

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



**GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

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#### **Important Dates**

January 9

1st Semester  
Report Cards

January 15

ML King Holiday  
(Weather Make-up)

## **Schools Participate in Hour of Code**



Students enjoy various coding activities

Gainesville City Schools participated in the Hour of Code during the week of December 4th - 10th. Students were engaged in one hour of

instruction in computer science and computer programming to nurture problem solving skills, logic, and creativity. Classes participated in coding utilizing several activities and methods, and were allowed to bring electronic devices from home to use. The goal of the event was to teach all students that computer science is fun, engaging, and easily learned regardless of age or background. Besides the students, other "learners" of coding included the classroom teachers who gained confidence that they can teach computer science even though they may not have a college degree as a computer scientist. The district's initiative is to get all students involved in computer programming to prepare them for the 21st century workforce.

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## GMS Hosts "Smart Response" Meeting



GMS parents engage in informative discussions

On December 7th, Gainesville Middle School hosted a "Smart Response" presentation for middle school parents and students. The meeting was coordinated by Dr. Monica Hayman, 8th Grade School Counselor, along with GMS Parent Coordinator Veronica Portillo. Jeanne Buffington, CEO of the Rape Response Inc., and Jen Tarnoski, prevention educator, engaged parents in meaningful discussions and answered questions that they had.

"It was inspiring to see a diverse student age group with parents in attendance," stated Dr. Hayman. "We have a wealth of information that can support parents and students, it is my hope that more parents and students would participate in the various informational parent/student events at GMS." Ms. Portillo agreed that it was a great informational meeting as well as a great community resource for parents: "We definitely appreciate our parents coming and being informed!"

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## Mundy Mill is "Rocking and Reading"

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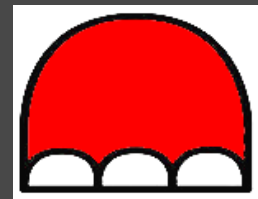
Winter Break  
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Community volunteers read to students

Mundy Mill Learning Academy's first annual "Rock and Read" was a great success! On December 13th, several distinguished guests graciously volunteered their time to read holiday-themed stories to students. The event promoted the importance of reading and increased community involvement at the school.

The Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce (Andi Harmon), Gainesville City Police Department (Chief Carol Martin and Officer Vann), Gainesville City Council (Councilman Sam Couvillion), Hall County Library (Gail Hogan), Jacobs Media (Alyson Shields), Linda Rosenberry (community mentor volunteer), and the Gainesville Fire Department were all represented among the volunteer readers. Additionally, Gainesville City School Board Members, Dr. Delores Diaz and Mr. Sammy Smith, as well as Partners in Education, Jackson EMC and Chick-Fil-A, participated in this celebration of the holiday season through literature. It was a fun-filled day of reading for students and their guests!

## **Gainesville City BOE Called Meeting January 3, 2018**



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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



Gainesville City BOE Called Meeting

The Gainesville City Board of Education Called Meeting was held on January 3, 2018 at the School Board Office. New incoming board members, Heather Ramsey and Andy Stewart, were officially sworn in by the Honorable Andrew Fuller, Hall County Superior Court Judge. New board officers were elected for the year as: John Filson (Board Chair), Willie Mitchell (Vice Chair), and Sammy Smith (Treasurer). The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda reports as submitted by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links listed below.

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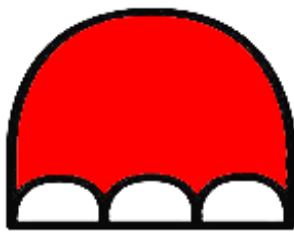
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- **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
- **Fair Street - @GCSS\_FS**
- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS\_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS\_MMLA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS\_NH**
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