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Country Day School

*Inspiring Students with
the Passion to Excel*

DATES TO REMEMBER

10-3	Project Showcase and Tech Fair Topics Due
10-4	Parent/Teacher Conferences No Classes After School Only
10-6	Student/Staff Holiday No Classes After School Only
10-8	Kindergarten Field Trip to Kinsey Farms
10-11	PreK Field Trip to Big Springs Farm
10-11	Report Cards Sent Home
10-15	4th Field Trip to Cobb County Youth Museum
10-16	New Student Open House
10-18	5th-8th Field Trip to Atlanta Botanical Gardens
10-22	2nd Field Trip To Elachee Nature Center
10-23	3rd Field Trip to Atlanta History Center

McGinnis Woods Mission Statement

*Our mission is to provide
superior academics
through hands-on
approaches, which foster self
confidence and self esteem
which prepare students for the
challenges of high school and
college and inspire a lifelong
love of learning.*

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A Message From Ms. Mary



Another fantastic month of school has come and gone and now, as we welcome October, we are ready for cooler temperatures and more opportunities to stretch our horizons and learn in the great outdoors. We are eager to seize the chance to explore our Nature Explore Certified Classroom and to visit our old haunts on the trails and near the stream. October is the perfect time to go on leaf and seed hunts and search for animal footprints and signs of fall.

During the last week of September, we celebrated International Day at McGinnis Woods. Our school is very diverse and has students and staff from numerous home countries, unique backgrounds and traditions. Our International Day celebration was the culmination of individual class studies of countries or continents, as was the case in 1st grade, and included interesting facts, country flags, songs, dance and more. We were thrilled with the many parents who came out to enjoy all that we had learned and to take part in sampling some traditional foods from Brazil, Great Britain and France. The PreK students learned about China and even sampled egg rolls and learned to pick up cotton balls with chop sticks!

Our sports teams have had strong seasons as they have trained and competed in the heat. They are wrapping up their seasons and we are eager to hear how they place in the MAAC League. We are proud of their efforts and stellar sportsmanship which has been displayed through both wins and losses. Please be sure to mark your calendars and join us on Tuesday, October 1st for our final home volleyball game when we will be honoring our 8th grade athletes of both volleyball and soccer!

Other important dates are coming up in October. Our 2nd Annual Wildcat Fund will wrap up on Friday, October 4. Thank you to all who have made it a priority to contribute to the fund. We have some amazing plans for the funds and need 100% participation to make these dreams become a reality for our students. You can read more about our plans in the PA Update.

Please plan to join us on Saturday, October 12 for our Community Outdoor Classroom Workday when we will clean, sweep and improve our beautiful outdoor classroom. We also hope that you will join us for the event of the season.... The Fall Festival on Saturday, October 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is packed with fun games, pony rides, a petting zoo, tasty food, a spider jump, and haunted house. Pre-order forms for entry wristbands will be sent out at the end of the week, so do not miss out on the fun!

Ms. Mary



Parent Association Update



Happy Autumn McGinnis Woods Wildcats!

As we say goodbye to summer and welcome fall, we reflect on what a fantastic start to the school year we've had!

So many families joined us for an evening of fun at our PA Pizza Bash. We had some delicious pizza, played some fun trivia games on Kahoot and settled in for a showing of Aladdin (complete with popcorn!). This free event was a great way to bring our community together and we appreciate you sharing some of your time with us.

The start of the year has also been exciting for us due to an overwhelming interest from parents interested in volunteering! The Parent Association is an entirely volunteer-based organization so we are always grateful for any time or talent you can provide. We held a reception for those that were interested and are happy to be working with you!

There's still so much in store for the rest of the school year! Be sure to check out our upcoming events below and get in touch if you have any questions or feedback!

2nd Annual Wildcat Fund

The 2nd Annual Wildcat Fund is in full swing and we are so grateful for all the families that have made a contribution. We created the Wildcat Fund to make a real and significant impact on our school each year. Rather than asking families to sell cookies, wrapping paper or other goods to raise funds, we focus our efforts on this single, meaningful fundraiser.

If you haven't already, please consider making a donation to this amazing fund. It is an opportunity to have 100% of your gift benefit our students, school and McGinnis Woods community. To learn more or make your donation, you can visit www.annualwildcatfund.com.

Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - October 10th

One of our favorite things to do is say "Thank You" to our teachers. The teacher appreciation luncheons are just one small way we do that. Our teachers will enjoy a delicious lunch complete with drinks and desserts.

Holiday Shoppe - Early December

Our annual Holiday Shoppe is one of the most beloved events at McGinnis Woods. Students will have the opportunity to shop for family, friends, teachers and pets for the holiday season. All gifts are wrapped and bagged right at the school so that everything remains a surprise! This event will be held in early December but preparation is already underway! More information will be coming home in November.

Meet your 2019-2020 PA Board

We've got a great team of people serving on your PA Board this year! Are you interested in becoming a part of the PA Board? We'd love to hear from you! Feel free to reach out to any of the Board members listed below to learn more.

Jason Harper - President
Jaclyn Anderson - Vice President
Wendy Hays - Treasurer
Kelly Rawlins - Secretary
Lisa Varshine - Board Member
Jacki Freeman - Board Member / Teacher Liaison
Elysia Gallivan - Board Member
Mary Johnson - Principal
Tonia Usher - Preschool Director

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Preschool Corner



Even though the weather is still hot outside we have had a fantastic time celebrating fall here in the Preschool. The teachers have created a ton of wonderful hands on activities and projects for the children. One day, our little preschool “farmers” got to husk corn and plant a fall garden. They also made homemade butter and had a visit from The Cricket’s Petting Zoo.

On another day, the children enjoyed picking pinecones and making leaf sun catchers. During Bird week, they made beautiful peacocks, American Eagles and brightly colored parrots.

The PreK4-8th graders celebrated International Day and they included our three year olds in the celebration. They had a visit from the Pre-k classes on International Day and learned all about China through interesting facts and songs.

Did you know that the Preschool offers enrichment programs and activities at competitive rates, so that your child can take part in classes like Music and Me Class (see next article), Tumble time, Playball and Happy Feet while at school.

Some important October dates to put on your calendar are The Fall Festival scheduled for October 26th from 1-4, the Community Outdoor Classroom Work Day from 3:00-5:30 on Saturday, October 12, the Preschool—2nd grade Community Helper Day on October 30th and our annual Halloween Parade and Parties on October 31st. More information will be sent home soon!



Music In Me is Now at McGinnis Woods



McGinnis Woods is pleased to have parent, Ms. April Dudson and her Music In Me classes offered at McGinnis Woods. Music in Me is a children’s music and movement class which incorporates April’s original music and lessons. She has a studio location, participates in the Little Acorns program at The Avalon and presents weekly classes at McGinnis Woods in both the Preschool and After School programs. Her 11 week Fall Fox Collection session has had the children learning songs and playing instruments as they learn to recognize a steady beat and listen to rhythms while playing!

She is also leading a Discovery Club by the same name. The children are loving Ms. April’s sweet demeanor and awesome lessons!



Wildcat Chat



Hello parents and welcome back for another Wildcat Chat! The first month of practice and play has been a great experience for the Wildcat community. Both teams have started their seasons out undefeated in conference play and seem to be improving upon their understanding and demonstration of responsibility, comradery, leadership, sportsmanship and integrity! Fingers crossed, their play and character building will continue to improve throughout the “home stretch!”

Volleyball is currently 5-0 overall and 2-0 in conference play, which means they clinched first place going into the M.A.A.C. division three championships. Our coaches have done an outstanding job preparing the athletes throughout their practices and their record certainly reflects all of their hard work! Additionally, the teams unity continues to grow day-

in and day-out. The older girls are encouraging and leading the younger ones both on and off the court, which is a joy to see! Up next for the team are a few non-conference games, that are sure to be more challenging, and then they’ll end their year with the M.A.A.C. division three championships on October 10th at 5:30 p.m. at The Howard School in downtown Atlanta.

Soccer has gotten off to a good start as well. They are currently 4-2 overall and 3-0 in the conference, which means they clinched first place for the championships also. Mr. Gallivan has done an outstanding job coaching these young men and women. The players are learning the rules, positions, strategies and general concepts of the game with each experience. It’s exciting to see the player’s progress in their skills and abilities as the season develops. The team has also taken steps in the right direction in terms of their comradery and cohesiveness. It was touch and go at the beginning of the season, but lately we have seen a lot more encouragement, sportsmanship and leadership from within. And I’m confident both their play and their character will continue to grow moving forward.

The second half of the teams seasons are filled with slightly more competitive competition in preparation of their M.A.A.C. championships. They are getting outside of division three play and taking on division one and two teams within the M.A.A.C. I think this provides the athletes with excellent opportunities to examine their capabilities and grow their confidence as they find success against stronger competition.

Once again thank you all for your continued support of the Wildcat athletic programs. Without your all’s participation and involvement who knows where we’d be. Now let’s finish these seasons strong and inspire these student athletes with a passion to excel!



GO WILDCATS!

Trick or Treating Safety Tips

written by Ms. Laura



It's nearly that time of the year again for the annual quid-pro-quo tradition of handing out candy to children under threat of mischief. While many of you probably have Halloween safety down to an art, some of the finer points bear repeating. While you should always check your children's candy for tampering before allowing them to gorge themselves into a chocolate coma, there are actually no reported cases in history of some madman tampering with stranger's candy on Halloween. Nearly all of the frightening stories spread during the '80s and '90s regarding this threat have since been debunked as fabrications and unverified urban legends. So, while it is still important to go through your child's candy bag and discard anything that isn't commercially wrapped and untampered with - unless it's from a close family friend you trust completely - far and away the most important safety tips surround *road safety*.

Children are more than twice as likely to be hit and killed by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year, and most of these accidents will involve alcohol. There are many reasons for this including the number of adult parties serving alcohol and the subsequent vehicular irresponsibility, the excitement of trick-or-treaters who tend to dart into the roads or move in other unpredictable ways, and most parents don't send their children out of the house with either flashlights or reflective tape, making them difficult for drivers to spot. For adult drivers this means using an overabundance of caution:

Drive slowly and vigilantly

Do NOT text and drive

Make sure your headlights are turned on earlier in the day

Do NOT drink and drive - use ride services like Uber if you have been drinking

There are also several measures to teach your child to ensure their safety during this enjoyable but potentially dangerous holiday.

Make sure to arm your children and their friends with flashlights, glow sticks, and reflective tape not only on their costumes, but also their treat bags.

Teach your children to keep their flashlights pointed down so as not to accidentally blind oncoming drivers.

If possible, make sure your child's Halloween costume is a light color, and ensure that any masks fit well and don't obstruct their vision. It's also important to ensure their costumes are not so long or cumbersome as to trip them.

When possible, walk on the sidewalks. If you must walk in the roadway, walk in the left lane as far left as possible, so you can see oncoming vehicles. This is a good rule of thumb for the other 364 days a year as well.

When crossing the street always look both ways twice and make sure to only cross at crosswalks. One of the most dangerous things you can do is to cross the street between two parked cars.

It's always good practice, on Halloween as well as every other day of the year to make eye-contact with drivers before crossing in front of their vehicle. You can't trust that every driver is going to be as alert and undistracted as they should.

When accompanying children trick-or-treating, resist the temptation to scroll through your smart phone for texting, social media etc. Not keeping your eyes glued to your children and the roadway can have fatal consequences.

As a rule of thumb, most experts recommend chaperoning all children under the age of 12. Personally, I believe it should be 13, but if you feel your child is mature enough to trick-or-treat without adult supervision, it is best to ensure they do it with a group of friends. Also, if they have a smart phone, ensure that it is fully charged, their GPS is turned on and the family has location sharing apps installed. "Life360" and "Find Friends" available on the iPhone app store are good options for keeping track of your family. In the event your child is old enough to trick-or-treat unsupervised, but doesn't have a smart phone, you can buy GPS trackers either on Amazon or at Best Buy. Shockingly, 12% of children younger than 6 years old are allowed to trick-or-treat alone.

While these are the most important safety rules, don't forget about checking your children's candy if they have any allergies. I would also recommend restricting any teenage drivers' privileges on Halloween Night. If your teenagers need to go somewhere, it would be much safer for a responsible adult to drop them off and pick them up. If you follow these pieces of advice, the chance of a serious accident happening will be vastly diminished. Please be safe out there, and Happy Halloween!

This article was written for and originally appeared in the Windermere and Windward Neighborhood Newsletters.

2nd Graders Visit Chattahoochee Nature Center



This month our 2nd Graders traveled to The Chattahoochee Nature Center to explore the Great Outdoors! We boarded the bus and headed to Roswell. We started in the classroom and learned all about reptiles and amphibians. We were even able to pet a snake! Our teacher also shared with us other artifacts from reptiles and amphibians like turtle shells and salamanders. Then we set off on our nature hike through the woods and explored the plant life on the Nature Center grounds. Our favorite was the pitcher plant which eats live insects. It was quite hot so we headed inside to the Discovery room and found fish, turtles, snakes and even a possum! Next up was lunch and then we ended with a walk through the Bird cages where we found Bald Eagles, hawks and owls! It was a great day and we are looking forward to our next adventure off campus!



Introducing the Kindergarten CATS Team

The kindergarten Cats are a wonderful group of *creative and talented students* and they are led by a winning combination of fabulous teachers: Ms. Wendy and Ms. Rebecca!



Wendy Hamann is the lead teacher. This is her thirteenth year of teaching at McGinnis Woods. Overall, she has 24 years of teaching experience with elementary and preschool students. She has two children: Molly (17 years old) and Benjamin (11 years old). Her daughter is a senior in high school, and her son attends 6th Grade here at McGinnis Woods. Her daughter plays trumpet in the marching band and concert band, and her son really enjoys acting in plays here at school and in the community. She has been married for 18 years to her wonderful husband, Mike. She is from Virginia and graduated from Virginia Tech (B.A. in Music) and University of Richmond (Masters in Education). She really enjoys gardening, reading and scrapbooking.

Rebecca Rabun is the assistant teacher. She has been teaching 21 years in early childhood education and has been with McGinnis for 12 years. She has her Associate Degree in Science and has earned her C.D.A. She recently made the jump to the elementary side of our school. She has taught all age groups. She loves early childhood and all it has to offer. She has a daughter, Amelia, who attended McGinnis and is currently in her first year of high school. Amelia is an equestrian and has been for many years. Being a mom, she spends most of her week-ends either at the barn or driving Amelia wherever she needs to be. In her spare time she does enjoy reading and keeping up to date on what is going on in the world of early childhood education.

Keep Forsyth County Beautiful Visit



McGinnis Woods has a long standing partnership with Keep Forsyth County Beautiful. Through the years we have partnered with them to do clean-up projects, sample water in our creek, contribute to frog research and learn about water, erosion and run off. They have also contributed to our Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom curriculum.

On Tuesday, September 17, Ms. Apryl from KFCB visited our students in Kindergarten – 8th grade and focused her lessons on the impact of water pollution. She completed hands on activities with each of the age groups in mind and made sure to keep all of the students actively engaged. Many of the students simulated the process that a stream would go through from being a pristine animal habitat to a polluted environment complete with toxic runoff and trash

pollutants downstream. Our 2nd graders used the enviroscape to explore water runoff in communities. The students were reminded just how important it is for us to protect our natural resources and to do our part to clean up trash and always dispose of it properly.

We are looking forward to our future visits with Ms. Apryl, as we work with KFCB to educate our students to be great stewards of our world.



The Chicks Are Back....



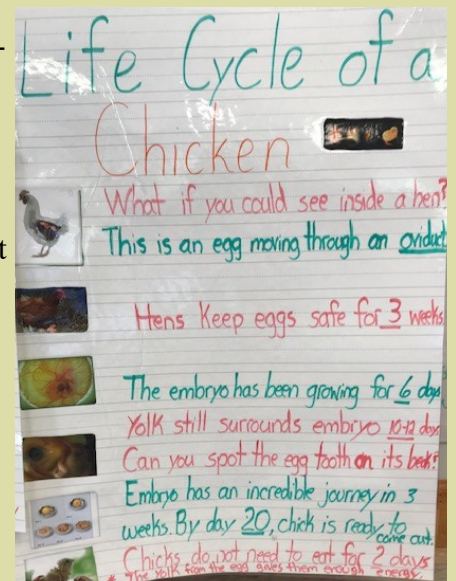
Chirp, Chirp, Chirp? What's that sound? It is soon to be the sound of our sweet baby chicks that will be hatching in our Third Grade classroom!

Third grade's living STEM project involves incubating chicken eggs, fourteen beautifully colored eggs to be exact. The students have been researching the unique breeds of eggs which we are hatching. The types of eggs include: Easter Eggers, Sweet Blue Egg Layer, Fun and Funky, D.A. Uphorn of Worcester, Marans, Salmon Chickens, Buff Orpington, and Cochins. During this process students are learning about the life cycle of a chicken, and the process

that it requires to incubate the eggs and how they require the perfect humidity and temperature in order to hatch.

A fun fact about chicken eggs is they only require 21 days of incubation before they begin hatching. We are anticipating our eggs to hatch on or near October 8th. Once this happens, the students will be in charge of caring for the new chicks by providing them with food, water and making sure the heat lamps maintain a constant warm temperature.

Stay tuned for more updates as we prepare for the chicks' arrivals. We will have a live webcam available for you to view their progress. We can't wait to meet our new chicks and see what they will look like!



McGinnis Woods Moving Things to the Cloud



McGinnis Woods is committed to using technology in the classroom in effective ways and has done so for years. We believe technology should be a fundamental element of the modern classroom and should serve as an invaluable tool to foster learning and exploration.

We are making significant investments to improve our entire technology portfolio. We've done extensive work to create a three year strategic plan that will completely transform the way our students and teachers interact with technology. As part of our planning, we've also developed a new Technology Mission Statement that we're excited to share with you here:

McGinnis Woods will be an innovative leader through its broad use of technology throughout the entire academic journey. We will utilize technology to empower our teachers and students to limitlessly create, explore, discover and inspire. As an institution, we will practice and enforce the qualities of exceptional digital citizens. We will boldly use technology to foster the skills needed for a lifetime of learning.

Many aspects of our plan are already underway and here are just a few things that will be coming as part of our plan:

Network Upgrades

We are rebuilding our networks on campus to make them more robust, fault-tolerant and efficient. These new networks will be capable of supporting thousands of devices on a new, modern wireless network that will provide coverage to all areas of the campus (indoor and outdoor).

Cloud Migration

To provide a seamless experience on and off campus, we will be migrating all of our key services to the cloud. This migration empowers the school to offer exciting new tools to students and teachers while, at the same time, reducing dependence on physical infrastructure.

iPad Deployment

iPads will become the standard device for all students at McGinnis Woods. These devices are powerful and have a thriving ecosystem of apps that allow students to do things that, just years ago, seemed impossible. Imagine a student having a single device with all their textbooks, documents, applications and more!

Digital Enablement

We will begin to rely more heavily on our digital tools to communicate more efficiently, reduce paper waste and engage in new and exciting ways. Our new tools and technology create nearly limitless possibilities and we are excited to see what all of our teachers and students come up with.

We hope you are as excited as we are about these changes and we'll be sure to provide more updates along the way!

Learning About Trust



The Word of the Month for September was trust. Our students learned that ***“trust is putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.”*** The students learned the importance of trust throughout the month during morning announcements and in their classes. Some students were recognized and rewarded with special Chick-fil-A coupons on morning announcements. Exceptional students who worked hard to master this character trait were chosen as the Citizen of the Month and were taken to lunch at Your Pie for pizza and ice cream. Our Kindergarten through 8th grade Citizens, for the month of September were: Leul Takele, Alicia Wester, Aishwarya Woosi Ganesan, Lucas Yurasits, Jackson Anderson, Ben Reiter, Hadi Shabbir, Bailee Rogers and Mikayla Stuart.

The Word of the Month for October is Courage which is defined as ***“being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you’re afraid.”***

STEM and Technology in the Middle School



STEM and Technology are becoming important areas of our society and the teachers and students in the middle school use a variety of technology each day.

STEM and technology are not just used in math, science or computer labs these days. Some examples of how our students use technology are through Quizlet and Kahoot. These programs provide opportunities for our students to review classroom content as an individual activity or fast paced, competitive game. Students have also used Padlet, an interactive, online “bulletin board” for read and respond questions. With Padlet students can read and respond online in real time and

even respond and critique work of their class mates. Plickers has become a fun alternative for quick quizzing and review. Students have an assigned Plicker card that is held up to respond to multiple choice questions while a teacher scans the room with a smartphone or tablet. Plicker allows for instant grading and feedback of review questions.

STEM activities also take place on a weekly basis throughout the middle school. Everything from designing a planned neighborhood to engineering architectural structures and historic marvels like columns, domes, and the Great Pyramids are common activities which require teamwork, problem solving and analytical skills in order to succeed!

Parents Night Out Fun



Parents' Night Out took place on Friday, September 27th. Ms. Wendy and Ms. Jenn, as well as staff in the preschool, had many students in their care while their parents enjoyed some time away without their sweet children.

There was a super turnout. The children played with their friends and teachers after hours which somehow made the time even more magical! The children



played on the playgrounds and enjoyed just spending time with one another.

The children also enjoyed hot dogs, pasta, fruit, chips, and an ice cream treat for dinner. Later in the evening they watched one of the two featured movies: Spiderman, Into the Spiderverse or Secret Life of Pets 2. Finally, the children made special crafts for their Moms and Dads. A fun time was had by all.

Be on the lookout for the next Parents Night Out which will take place in either November or early December.



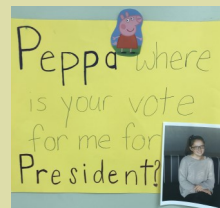
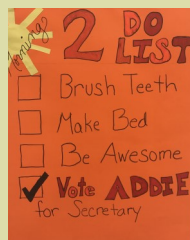
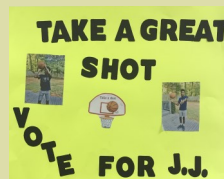
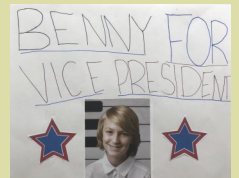
Student Council Officers Elected



September has been a very exciting month for Student Council, as we held our annual elections for officers. We had a great race with so many amazing candidates. All candidates made posters, created a commercial, campaigned, and answered questions live on the broadcast system. We were proud of each candidate and will select our middle school class representatives from this pool of qualified individuals.



After school wide voting, the officers for the 2019-2020 school year are Julie Kershaw, President, Bridget Gallivan, Vice President, JJ Louis, Secretary, Carson Phillips, Treasurer. Congratulations to the new officers. They have hit the ground running planning our upcoming Red Ribbon Week in October.



Jr. Beta Club has Big Plans!



The Jr. Beta Club has been hard at work meeting with Ms. Jenn and Ms. Trish. One of the primary goals of the Jr. Beta Club is to serve their school community. The eight returning members from last year are planning a school wide day of celebration for National Bullying Prevention Month on Wednesday, October 9th. Part of their plans include a theme day where all students wear as much blue as possible because it is the color that represents the goal to end bullying. The Jr. Beta members have also planned a class poster decorating contest that will encourage collaboration and brainstorming on methods to end bullying. Lastly, there will be a Pep Rally to drive home our commitment to the cause.

Jr. Beta Club will open membership to eligible students after the first quarter is complete. In order to participate, students must achieve all A's or all A's and one B and good conduct scores each grading period. Eligible students will be invited to join through an invitation which will outline membership during mid-October.

International Day Brings Other Cultures in Focus



This year students and parents celebrated diversity by traveling to various countries and one continent during our school International Day. Each grade level adopted a country or region to explore and then shared with our audience.

Students made discoveries and learned information about our world as they researched the geography, language, religion, customs, economy, and much more about their country or region. This year our passports were stamped with flags from China, Africa, Spain, Brazil, England, France, and India.



The school assembly was enhanced through songs, instruments and dance. We listened to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star sung in both Mandarin and Spanish, Mama Paquita from Brazil, a welcome song from Africa and other melodies from England, France and the Czech Republic.



Students representing the countries of France and India delighted us with special dances to traditional songs. Many students said that their favorite part of the performance was when the middle school band performed.



The continent of Africa was highlighted by the first graders who unrolled a display showcasing the numerous flags from the region. Students also donned the colors of each country's flag including red and white, as they presented facts about England. French berets and mustaches graced us along with words and phrases from France.

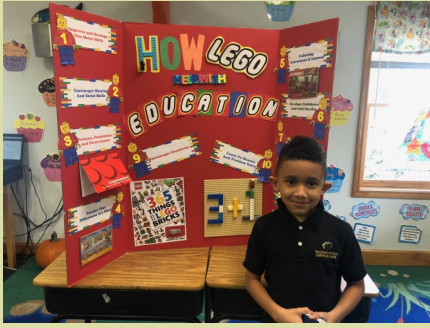
Our middle school students joined together to present their joint research on their country of India. Their efforts included oral reports, interactive games, and traditional clothing worn for ceremonies and everyday. When asked what her favorite part of the day was, Miraya Desai, a fourth-grader said, "I liked the presentation and dancing. It made me feel proud of India."



The culmination of this learning experience occurred after the assembly. Learning was enhanced by having students host fellow classes to share about their countries and sample various foods. Parents and students alike enjoyed scones and jam, cheeses, french bread, truffles, fortune cookies and spring rolls. It was a beautiful day of celebrating, sharing, and learning about cultures all over the world.

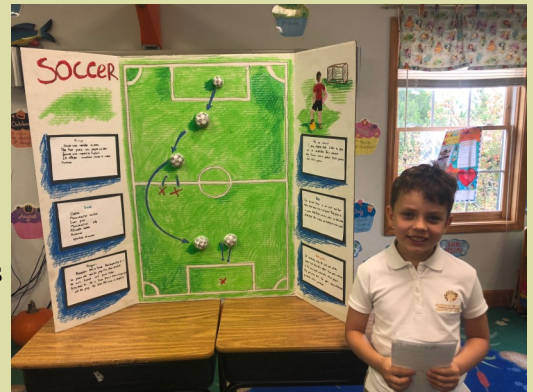


Project Showcase is on the Way



It is time for the annual McGinnis Woods “Project Showcase.” Students in grades first through fourth will be completing this multi-faceted activity. Students may choose a social science topic of their own choice to research, write a paper, complete a tri-fold board and give an oral report. Project Showcase incorporates many skills and allows a child to learn about a topic of interest in depth. Creativity is encouraged for decorating the tri-fold board and communication skills are used for the oral presentation. Famous people are a popular topic choice like former presidents, astronauts,

sports players and scientists. Sports and hobbies are also fun topics that many children choose. Information about Project Showcase will come home on September 30th. Topics are due October 8th. Rough drafts or note cards will be due by October 17th. The final project (paper, tri-fold board and oral presentation) are due on November 4th. We can’t wait to see all of the wonderful boards and reports!



3rd Annual Tech Fair is Coming Soon



It’s time for the 3rd Annual McGinnis Woods Technology Fair! Once again, 5th through 8th graders will be able to show off their tech skills and express their “techie” side by creating videos, coding, making their own website, or even designing a robot. For the middle school, Technology Fair replaces Project Showcase, and it provides an opportunity for students to be as creative as they want to be by using a variety of technological elements. Students will choose from 1 of 9 categories: 3D Modeling, Animation, Audio Production, Digital Photo Production, Graphic Design, Multimedia Applications, Project Programming, Robotics, and Video Production.

Family and friends will be able to see the incredible projects by joining us at the annual Technology Fair scheduled for Monday, November 4. Students will showcase their work and answer questions about their projects, too. Elementary students will tour the exhibit and get excited about the wonderful technology they will use when they join the middle school!

During the fair, a team of judges and teachers will decide on winners from 5th-6th grade and 7th-8th grade who will advance to the Forsyth County Technology Fair to be held in January of 2020. These students could then earn a chance to go to the Georgia Educational Technology Fair at Middle Georgia State University on March 14th, 2020. This is a great opportunity for all middle school students and we are very excited to continue providing this opportunity. For more information regarding the Technology Fair or to volunteer as a judge, please email Ms. Mary at mjohnson@mcinniswoods.org.

We are eager to see the fantastic projects that our students will create. We hope that you will plan to join us to see their creative and informative projects in November.

Pictures from Around the School

