

EDUCATION ■ FULTON COUNTY

District to debut new science standards

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Fulton County Schools' students will be getting new STEM-related (science, technology, engineering and math) textbooks and other resources later this fall to put the district in compliance with the new revised science standards the state school board approved last year.

"With regard to science, the new program will have students in our science and engineering classes more engaged in the work that scientists actually do. We want our students using models to investigate and understand concepts taught in these classes," said Donna Barrett-Williams, the district's STEM coordinator for science.

As part of its consent agenda, the Fulton Board of Education voted 7-0 at its meeting Oct. 19 at Asa Hilliard Elementary in East Point to adopt the new science-related STEM program, with the

new textbooks and other resources being on display for public viewing next month, Barrett-Williams said.

"There are several choices of materials which will be put out for public display so the parents, teachers and the public will have a chance to look at these materials," she said.

According to an executive summary report given to the school board, it was in March 2016 that the Georgia

Board of Education approved revised science standards to include physical science, biology, chemistry, physics, Earth systems and environmental science.

It was at that time teachers with the district's STEM department participated in two rounds of review of new science resource. At the same time, the Metropolitan Regional Services Agency invited science textbooks vendors to a vendor fair where they could have these teachers

review these textbooks and other resources.

The summary stated the science school book vendors were then narrowed down from the feedback received from teachers.

Then, in September, teachers from across the district engaged in a second round of reviews, which focused on the new Georgia Standards of Excellence for science. Teacher feedback was again used to select the top resources, including textbooks.

Susan Hale, a Fulton district spokeswoman, said it is the responsibility of the district to share with students, parents, district personnel and the public the changes in the science standards.

"Beginning (today), we will have a two-week period for the parents, staff, teachers and even our students as well as the community to review these changes," she said.

For more information on the sites of these reviews, call the district's communications department at 404-256-8740 or visit www.fultonschools.org.



Donna Barrett-Williams

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Police reports of note from the Sandy Springs Police Department, Oct. 12 through 17.

— Provided by Sandy Springs Capt. Steve Rose

Editor's note: The Atlanta Police Department no longer releases detailed weekly crime reports, only releasing a snapshot listing each reported crime in Zone 2, which includes Buckhead.

■ **OFFICER SAVES MAN'S LIFE:** On an unknown date, a patrol officer responded to a medical call at a construction site on Johnson Ferry Road in Sandy Springs. He was told a man was down, not conscious, and not breathing. He retrieved his automated external defibrillator (AED) device from his patrol car and ran to the location, where he applied the AED pads to the man and delivered the shock, then began chest compressions. The man began breathing and began to move around. Luckily, the location was across from Northside Hospital. The patient was transported by EMS. The officer is up for a lifesaving award. Nice job.

■ **CASHING OUT:** At the Chevron station at 295 Mount Vernon Hwy. in Sandy Springs Oct. 13, the manager said someone chiseled a hole in the wall and entered the store, where he (or multiple suspects) broke into the video gambling machines and damaged other items. The store video shows the suspect breaking in at 3 a.m. He is a black male with short black hair and a blue bandana covering his face. He wore a grey button-up shirt, jeans and brown

construction boots, blue gloves and a book bag. The store owner said about \$5,000 in cash was taken from the machines. He also reported the damage to be over \$10,000.

■ **DUMPED BUT NOT GIVING UP:** On an unknown date, a 53-year-old woman reported she broke up with her boyfriend in March. However, he refuses to accept it and, as a result, has been calling (66 times) and texting (30 times). He came to her residence and has attempted to get inside the patio area but was unsuccessful. She said he drives through the apartment complex, keeping her in fear of going out. Okay, this part is offered as a PSA. Guys, stop making fools of us all by this ridiculous behavior. We get dumped occasionally. (Well, I've never been dumped, but I don't want to brag. After all, this isn't about me.) Man up! Take it and move on. No woman has ever been stalked by an ex-whatever and said "Gee, his insatiable texting and calling, not to mention the actual physical stalking of me, has made me realize that I love him even more." No! That isn't going to happen. Jeez! It's football season. Use it as a distraction and get over it. You're welcome.

The names and charges above are from area arrest warrants and crime reports. A warrant is merely an accusation of a crime and accused people are innocent until proven guilty. The Sandy Springs and Atlanta police departments release descriptions of suspects when arrests have not been made and residents' input is needed.

YOUR COMMUNITY ■ EVENTS

Chastain Park Fall Arts Fest returns for 11th year

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Artist Jenny Henley is excited to return to the Chastain Park Fall Arts Festival, set for next weekend at the Buckhead greenspace, for the third straight year.

"That time of year and that venue is just ideal," said Henley, a Marietta resident. "Specifically, it's nice that for a festival to be all one direction, all one street, to see everything. ... It's just a well-rounded event, family friendly."

Now in its 11th year, the festival will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will include 150 artists mostly from the Southeast but also from all over the nation, displaying and selling their work. Admission is free, and the event will also include a children's area, local food and beverage concessions, including gourmet food trucks, and live music.

Henley, who specializes in two-dimensional mixed media, has been a professional artist since 2009, after graduating from the Atlanta College of Art, which is now the Savannah College of Art's Atlanta campus.

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I like negative space," she said. "Right now I'm working on a communication (art) series, so I've got nostalgic pieces anyone can look at and have a relationship with. I have old typewriters and pay phones. My whole series is ... called 'Industrial Communication.' It's all about how far we've come with communication and the beauty of the industrial age."

Randall Fox, vice president/development of the Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces, the Midtown-based nonprofit that hosts this event and others annually, said the Chastain festival is near and dear to his heart because it's the first one the organization hosted.

"It's the grandfather of all of them," he said. "The fall (festival) is our premier event. That's the one all our events are built on. It's because seasons change, it moves into the holidays and it's

a nice, crisp time of year to be outside."

The foundation also hosts a spring festival at Chastain. This year's fall festival will have about 35 less artists than in 2016 because the park's amphitheater is being renovated, meaning there was less room than normal for the event.

"It's a little bit more of an intimate setting. Based on that, we honed in on our selection of artists," Fox said, adding next year's festival will go back to its usual size and number of artists. "The ... festival has been named one of the Top 100 arts festivals nationwide by Sunshine Artist magazine. Because of that, we've got a premiere selection of artists."

Henley credited Fox for his work with artists and park leaders to make the festival a successful event.

"I feel like the venue is outstanding," she said.



Artist Jenny Henley, pictured with some of her two-dimensional mixed-media pieces, will sell her art at this weekend's Chastain Park Fall Arts Festival. / Special Photo

The park is located at 4469 Stella Drive. For more festival information, visit www.chastain-parkartsfestival.com.

**INVITATION TO BID #18-035
WINDSOR PARKWAY OVER NANCY CREEK
BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT
Structure ID: 121-0458-0**

The City of Sandy Springs is accepting sealed ITBs from GDOT certified contractors for the Windsor Parkway over Nancy Creek Bridge Repair Project.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

October 31, 2017; 9:00 a.m.
City of Sandy Springs
7840 Roswell Road, Building 500
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

BID DUE DATE

November 15, 2017; 2:00 p.m. EST in hard copy.
City of Sandy Springs
Purchasing Office

7840 Roswell Road, Building 500
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Bids received after the above date and time or in any other location other than the Purchasing Office will not be accepted. **Electronic submissions via e-mail or fax will NOT be accepted.**

Deadline for questions from prospective contractors is November 6, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

Questions must be directed in writing to the City of Sandy Springs Purchasing Agent Lynn Taylor, via e-mail at purchasing@sandyspringsga.gov. Questions received after this date and time may not be answered. Please refer to ITB #18-035 Windsor Parkway over Nancy Creek Bridge Repair Project in the subject line when requesting information.

The City of Sandy Springs reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to award a contract in the best interest of the City, and to waive technicalities and informalities.

SPACE

From A1

Said Kimbrough, "When I was actually smaller than you folks in here, it was when we as Americans were landing men on the moon for the very first time. This was in the late 1960s and early 1970s. So I remember our whole country would gather around an old black and white TV - your teachers can tell you what that is as well - and watch these events. Maybe some of your teachers won't know what that is, either. ... To me that's what really inspired me as a very small child. I kept getting interested in space.

"A lot of (rockets and shuttles) launched out of (Cape Canaveral), Florida, and my grandparents hap-

pened to live across from the launch site. So when I visited them I could see them launch. I had that passion in my blood from when I was little. Ironically, I when I made the decision to go to college at (the U.S. Military Academy in) West Point, (New York), I figured that dream was gone because I didn't know you could be in the Army and be an astronaut. But later I learned that is actually a possibility, so then I started (on that path) and was lucky enough to get selected."

In an interview after the assembly, Kimbrough said this was his first visit to Lovett in three or four years.

"It feels great to be back," he said. "It always feels like home when I come back to Lovett. Everybody is so gracious. I wish my kids could have gone here."



NASA astronaut Shane Kimbrough speaks to students during his visit to the Lovett School in Buckhead. / Staff - Everett Catts