

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Gainesville City School System will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

## Enota Artist Wins Local Contest



Winning Artwork by Erik Fuentes



**GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

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### Important Dates

January 15

**ML King Holiday  
(Weather Make-up)**

January 16

**BOE Meeting  
School Board Office  
6:00 p.m.**

Congratulations to third grader Erik Fuentes of Enota MI Academy as the winner of the 2018 Arbor Day Student Art and Essay Contest which included over 100 entries with the theme "I Speak For Trees". The contest was sponsored by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee and the Georgia Forestry Service. Erik and his artwork will be recognized at the Annual Arbor Day Celebration on February 16th at the Atlanta Botanical Garden in Gainesville.

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## Gainesville High Earns AP Distinction



Gainesville High School and the Gainesville City School District were named to the 8th annual AP (Advanced Placement) District Honor Roll, being one of only four districts for the state of Georgia to earn this distinction.

The AP District Honor Roll recognizes school districts committed to increasing access to AP for underrepresented students while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Inclusion on the Honor Roll distinction is based on examination of three years of AP data from 2015 to 2017 that meet specific criteria. AP District Honor Roll recipients are committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

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## Living The Dream of Making Futures Brighter

February 5

BOE Meeting  
Public Safety Complex  
6:00 p.m.

February 6

Progress Report

February 19-22

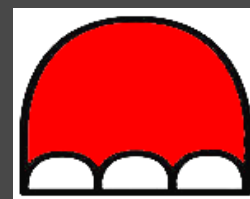
Winter Break  
(Weather Make-up)

February 23

Teacher Planning  
(Weather Make-up)

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## Upcoming Events



EVENT CALENDAR

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## Points of Pride



2017-18 District & School  
Achievements

2017 GCSS Data Snapshot



Mrs. Sharon Woodall

Congratulations to Mrs. Sharon Woodall as the Faculty on Fire winner for Centennial Arts Academy. A devoted teacher who loves singing and making people laugh, Mrs. Woodall pours her heart and soul into providing quality instruction for all children regardless of their needs or deficiencies. Employed with the school district for 11 years, Mrs. Woodall, a Special Education teacher, has also served as a K-2 Resource teacher and as a trainer for Mindset Crisis Intervention. "I have always enjoyed working with children," she stated. "I love seeing little minds grow and absorb knowledge. That Ah-Ha moment when understanding occurs is the absolute best in the world. I enjoy knowing that my profession makes all other professions possible. It is an incredible responsibility to teach the future."

Mrs Woodall wants her students to enjoy learning new, exciting things, and she works hard in ensuring that learning is fun for them by incorporating interesting learning strategies in her classroom instruction. "I enjoy singing and I try to find or make a song that helps [students] to remember learning targets or the steps involved. I also enjoy teaching the kids phrases in other languages that I learn on my travels. For example, Ohana (Hawaiian) means family, and Jambo (Swahili) means hello." In fact, "family" means a lot to Mrs. Woodall; which is why she strives to create a classroom culture that centers around family. "I feel that since my [students] are together so much I want to instill a sense of family. I want them to look out for one another and help each other when they need to." she stated. "I think it is important that they know that even if sometimes we don't get along, it is important to talk about it and forgive each other because we are family."

As an educator in the area of Special Education, Mrs. Woodall understands the importance of tailoring her instruction to satisfy her students' individual needs. "I try my best to incorporate different learning types into my lessons: auditory, verbal, read/write, and kinesthetic. We have flexible seating which means kids can stand up, or even lay on the floor to learn." She explained, "I know that they can all learn at some level, and through differentiation, I can make learning possible for everyone. I want them to feel successful and know that their future is bright."

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## Alumni News



[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

[Class of 2017 Achievements](#)

[Class of 2017 College Acceptances](#)

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### Vision

Our students will think critically, act compassionately, work meaningfully, choose wisely, and live joyfully.

### Mission

As *ONE GAINESVILLE*,  
we will  
*INSPIRE*,  
*NURTURE*,  
*CHALLENGE &*  
*PREPARE*  
our students

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### Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International  
Academy

Gainesville  
Exploration Academy

New Holland  
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

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- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS\_GEA**
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