

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



2018-2019 Attendance Zones/Clusters Informational Meeting



The Gainesville City School System will host an informational meeting regarding the district's proposed attendance zones and clusters for the 2018-2019 school year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend. District staff will be available to answer questions. The meeting will be held on the following date:

- **January 30, 2018** - 6:00 p.m. - Centennial Arts Academy (located at 852 Century Place, Gainesville, GA 30501)

Please click the links below for additional information regarding the proposed attendance zones/clusters.

- [Attendance Zones/Clusters Information \(English\)](#)
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Important Dates

February 5

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

February 6

Progress Report

Violinist Selected for All-State Orchestra



Adam Jobson

Congratulations to GHS student Adam Jobson on being selected for the 2018 Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) 11/12 All State Orchestra as a violinist. He had to pass two very competitive auditions to be chosen. The event will be held at the Classic Center in Athens on March 1-3. Since there is no orchestra program at Gainesville High School, Adam is the only student representing the school as a violinist. "I'm super excited to be playing with All-State Orchestra again," says Adam. "There's nothing like the feeling of being right in the center of the music with other talented musicians." Adam is a seasoned musician, having played the violin for 13 years. This is his fifth time to make All State Orchestra.

Scholars "Reached" At Orientation Meeting

February 19-22

Winter Break
(Weather Make-up)

February 23

Teacher Planning
(Weather Make-up)

March 8

End of Third Grading
Period

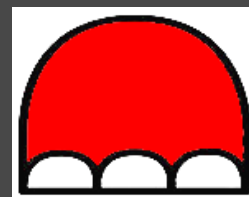
March 13

Report Cards

March 30

Teacher Planning
(Weather Make-up)


Upcoming Events



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Points of Pride





School & Community mentors reach out to Scholars

The district's 2017 REACH Scholars recently met at a REACH Orientation meeting held at Gainesville Middle School. Academic coaches and community mentors received pertinent information regarding their roles in the program. They also got an opportunity to bond with the scholars. In the REACH Georgia program, a mentor is paired with each scholar to offer guidance throughout middle and high school. Academic coaches are also assigned to scholars to ensure that the students stay on track academically. The 2017 GMS Reach Scholars are Gemima Ntekawa Deko, Abigail Goss, Naomi Reese, Cristian Reyes, and Jonathan Velasquez. This is the district's second year sponsoring the program.

The REACH Georgia program is a needs-based scholarship program that pairs middle school students (scholars) with mentors, coaches and additional resources to prepare them for college and careers. REACH Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school earn a \$10,000 scholarship paid over four years.

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Alumni News



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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

Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International



Mundy Mill Academy Faculty on Fire - Ana Hortman

Born in Colombia, South America and relocated to the United States at the age of 11, Mrs. Ana Hortman lives her life to the fullest, going above and beyond in everything she does. With a warm smile and an endearing personality, she has a determined spirit and a "can do" attitude in every challenge that she faces. "The defining moment was when I moved to America," she states. "Being an English Language Learner myself, I wanted to be an example of the American Dream for my students, especially my ELL students. I wanted them to see that through hard work, patience, and dedication, anything is possible. I have been in their shoes, and I devote my whole heart everyday into helping them build a successful future." Because of her empathy for her students as well as her excellent work ethic and leadership style, she was selected as the Faculty on Fire recipient for Mundy Mill Learning Academy. She is a great leader and motivator in the Mundy Mill Eagles family.

After completing her student teaching at Fair Street International Academy during the Spring of 2014, Mrs. Hortman continued working there as a certified teacher for three years, receiving recognition as Fair Street's Teacher of the Year within her second year of teaching. During the Fall of 2017, she transferred to the newly built Mundy Mill Academy and continues to bring the same positive energy that she had at Fair Street. "My own love of children and learning has always made me passionate about teaching," she states. "I have always carried a little piece of all of my teachers, and it is those pieces that have shaped me into the educator I am today."

In the classroom, Mrs. Hortman urges students to think "outside of the box" and to explore their individuality and let their voices be heard. "Creativity drives engagement, and I encourage my students to use their own skills and talents to aid in learning. We are rarely at our seats since my activities consist of movement around the room and finding a place that will help us focus. I have a stage at the front of the room, along with a microphone to do presentations and shout outs. I encourage [my students] to stand up when they speak because their

Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

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voices are important."

As an educator, Mrs. Hortman strives to be the best teacher who she can be by continuing to incorporate innovative strategies that foster student engagement, bringing the curriculum to life. She wants her students to discover their creative "breakthrough", utilizing their strengths to their advantage. "My story lives within thousands of ELL students today. They all have their stories, their parents' stories, and their grandparents' stories. I strive on those stories, their hopes, and dreams. I want them to value their education so that they can make a difference in the world."



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