



# News Release

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## **News to Know for September 30 – October 4**

### **Special Observances for September**

Fulton County Schools counselors, psychologists, and social workers wrap up their observance of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. FCS resources include Text4Help and [FCS TipLine](#).

### **Save the Date**

**Dolvin Elementary School** will host a Bilingual Q&A with Superintendent Mike Looney on Wednesday, October 2, at 10 a.m. in The Commons for all bilingual parents in the Northeast Learning Community (Roswell, Johns Creek, and Alpharetta areas). Translations into Spanish, Korean, and Mandarin will be provided by bilingual community liaisons. For more information, contact Martha Holladay, Medlock Bridge, and Dolvin Elementary School bilingual parent liaison at 470-254-9285 or [Holladay@fultonschools.org](mailto:Holladay@fultonschools.org).

**FCS Employee Wellness Festival and Fun Run/Walk** takes place October 5 at the school system's Administrative Center, 6201 Powers Ferry Road. Check in for registered employees begins at 7:10 a.m. The Run/Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Flu shots for students and adults will be available, as well as wellness activities and self-defense classes. The exciting Kiddie Korner returns and there will be lunch and snacks at no charge. New this year is an Employee Showcase featuring talent from around the district. Employees scheduled to perform include the "Stayin Alive Crew." Questions? Email [FultonCARES@fultonschools.org](mailto:FultonCARES@fultonschools.org).

**Centennial High School** will host Bert Weiss of Q99.7 Atlanta's for "My Voice" - a night of conversation, hope, and encouragement on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7 – 9 p.m. The event will discuss the pressures of social media, bullying, depression and suicide. A free event for all ages, sponsored by the Department of Behavioral Health. More information, contact: <https://bit.ly/2mlK2W8>

**FCS Office of Student Discipline Prevention and Intervention** hosts a Free parent, student and community event featuring **Ray Lozano, National Expert on Drug and Vaping Prevention**. The event is October 7 at 6:30 p.m. at **Milton High School** and October 8 at 6:30 p.m. at **Langston Hughes High School**.

**State Representative William Boddie** will read to Pre-K students at **Brookview Elementary School** at 10 a.m. October 7.

**Fulton County Schools** will hold a Kickball Tournament October 12 at Riverwood High School to benefit victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. The Opening Ceremony is at 8:45 a.m. with the games beginning at 9 a.m. Participating departments include Safety & Security, School Nutrition, Transportation, Warehouse, Contracting, I.T., H.R., and Maintenance. For more information contact Event Chair Styland Scott at [scotts5@fultonschools.org](mailto:scotts5@fultonschools.org).

**The Aerotropolis Atlanta Education Collective** will hold a Career Expo October 18 from 10 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at the Georgia International Convention Center. Students from Banneker, Creekside, Langston Hughes and Westlake High Schools will join Clayton County students for this event. Students in the 11th and 12th grades will utilize their completed YouScience Reports to pre-determine their career pathway exposure. Over 20 businesses will provide an overview and interactive exhibits of these career pathways: Aerospace, Logistics, Food-Agri, Business, Multimedia Production, and Bio-Life Science. For more information contact [info@aeroatl.org](mailto:info@aeroatl.org) or call 404-349-2211. Businesses can register online at [www.aeroatl.org](http://www.aeroatl.org).

As part of their Parent University, **Johns Creek High School** PTSA has planned October events that address students' mental and emotional wellness: a presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 16 by Dr. Jeanine Jannot, author of "The Disintegrating Student." Later that month, the PTSA will present a three-part conversation on the documentary "Race to Nowhere", dealing with systemic pressures and how to tackle them. These events will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 23; Thursday, Nov. 21; and Friday, Dec. 6.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 26 - **FCS affinity partner, Sandy Springs Education Force**, will present the sixth annual Footprints for the Future 5k/10k Road Race. Proceeds from the race and sponsor contributions support SSEF literacy programming in **Fulton County Schools in Sandy Springs** like "Reading Buddies" and Mini Libraries. Both races are run on a USTAF Certified Race Course and are certified AJC Peachtree Road Race Qualifiers! For the second year, the races will begin at the City Springs Green City Center and run through the heart of Sandy Springs. Registration includes a t-shirt and a swag bag of giveaways from our sponsors and community supporters. Awards will be presented in multiple categories including a trophy for the school with the highest representation of attendees! Sign up today at: <https://bit.ly/2lHZdsr>. After-race entertainment includes a DJ, sponsor booths, demonstrations, snacks and a fun run. Feel free to wear costumes in

advance of Halloween. As a special bonus, the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber's Health and Well-Being Council will present their free Fall Fun Health Fest on the Green immediately following the race.

## **Awards and Honors**

**Lake Forest Elementary School** showed the highest gains in Fulton County. Over 80 percent of Lake Forest's student population is served in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, and over 90 percent qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Two FCS students were selected to serve on State School Superintendent Richard Woods' Student Advisory Council. Senior Zachary Schuller of **Johns Creek High School** will serve on the high school council, and eighth-grader Daylia Lian of **Autrey Mill Middle School** will serve on the middle school council. Chosen from more than 1,000 applicants, Zachary and Daylia will be joining approximately 130 other Georgia students. The councils will discuss how decisions made at the state level are affecting students in the classroom statewide. Members will meet three times throughout the school year and will act as liaisons between the Department of Education and students of Georgia. They are the only students from Fulton County Schools to make the list.

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

**Dolvin Elementary School** recently launched Dolvin Dads, an enthusiastic group of daddy volunteers. Each Friday, the dads greet students at carpool and the bus line with music, high energy, and lots of laughs. There are currently 30 dads who are already planning several outdoor projects with PTA such as tables for Dolvin's wheelchair-bound students for board games and drawing during recess. Other plans include redesigning the outdoor garden area for use with the discovery lab, music and art classes, and media center. Possible coding or STEM/science experiment nights are in works as well.

Art students from **Cambridge High School**, **Chattahoochee High School** and **North Springs Charter High School** art students are currently exhibiting their work at the Atlanta Celebrates Open Photography Exhibition at Abernathy Arts Center. The exhibition is part of the larger ACP Festival, now in its 21st year, and is a free pin-up show for everyone – professionals and amateurs of all ages. Exhibition viewing runs through September 27 with awards and closing on September 28. Prizes are awarded in a variety of categories on the last day. High school entrants are ages 13-18 with one high school winning the grand prize of \$500 toward their Art/Photography program. For more information, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2IOP50J>

## **In Case You Missed**

**Flu Season Update** - Georgia is experiencing the onset of an early flu season with confirmed cases already reported by local health providers. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics have

stressed the importance of children receiving flu vaccines and the danger of flu to children. According to the CDC, a flu vaccine offers the best defense against getting flu and spreading it to others. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) states that the flu can cause 10 days of fever and lead to serious complications even for healthy kids. Therefore, we are sharing this information to remind us to take precautions and to work together to help prevent the spread of flu. To ensure the safety and health of students, staff and parents, we encourage you to take proactive measures that can help reduce the spread of flu and other communicable illnesses. For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/2lPZauv>.

Thanks to generous support from **Vickery Mill Elementary School's** PTA, the school opened a STEM Lab this year. Students visit the lab once a week for hands-on, collaborative lessons integrating science and math standards into a real-world situation.

This month, **Webb Bridge Middle School** (WBMS) students promoted awareness of Childhood Cancer and Suicide Prevention by wearing yellow. Wellness has now been integrated into WBMS' daily Compass (guidance) classes every nine weeks. Licensed professionals from LRJ Foundation, a mental health awareness and education-based organization, are helping implement new interactive content to build students' emotional intelligence.

**Abbots Hill Elementary School** (AHES) has provided a new unique opportunity for students to address conflicts holistically and solve problems through implementing Restorative Practices. These counselor-facilitated peace-making strategies are taught in a safe place called "The Peace Room", a specially designed room by Chattahoochee High School Senior (and former AHES) student Briahna Stabler as part of her Directed Studies Class.

**River Trail Middle School** students and staff are engaging in invigorating dialogues around what it means to be a "River Trail Wolf," working from a behavior matrix of Respect, Problem Solving, and Kindness. To communicate these ideas to the school, students have formed a club that is producing short video demonstrations of what it looks like to epitomize model behavior.

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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.

