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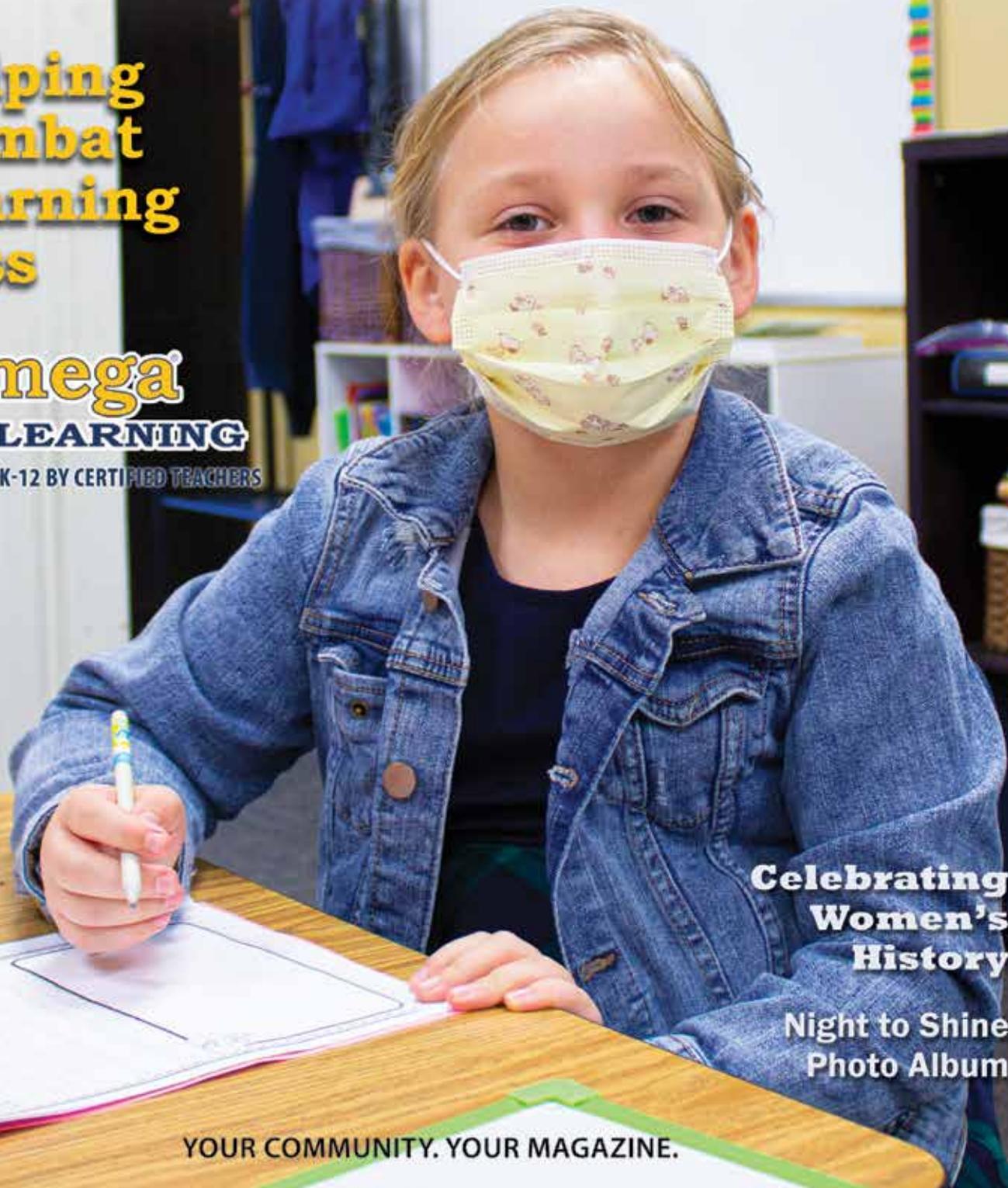
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School News



Malachi Singleton and his mom, Margaret, signed cards for Dogwood Forest residents.

Football Players Visit Acworth Seniors

Last month, North Cobb High School football players and cheerleaders brought Valentine's Day cheer to the residents and staff of Dogwood Forest, an assisted living facility in downtown Acworth.

Sophomore quarterback Malachi Singleton gathered players and cheerleaders to drop off cards and balloons to residents. Singleton is a dual-threat quarterback for the Warriors who is being recruited by Power 5 programs, according to numerous recruiting news sources.

Mount Paran Breaks Ground on New Building

On Feb. 5, Mount Paran Christian School celebrated the culmination of a yearlong capital campaign with a "virtual" groundbreaking ceremony for the new Murray Innovation Center. The building, named after a generous lead gift from the Stuart and Eulene Murray Foundation, is a 23,000-plus-square-foot expansion of the current Dozier Hall high school building, originally built to house 250 students. MPCS will offer innovative new learning spaces for its 450 high school students.

MPCS families and staff watched the ceremony via livestreaming. The event had physically distanced limited attendance, with remarks from Head of School Tim Wiens, Assistant Head of School and Head of High School Tawanna Rusk, Board of Trustees Chair George Ethridge and Imagine Tomorrow capital campaign Co-Chair David Bottoms.

Bottoms thanked the 276 donors, who contributed \$12.4 million to pay for the new building in full, including the inception of the school's first endowment fund. The Murray Innovation Center will include additional classroom and lab space, as well as a collegiate-style technology-enhanced classroom, a maker space, a fabrication lab, a state-of-the-art digital lab, and a permanent home for the state championship-winning Eagle Robotics teams.

During the ceremony, middle school students paraded onto the building site, lining up to form the marked perimeter footprint of the new building as a visual representation of the innovative space to come. The event officially was commemorated with a countdown, as Shelton, the Eagle mascot, fired confetti cannons.

MPCS plans to welcome students into the Murray Innovation Center during the second semester of the 2021-2022 academic year.



Shelton, the Mount Paran mascot, fires a confetti cannon.



Marietta Mayor Steve "Thunder" Tumlin, capital campaign Co-Chairs David and Brittney Bottoms, Shelton the Eagle, Head of School Tim Wiens, Cobb Chamber President and CEO Sharon Mason, Tawanna Rusk and George Ethridge attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the Murray Innovation Center.