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Breaking Barriers with Proximity Gap Network

We are so proud and grateful to partner with **Proximity Gap Network!** Their Proximity Van is bridging gaps to provide reliable transportation for our students, starting with our City Council field trip. We are looking forward to many more field trips and to helping our students access the support they need.



Thank You!

To our wonderful teachers, tutors, and bus drivers who work so hard helping our community and students succeed. We couldn't do it without you!



Afterschool Advocacy

"It is always a pleasure to see our young people step up to the plate."

– **Norcross Mayor Craig Newton**

SmarterMe® students (from right to left) Ryleigh, Arisbeth, Fatima, Elizabeth, and Cataleya attended a **Norcross City Council meeting** as Afterschool Advocates. These students, ranging in age from nine to thirteen years old, worked hard writing and presenting a speech requesting a dedicated Norcross youth center. This project was an important lesson for our Afterschool Advocates in developing their civic voices, acting as important agents of change.



Student Garden

Our agriculture-planting day with **UGA Extension** was a success! Students learned about ideal planting sites, the planting calendar, and soil composition before planting their own garden beds with corn, squash, peppers, and more. Students will continue to help nurture and grow their plants this summer, much like their learning!