

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Senior Receives National Merit Recognition



National Merit recognition- John Kaufman

Gainesville High School senior John Kaufman was selected as a Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from GHS and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation was presented to John, highlighting this exemplary achievement.

Approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. They are among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Test (PSAT/NMSQT). These students represent an elite group who demonstrates academic excellence in high school and college, emerging as strong future leaders of our nation.

Gainesville High School principal Tom Smith states, "Congratulations to John for his outstanding PSAT score. As a result, he made the national Commended Student list for the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. This is just another example of hard work paying off. "



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Important Dates

October 16

**REACH Georgia
Signing Ceremony
5:30 p.m.
Public Safety Complex**

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

October 17

The Gainesville City School System commends John for his outstanding achievement and exemplary representation of Gainesville High School. John is the son of Haynes Kaufman of Gainesville.

Report Cards

October 22

Rockin' 50 Paint Party

4:30 p.m.

Location: At the Rock

Walking On The Wild Side

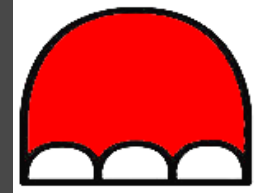


MPACT students enjoy walking on the wild side

Are you willing to take a walk on the wild side? Students at New Holland Knowledge Academy are eager to take a daring risk every once in a while! New Holland's MPACT students in first and second grades took a walk on the wild side as they put old socks over their shoes to see how many seeds would stick to them. The students then put the socks in a cup with a little water. Over the next few weeks, they will observe their seeds to see how many will sprout! Now that is wild!

FCCLA Energizes At Fall Leadership Rally


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FCCLA students compete in bowl competition

On October 11th, students from the Gainesville High School and Gainesville Middle School chapters of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) participated in the motivational leadership rally "Energize Your Performance the 4-minute Formula" presented by the nationally renowned speaker Eddie Slowikowski in Perry, Georgia. With over 3,700 Georgia FCCLA members in attendance, GCSS was well represented with 39 Gainesville High School students, 6 Gainesville Middle School students, 3 advisers and Mrs. Helen Perry as a chaperone. The students toured the Georgia National Fairgrounds and gained first-hand knowledge of agriculture and it's importance in Georgia.

GMS and GHS also had teams to compete in the Knowledge Bowl at the event. The competition was fierce, and as a result GMS won fourth place. GHS finished strong but did not place in the top four. Both schools are commended for their tremendous efforts in the competition. Overall, the leadership rally proved to be an awesome experience for all of the students!

The Perfect Model For Positive Behavior

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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 Academy

Gainesville Exploration Academy

New Holland Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

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Students at Centennial display positive behavior

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a systems approach to establishing social culture and behavioral support for students to achieve optimal social and academic success. Recognizing the need for consistent expectations that must be explicitly taught and reinforced, Gainesville City strives to create Ready, Respectful, Responsible, Role Models. In only our second year of full district-wide PBIS implementation, GCSS is exceeding requirements for proactive and preventative behavior support by reducing problem behaviors by 37%. To further demonstrate PBIS success, all GCSS schools have achieved a 4 or 5 star climate rating, and the district was chosen to present Gainesville City's PBIS work at the state-wide PBIS conference in an effort to inspire other Georgia systems. Continuing the tradition of excellence, Fair Street International Academy has also been selected to present at the 2017 Georgia PBIS State Conference. Fair Street's leaders will be sharing their work with PBIS highlighting reductions in discipline referrals and explaining strategies that have made a difference. We applaud each of our schools and their commitment to student success. As One Gainesville, students and staff strive to be Ready, Respectful, Responsible, Role Models.

GCSS REACH Georgia Signing Ceremony



The Gainesville City School System will host a second annual REACH Georgia Signing Ceremony for our 2017 Gainesville Middle School REACH Scholars on Monday, October 16th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex located at 701 Queen City Parkway. The event will feature REACH Scholars and their parents/guardians signing contracts to commit to satisfying the REACH program requirements which include graduating from high school and enrolling and completing college. Scholars are awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to a Georgia college or post-secondary institution of their choice after successfully completing all requirements. The community is invited to join us in honoring our scholars for their outstanding achievement.

Let's ROCK at the Rockin' 50th Paint Party



GCSS will celebrate the 50th birthday of "The Rock" with a **"Rockin' 50th Paint Party"** on Sunday, October 22nd at 4:30 p.m. at "The Rock". The community is invited to join us in celebrating this special occasion.

Community members are asked to bring a rock to paint which will be added to our schools' rock gardens. All GCSS schools will have a tent and/or table at the event, and GCSS alumni are encouraged to visit their former school's or the Alumni's tent or table to participate in painting activities. Shuttle services will be provided by the GCSS Transportation department from the Gainesville High School parking lot to the Rock to reduce traffic congestion and parking limitations.

To commemorate the 50th birthday of "The Rock", the community is encouraged to send photos of the Rock taken over the past 50 years to rock50@gcssk12.net or click [here](#) to submit photos.

Online Donations Now Available for

REACH Scholarship Program



2016 REACH Georgia Scholars

Gainesville City School System encourages the community to support our REACH Georgia Scholars program by making a financial contribution to provide an opportunity for select GCSS students to pursue a college education. REACH Georgia 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 at a Georgia college or technical college of their choice. 100% of all donations collected will contribute toward REACH scholarships.

Gainesville City School System and Hall County Schools have joined efforts in raising donations for our REACH scholars. Donations can now be made online at www.ngcf.org. Monetary donations to REACH can be made in the Gainesville-Hall Fund at the North Georgia Community Foundation and are tax deductible (501c3). Checks may be mailed to NGCF at 615 Oak Street, Suite 1300, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. (When submitting checks, please note REACH: Gainesville-Hall Fund on the check memo line).

For individuals interested in mentoring REACH scholars, please contact Marie Davis at marie.davis@centerpointga.org. For additional information regarding the GCSS REACH program, please click [here](#).

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