



Tapp Middle School hosted the District's 1st Cobb Student Leadership Academy, winner of Cobb Tank 2016. The advisors, Jerald Robinson and Semeka Samuels designed a leadership training conference this summer (June 5-8 & June 12-15, 2017) that hosted participants from 6th and 7th grade. 1st Cobb Student Leadership Academy is comprised of a diverse group of over 36

students. The first week the students participated in engaging activities which were designed to teach the qualities of a great leader, the meaning of teamwork, and how to analyze situations and set S.M.A.R.T. goals around the focus of improving Tapp Middle School and the surrounding community. The participants assessed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that surround Tapp Middle School and developed project ideas to improve the school for the upcoming school year. During the second week of the academy students were divided into groups and paired with a mentor teacher who will assist them during the implementation of their projects. The seven projects that will be implemented during the 2017-18 school year are as follows:

1. **Fun Time Learning** (*Natasha Watkins, teacher*)- Fun Time Learning is a lunch and learn tutoring program. The mission is to assist students who need added support in math and English Language Arts..
2. **H.O.P.E.** (*Christel Bonner, teacher*) - This food pantry program's vision is to provide hope and help to the families of Tapp Middle School one food basket or backpack at a time.
3. **Roots to Wings** (*Blaine Jenkins & Rebecca Lee, teachers*)- Roots to Wings is a student organization that is dedicated to strengthening the skills associated with the Family and Consumer Science curriculum in order to improve the quality of life for students and others. In this organization, students will learn how to cook, sew, decorate spaces and plan events. Roots to Wings mission is to build a strong foundation while encouraging independence for the real world.
4. **Tap n 2 Tapp** (*Takosha Parks, teacher*)- Tap into Tapp is a social media team that focuses on publishing positive things at Tapp Middle School. This group will work closely with the school's Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) team to help highlight desirable student behavior. Tap into Tapp will also work as a tool to help teach students appropriate uses of social media. #TapN2Tapp will become a part of Tapp's daily student vocabulary.
5. **S.E.R.V.E** (*Alex Shannon, teacher*)- Students **Engaged and Ready to Volunteer Everywhere** will focus on community service activities to engage the community and provide students the opportunity to become active members of Powder Springs. The S.E.R.V.E motto is For Students, School Personnel, and Parents to SERVE Who you can..., Where you can..., How you can..., When you can..., For As Long as you can.....
6. **Audio/Visual Team** (*Kim Nelson, teacher*)- The Audio/Visual Team will dedicate their time toward the improvement of the news team and the creation of quality audio/visual products. The members of the Audio/Visual team will create a digital school newspaper and serve as tutors for video production. This team will work with professional video producers throughout the school year.
7. **Campus Beautification** (*Jerald Robinson, teacher*) - The students who are part of the campus beautification team will target areas that are not aesthetically pleasing and create new art around the school Campus.



The funding from Cobb Tank was used to purchase the supplies during the two week academy, marketing & recruitment and for stipends for mentor teachers. Tapp Middle School is excited to implement the projects this semester. We would like to thank McEachern High School Beta Club and McEachern United Methodist Church for volunteering for the 1st Cobb Student Leadership Academy.