as well as the College and Career Academy. This meeting is in partnership with the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce and an initiative of

the Chamber's Education Committee. The mission is to promote resources that support economic development and opportunities to forge strategic business-school partnerships.

**West Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) 2019 STEAM Conference** is September 12-13 in Peachtree City. Evoline C. West STEM Coordinator Natasha T. Smith will present STEM activities. RESA is comprised of 16 regional educational service agencies strategically located in service districts throughout Georgia.

**Langston Hughes High** and **Love T. Nolan Elementary** will celebrate the International Dot Day September 15, 2019. International Dot Day is an opportunity to celebrate creativity, courage and collaboration. Participants will share photos, art and videos that inspire. **Langston Hughes High, Seaborn Lee Elementary** and **Love T. Nolan Elementary** will celebrate the International Dot Day with "Pinwheels for Peace" September 21. This is not political. A pinwheel in a childhood symbol that reminds us of a time when things were simple, joyful, and peaceful. The Pinwheels for Peace project will make a public visual statement about feelings about peace, tolerance and cooperation. This art installation project was started in 2005 by art teachers in Florida as a way for students to express their feelings.

## **Cool Kids and Schools Doing Cool Things**

**Gullatt Elementary School** first graders recently received 40 colorful backpacks and many school supplies from FCS business partner and computer vendor, Dell. FCS Chief Information Officer Serena Sacks was on hand to celebrate the donation with hugs and pictures. Thank you Dell!

**Langston Hughes High** students had the incredible opportunity to work with world renowned artists, Steve and William Ladd, at the High Museum August 26. The students worked with the Ladd brothers on Scrollathon, a project that engages communities to bring the arts directly to those who might not otherwise have a chance to engage with professional artists. Xyonna Carreira, Emari Cook, Alexis De Santos, Kendra Foster, Kenadi Goodwin, David Hernandez, Sharon Hernandez-Gomez, Sakaria Howard, Imani Irby, Arianna Massie, Kennedy McBride, Brandon Navarez, Eunice Okiyie, Fatimal Olmos, Yairen Olmos, Shania Pharms, Aniyah Pue, Gustavo Reyes, Edard Sanchez, Kennedy Stevens, Stephanie Vasquez de Santos, Jaquelyn Vazque, Chasity Velez-Thompson, Jamiya Wells and Artesia Young participated in the Scrollathon.

**Creekview Elementary School** students and staff took their principal's challenge to commit to "Be the Difference" this year. They're doing a school-wide read of *The Hard Hat for Kids* by Jon Gordon, and teachers will use the story to guide discussions about teamwork to promote collaboration.

**Lake Windward Elementary School** is celebrating its 30th year kicking off the year celebrating their longevity. Two teachers who helped open the school in 1989 are still teaching!

**Webb Bridge Elementary School** on Thursday, August 1, eighth grade student leaders and members of W.E.B. (Where Everybody Belongs) hosted a half-day sixth grade orientation to help the newest students bond and feel comfortable with the transition to middle schools. The W.E.B Leaders continue to support the sixth graders throughout the year through lessons, social gatherings, and the school's advisory program.

**Alpharetta High School** freshmen were welcomed with a special event by upperclassmen leaders in the Link Crew, a worldwide high school transition program to help incoming freshmen feel comfortable in the new environment and prepare them for success. Crew leaders participated in a 12-hour summer training program to prepare the event for August 8, prior to the first day.

**Riverwood International Charter School** culinary students spent their Sunday, August 25th downtown at Southern Wing Showdown, part of Party with a Purpose. They were invited by major sponsors Taste of Atlanta and Springer Mountain Farms to assist the top chefs who competed.

## **Awards and Honors**

**Roswell High School's Athletics Program** has finished 10th in 7A in Georgia for the 2018-19 academic year. Rankings are determined by the Georgia Athletic Director's Association (GADA), and are given as an overall, combined score, and one ranking each for girls' and boys' athletics. Girls' athletics at Roswell High School are ranked ninth and boys' 14th, combined for a 10th place finish out of 48, 7A schools across Georgia.

**Ridgeview Charter School** Principal Opie Blackwell will accept the honor by State Superintendent Richard Woods on behalf of his school for being designated a Georgia Lighthouse School to Watch. RCS is now a contender for a National Lighthouse School to Watch award.

## **In Case You Missed It**

**Stonewall Tell Elementary** held its PBIS Kickoff August 29 with Ned's Kindness Adventure. Students participated in a school-wide assembly to hear information that reinforces positive behavior, developing character and how to show kindness and respect for others. Ned provides over 150 lessons and activities online and teacher-created resources. Principal Philip Hammonds told students why it was important to meet T.I.G.E.R. Expectations of Taking Responsibility, Integrity, Goal Setting, Engaging in Positive Actions, and Respect. Sharon McMillan-Rosser and Alyse Showers co-chair PBIS at Stonewall Tell.

## Welcome Back Video from the Fulton County Board of Education

The Fulton County Board of Education members welcome you back in this video message and wish you a fantastic 2019-2020 school year.



### Welcome Back Video Message

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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 93,500 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.

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