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News to Know for November 11-15

Special Observances for November

November 11 is Veterans Day. Thanks to all veterans for their service!

American Education Week is celebrated November 18-22. Cosponsored by the National Education Association, National PTA, National School Public Relations Association, and other national education associations, the week is to keep the public aware of what schools are doing. For more information email: aew@nea.org or click [here](#).

Save the Date

Webb Bridge Middle School celebrates International Night November 12 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. WBMS is home to students who originate from nearly 50 countries. Twenty of those countries will engage in their cultural sharing, including national dishes, in the school's cafeteria. Later, students will present a parade of nations and cultural showcase.

Cliftdale Elementary School celebrates 10 years of excellence with a Family Gala November 16 at Westlake High School, at 6 p.m.

Business and Community leaders will be serving as **Principal for a Day** at several Fulton County Schools during the week of Nov. 18-22. The program's purpose is to allow area business and community leaders the opportunity to visit a school and shadow the principal to increase public awareness of the accomplishments and challenges at public schools. Shadowing a principal is a national effort during National Education Week designed to help business and civic leaders understand the similarities and differences in their work challenges and those of the leaders in our schools. The district partners with area chambers of commerce to identify key business leaders to participate in this program. FCS seeks leaders who have an interest in public education, a desire to learn more and exchange ideas about leadership. [Click here to register for Principal for a Day.](#)

As part of their Parent University, **Johns Creek High School** PTSA is presenting a three-part conversation that addresses students' mental and emotional wellness. This conversation is based on the documentary "Race to Nowhere," a piece that highlights systemic pressures and how to tackle them. The first session has concluded, and the second and third events will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21 and Friday, Dec. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Roswell High School's SkillsUSA chapter won the Overall Regional Cup at the 2019 Associated General Contractors of Georgia, Inc.'s (AGCGA) North Georgia Skills Challenge in Gainesville November 7. Seventeen students competed and received the following awards: Aria Lavender, Michael Henderson, Robby Kalaman, and Chase Webb won first in Teamworks; Giselle Perez placed first in Blue Print Reading; Chris Elza won second in Electrical wiring; Tyler Potts took third in Plumbing; and Baylee Pinson, Kate Gonda, Evan Reese, and Avery DeLisle walked away with third in Broadcast Video. Roswell's SkillsUSA advisor Dale Hales said, "It was a great day for our construction program." Winners of the regional events move on to the state SkillsUSA competitions held each March at the Georgia World Congress Center.

The AGC Georgia's regional Workforce Development Alliances host the Skills Challenges in Augusta, Cedartown, Gainesville, Macon, and Moultrie. These five events offer the opportunity for over 600 students - presenting 75 high schools - to compete in broadcast news production, blueprint reading, cabinet making, carpentry, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, masonry, roofing, welding, and TeamWorks. These challenge competitions also provide students with contextual learning and engage them with professionals in the industry.

Cool Kids (and Schools) Doing Cool Things

Ridgeview Charter Middle School's International Baccalaureate Global Service Club represented Ridgeview's IB program at the Sandy Springs Festival. Students, parent chaperones, and club sponsors took donations for participants to make beaded bracelets, and Ridgeview's Global Service Club donated almost \$400 to the Red Cross for Hurricane Dorian Relief. The Global Service Club also conducted a September supply drive and donated three cars-full of needed supplies to Atlanta's Bahamian Consulate for the same Hurricane Dorian relief efforts.

Riverwood International Charter School's Community Service Club met their goal of \$8,000 during last Saturday's Riverwood Runs for a Reason 5K. Funds raised will go directly to two service initiatives: the club's fourth annual trip to Leon, Nicaragua to build homes and provide water filters as well as several local builds for Habitat for Humanity. Club advisor Laura Taylor is excited to move forward with planning service projects with student club members.

In Case You Missed It

Westlake High School football established the Lionheart Award in honor of Christian Abercrombie. Abercrombie is the Westlake graduate who was critically injured in 2018 when his Tennessee State University football team played Vanderbilt University. Abercrombie spent two months at the Shepherd Center. Though he is still recovering from his traumatic brain injury, he visited Westlake to encourage the football team as they prepared to play their final regular season game. Abercrombie's mother, father and brother were with him. His dramatic recovery is being chronicled by Wanderlust Content.

Text4Help, a program for teens in crisis to anonymously find resources and support, will be expanded to Fulton County Schools middle schools. Launched in 2018 in collaboration with Fulton County Government, the program is an anonymous crisis text line aimed at providing a valuable resource for students seeking support or an outlet to share concerns. The program allows teens facing stress or in crisis to reach a licensed clinician who will respond within three minutes, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The program was initially launched in FCS high schools now, one year after its launch, the program will be expanded to students in middle schools. Fulton County Government and FCS were the first in the Southeast to launch the Text4Help program.

For Your Information

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 dangers of the 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 the flu and other communicable illnesses. For more information, [click here](#).

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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.

