

**CCPS**

# MAGNET

**NCHS VISITS MIDDLE  
GEORGIA REGIONAL  
AIRPORT**

**REX MILL'S  
MINDSET**

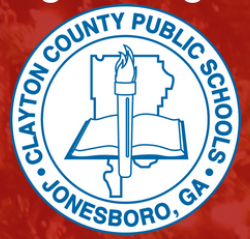
# THE GIFT OF LEARNING

**a gift that keeps on giving**

**PROJECT LEAD THE WAY UNLOCKS  
POTENTIAL AT KING ELEMENTARY**







# NCHS VISITS MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL AIRPORT

STORY CONTRIBUTED BY MS. CHERVONA WHITAKER, NCHS MAGNET LEAD & DUAL ENROLLMENT CONTACT, AND DR. DARRYL BAYNES, NCHS AVIATION INSTRUCTOR

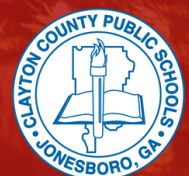
## NCHS at Middle Georgia Regional Airport

On November 13, 2023, a group of thirty-nine students from the NCHS Aviation Magnet Program, accompanied by their Aviation Instructor and Pilot, Dr. Darryl Baynes, visited the aviation hangar at Middle Georgia Regional Airport in Macon, Georgia. The purpose of the visit was to learn about the aircraft used by the Georgia Forestry Service to spot, prevent, and respond to forest fires in central Georgia and the surrounding areas.

During the visit, the students were introduced to smaller and larger drones. The smaller drones are used to scan the central Georgia area and detect fires, while the larger drones carry timed incendiaries that are released to ignite controlled fires. The students were also given a tour of two types of aircraft used to maintain fires: water drop planes that can carry about 500 gallons of water to release on fires, and spotters which search for fires.



Pictures from NCHS visiting Middle Georgia Regional Airport





# The Gift of Learning: Why It's the Best Present You Can Give

As the holidays approach, one might ponder what presents to give loved ones. While tangible gifts are thrilling, one gift can truly impact someone's life: the gift of learning. Continuous learning can unlock new possibilities, expand our horizons, and foster personal development. Whether it involves acquiring new expertise, delving into a novel field, or merely expanding our knowledge, the advantages of learning are endless.

## Why is learning such a valuable gift?

Learning is essential in keeping up with the ever-changing world, as advancements in technology and the emergence of new industries require us to constantly stay updated. Acquiring new skills and knowledge not only enhances our chances of success in both professional and personal aspects but also contributes to our overall growth as individuals. Exploring various subjects and perspectives allows us to gain a profound comprehension of our surroundings and fosters empathy toward others, ultimately resulting in more meaningful relationships, improved communication, and a stronger sense of community.

## Who will benefit from this gift?

Children and teenagers can greatly benefit from the gift of learning. By instilling a love for learning at an early age, we can set our scholars up for success in school and beyond. Learning can also be a fun and engaging way for families to spend quality time together. Of course, adults can also continue to learn and grow throughout their lives, and it's never too late to start.

## How can you give the gift of learning this season?

There are many options to choose from, depending on your interests and budget. Consider giving a book on a topic your loved one is interested in, signing them up for an online course, or even just taking them to a museum or cultural event.

Ultimately, the gift of learning keeps on giving. It can inspire us to reach our full potential, connect us with others, and make the world a better place. So this holiday season, let's give the gift of learning and spread the joy of knowledge and growth.







# REX MILL'S MINDSET

STORY CONTRIBUTED BY MRS. ADRIAN OLIVER, MSAP DIVERSITY SPECIALIST

## Fixed Mindset vs. Growth Mindset

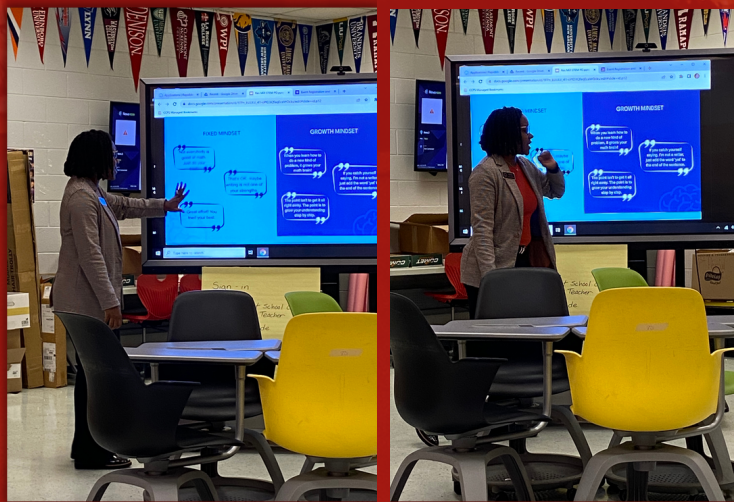
The teachers at Rex Mill Middle School recently participated in a professional development session led by MSAP Diversity Specialist, Mrs. Adrian Oliver. During the session, Mrs. Oliver provided growth mindset training based on Dr. Carol Dweck's book, "Mindset: The New Psychology of Success."

The training aimed to help the teachers identify and address any fixed mindsets they may have about their instructional practices and relationships with students. Mrs. Oliver covered various strategies for shifting from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset.

Fixed mindset refers to the belief that one's abilities and intelligence are predetermined and fixed, and cannot be changed with effort or learning. People with a fixed mindset tend to avoid challenges, give up easily when faced with obstacles, and feel threatened by the success of others.

On the other hand, a growth mindset is the belief that one's abilities and intelligence can be developed through hard work, dedication, and learning. People with a growth mindset embrace challenges, persist through obstacles, and are inspired by the success of others, as they see it as an opportunity to learn and improve themselves.

By adopting a growth mindset, individuals can achieve their goals, become more resilient, and develop a love for learning.



## Magnet Lead Corner

"Diversity is one of the highest priorities within the five pillars that Magnet Schools of America was founded upon. Foundational to preparing our scholars to live and compete in a global society is making sure they are culturally responsive, able to celebrate differences and have the ability to thrive in a racially diverse society."

The leadership of Magnet Schools of America values diversity as a strength and believes that by providing parents and students the option to choose theme-based programs that work for them. Diversity is not merely a foundational concept but is the cornerstone of school choice."

-Dr. Jimmy Cheek, District Level Magnet Lead







# PROJECT LEAD THE WAY UNLOCKS POTENTIAL AT KING ELEMENTARY

## Introducing PLTW Launch

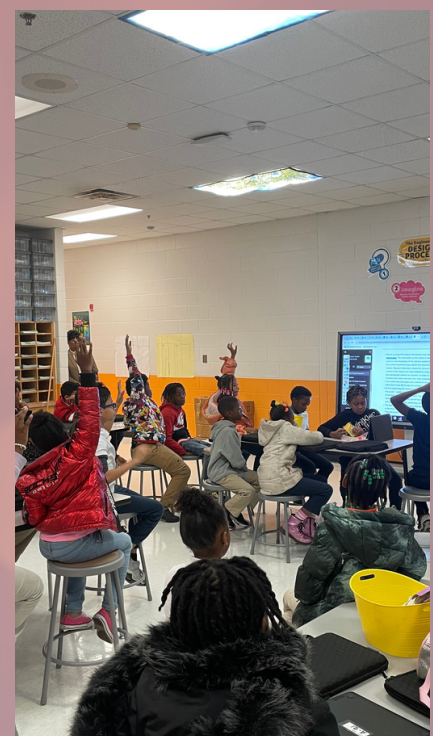
We are thrilled to share with you an exciting event that took place on November 2, 2023, at King Elementary School. The school organized and hosted a showcase for the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Launch program.

Project Lead The Way is a non-profit organization that creates STEM curricula for American schools. PLTW Launch is designed specifically for K-5 students, encouraging hands-on learning that feels like play. It is an excellent way to tap into children's exploratory nature while developing equity, critical thinking skills, and more. Students have the opportunity to explore various fields such as engineering, computer science, biomedical science, and more.

The showcase was attended by educators from various schools, including Morrow High School, North Clayton Middle School, King Elementary School, and West Clayton Elementary School (all four schools under the Stemifying Clayton County Project), along with instructors from surrounding districts. The PLTW curriculum overview was given by Aimee Brown, PLTW director, who was available to answer any questions the attendees may have had about the Launch program and other Pre-K-12 Curriculums offered by PLTW. Dr. Lisa Hinton, District Magnet Lead, talked about the significance of PLTW in Clayton County Schools.

Attendees were able to see King Elementary students in action navigating the Launch program. They witnessed students' eagerness to engage in STEM activities. Ms. Trenita Perkins, STEM teacher at King Elementary, led the Launch classroom preview. We are pleased to see the collaboration and opportunities our scholars have with access to PLTW and their curriculum.

Overall, it was an informative and exciting event for all who attended. We look forward to seeing more schools adopt the PLTW Launch program and inspire students to explore STEM fields.



# PLTW



SCHOOL CHOICE & MAGNET PROGRAMS  
**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

WIGO 1570 AM Radio Station  
We Care Charter Bus Company  
Victory Wellness Pharmacy  
Top Notch Floral Studio & Events  
General Philip Breedlove, Retired USAF  
Nicole Bronner, Benchmark Physical  
Therapy  
Music Greeks, Inc.  
EOHC at Morehouse School of Medicine  
Kennesaw State University  
Dr. LaTonya Gillespie, Southern Pearl  
Dentistry  
Clayton State University: Film, Comm,  
Perf. Arts  
CCWA: Newman Wetlands Cente  
Tones Collective, LLC  
The Resource Guild  
StringRise TM  
Spivey Hall  
GALEO  
Dr. Adrienne Ammons, Concord Dental  
ArtistDirector Media  
Sgt. Willie Reed, US Army Band  
RO's Body Natural  
Rhema Word Enterprises, LLC  
Jonesy's Place  
Dr. Kevin Carson, GA Vascular Institute  
Dr. Nikki Adeniyi  
Dr. David Wright



# Diverse Holidays Celebrated in December



As the holiday break approaches, we acknowledge and honor the diverse holidays observed by our students and communities globally. We encourage students of various religions to embrace and celebrate their cultural practices as a means of expressing their distinct beliefs and traditions. By celebrating these diverse holidays, we foster understanding and respect among different cultures and religions.

It is crucial to acknowledge and appreciate the differences in religions and celebrate them as a means of personal and societal growth. Various religions commemorate different holidays due to their distinct beliefs, traditions, and historical backgrounds. For instance, Christians celebrate Christmas to remember the birth of Jesus Christ, while Jews observe Hanukkah to commemorate the miracle of the oil in the temple. Similarly, Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr to mark the end of Ramadan, and Hindus celebrate Diwali to symbolize the victory of light over darkness. December is a month rich in worldwide holiday celebrations, and here are a few of the most popular ones:



## CHRISTMAS

Christmas is celebrated on December 25th and is a Christian holiday that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ



## HANUKKAH

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that usually falls in December and lasts for eight days.



## KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is an African American holiday that is celebrated from December 26th to January 1st



## NEW YEARS EVE

New Year's Eve is celebrated on December 31st and marks the end of the current year and the beginning of the new year



# Happy Holidays

**FROM :**

**Clayton County  
Public School's**

**DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL CHOICE  
AND MAGNET PROGRAMS**



## **Upcoming School Choice Events**

**January 21-27, 2024- School Choice  
Week**

**February 3, 2024- School Choice  
Fair, Application Assistance, and  
Community Feedback Session**

**Late Applications for School Choice  
and Magnet Programs will be  
accepted : February 1, 2024 through  
March 1, 2024**

**Department of School Choice and  
Magnet Programs 2024 Scholarship  
Opportunity TBA**



**HOLIDAY BREAK**

**December 18-  
January 2, 2024**