



News Release

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News to Know for December 2 - 6

Save the Date

Philip Randolph Elementary School will hold a Spelling Bee Competition December 6. Parents and community partners have been invited to participate and judge the event. For more information contact Catherine Rowell at rowellcf@fultonschools.org.

Johns Creek High School PTSA will close their three-part conversation series that addresses students' mental and emotional wellness. It is based on the documentary "Race to Nowhere," a piece that deals with systemic pressures and how to tackle them. The final session will be held this Friday, Dec. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school.

Awards and Honors

Campbell Elementary School students Niayelle Lane and Evelin Hernandez are winners of the 2020 Art Calendar Contest for Atlanta Public Works. The students will be recognized for their artwork at an awards reception December 4 at the Fulton County Board of Commissioners meeting. Additionally, the students will receive a proclamation at the meeting.

Chattahoochee High School senior Sri Vaishnavi Ghantasala was named Girl of the Year by the organization Women in Technology.

Eleven schools in Fulton County made the **Georgia Department of Education's 2019-2020 Distinguished and Reward Schools** list. Distinguished Schools are the highest-performing Title I schools in Georgia, and Reward Schools are Title I schools making the greatest improvements. Distinguished Schools (Title I Schoolwide) are eligible to apply for the National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished Schools Program award sponsored by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators. Each state selects two schools for this award, the two schools attend and are recognized at the national conference.

Distinguished Schools honorees include **Amana Academy, KIPP South Fulton Academy and Elkins Pointe Middle School**, as well as **Hembree Springs, High Point, and Woodland Elementary Schools**. Reward School honorees include **Hapeville Charter and Sandtown Middle Schools** as well as **Lake Forest, Palmetto and E. C. West Elementary Schools**.

Cool Kids (and Schools) Doing Cool Things

Liberty Point Elementary and **Langston Hughes High School** parents, students and staff traveled to the Bayou Classic celebration in New Orleans, La. over the Thanksgiving break. The Bayou Classic is an annual football game between Grambling State University and Southern University. It began in 1932 and includes a "Battle of the Bands."

The **Sandy Springs Charter Middle School PTO Foundation** has joined the teacher and staff initiative Stallions Helping Stallions to support students in need this holiday season through donating gift cards and clothing. Their goal is to have 50 Gift Cards and 50 Spirit Wear donations from Stallion Families to present each family in need with a Spirit Wear sweatshirt, a Spirit Wear t-shirt, and Gift Cards to purchase holiday gifts and groceries.

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](#).

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.

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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.

