

## Weekly Memos – November 6, 2017

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### Superintendent's Weekly Message: UNITE 21 Campaign



The board has unanimously agreed to fund our UNITE 21 Campaign. UNITE means unveiling new improvement through engagement. This campaign is built around the premise of improving school buildings through ongoing collaboration and intentional conversations around building improvements and/or new buildings that are needed for our public school system. I will share a few of the improvements that will begin soon: 1) installing air conditioning in gymnasiums at Southwest, West, LaGrange-Moscow, East, and Fayette-Ware, 2) upgrades to Southwest Elementary School's



front appearance and parking lot and 3) renovate Central Elementary School to become the Community Service Consortium Center. Those are just a few projects that we have begun working on. We are incredibly excited about these building improvements. I will continue to share more around other improvements that are to come. These improvements are being funded from fund balance (i.e. rainy day funds), so that we do not have to request new monies. We continue to find ways to save money and invest it in areas where we will reap benefits. Thank you for allowing me to serve the community. I find it a great honor. More good news to come. Stay tuned.

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### Diversity Grant Input Requested

Fayette County Public Schools is seeking input as to how to recruit and retain minority teachers in FCPS. To assist us in getting data from all teachers, regardless of race or gender, we ask that you complete this voluntary survey by November 10, 2017:

<https://goo.gl/forms/OPMqzYaCWVaERZV11>

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### Employee Badges for Game Admission

Employee badges may be used for the employee only to receive free entry into athletic events. The badge may not be transferred to someone else for their use. The employee on the badge must be the person presenting it to gain admission.

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### First Fayette County Academic Pentathlon Results

Congratulations to East Jr. High School's Academic Pentathlon Team for winning the first Fayette County Academic Pentathlon competition 10-8 over West. East also had the top scorer in the county, Emmanuel Dean.

Top Scorers:

East: 1.) Emmanuel Dean 2.) Everette Doyle and Mason Johnson

West: 1.) Kristyna Boyd & Zoe Crutcher 2.) Samuel O'Brien

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## Wings Debut at SWES

The Eagles of Southwest Elementary celebrated their first Careers on Wheels event and it was a huge success! Not only were many traditional occupations and careers represented, but students were elated when the hospital wing landed on site. The chopper was hit, with classes taking turns to inspect it up close.



## Schools Celebrate Fall with Festivals

What is fall without a festival full of games, pumpkins, and prizes? Oakland and LaGrange-Moscow Elementary schools both held fall festivals recently and engaged community, parent and student volunteers to help make the event a spookish success for kids.





## New Director Implementing Facilities Upgrades

The new Director of Grounds and Facilities, Avis Wright, has hit the ground running with the implementation of several new projects. In order to cut costs and become more energy efficient, new LED lights are being installed in buildings. Lockers are being provided for 5th grade students to increase their storage space, and upgrades have been made to the fieldhouse at Fayette-Ware to provide a fresh new look. Stay tuned- more improvements to come!





## East Junior High Holds Colonial Court at Justice Complex

Nothing beats practical learning and students at East Junior High got a dose as they held a colonial trial in Judge Jim Gallagher's courtroom. Reenacting the trial from the Boston Massacre, complete with self-made powdered wigs, eighth grade students justified their case in front of an audience. What an excellent opportunity for students to put knowledge into action!



## Fayette-Ware to Host Annual "Tuck" Lewis Basketball Jamboree

The newly renovated "Warehouse" on the campus of Fayette-Ware will be the scene on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> as the annual "Tuck" Lewis Jamboree and "Blue & Gold Madness" take center stage. This year's field of participants includes Briarcrest, Liberty Tech, Rossville Christian, ECS and Fayette-Ware. In addition, future Wildcats will take the court when East Jr HS and West Jr HS get together in a district matchup. Fans will get to meet this year's Wildcat teams in addition to some contests and a half court shot giveaway. The action starts at 3 PM. The entire schedule can be found online [here](#) and on Twitter- @FW\_Wildcats and @suptking

