

Hispanic Heritage Month Inspires HOPE



Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th to pay tribute to Hispanic Americans and recognize their culture, histories and contributions to society. While there are 20 different Spanish-speaking countries, this month attempts to highlight the differences between each country while simultaneously uniting the people from those countries and educating other races and ethnicities on what it means to be from a Spanish-speaking country. Hispanic Heritage Month is especially important at Gainesville High School considering the school's high Hispanic population which is approximately 60% Hispanic. Hispanic students are well-represented at GHS, as a result of a positive, inclusive school environment. The month-long celebration enables the school community to unite and honor our Hispanic students and faculty. "It is a chance for my [Hispanic] students to teach me something about their lives and their culture that I don't get to see every day," said Jordan Plank, GHS teacher. "I love to see how empowered they feel and how much fun they are having. This month really brings the whole school closer."

Under the guidance of Ms. Plank along with GHS staff members Nydia Arriaga and Betsy Escamilla, the HOPE (Hispanic Organization Promoting Education) Club has coordinated several activities in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month. Every Friday, the club sponsors "Fiesta Friday" which features Hispanic cultural activities such as dancing and piñatas. On Wednesdays, HOPE has "Influence Wednesdays" which showcases prominent Hispanic leaders. The club also hosts a Hispanic food tasting event with assistance from parent volunteers and decorates the school with



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Important Dates

October 8

Columbus Day Holiday

October 9

Teacher Planning Day

October 10

Splost Listening Session
 Mundy Mill Academy
 10:00 a.m.

October 15

banners and posters to increase awareness about Hispanic events. On October 12th, HOPE will host its first annual movie night at the GHS softball field to educate and entertain the community with food, games, and fun activities. The goal is to unite all races and ethnicities while exposing students, staff, and families to the Hispanic culture.



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

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

October 16

**Splost Listening Session
Gainesville Middle
School
6:00 p.m.**

October 24

**Splost Listening Session
Fair Street Neighborhood
Center
10:00 a.m.**

October 30

**Splost Listening Session
Gainesville High School
6:00 p.m.**

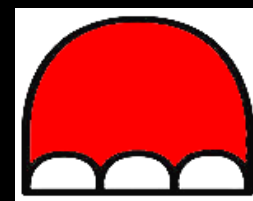
Aw Shucks Day At GEA



Aw Shucks Champions - Ms. Collins' Fourth Grade Class

Fourth grade classes at Gainesville Exploration Academy engaged in some fun competition and an educational lesson as they joined the GCSS School Nutrition department in celebrating "Aw Shucks" Day! Students competed intensely in a corn-shucking relay to determine which class could shuck a basket of corn in the fastest amount of time. Ms. Brittany Collins' class won the relay, claiming the title as the "Aw Shucks" champions. This experience


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Points of Pride

enabled the students to understand how food is transported from the "farm" to the "fork" by allowing them to shuck freshly picked corn that was served as a lunch option the next school day prepared by GEA's cafeteria staff!



GMS Paints the School Red with Pride



GMS students and staff show their school spirit

Students and staff at Gainesville Middle School showed a lot of "Big Red" Spirit as they celebrated Spirit Week at their school. Themed days such as Shine Bright, Nerd vs. Jocks, Hawaiian Day, Red Out, and Dynamic Duo/Twin Day challenged everyone to show their unique and, in some cases, unusual style of dress. There was also a door decorating competition to see which classroom had the best door that displayed school pride. To conclude the exciting week, a pep rally was held for everyone to cheer and chant as part of the Red Elephant herd. It was a great experience for the entire student body, especially the new sixth graders who received a quick lesson on how their older peers show their "Big Red Spirit" at GMS.

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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



Gainesville City School System will host four ESPLOST Listening Sessions for the public. District personnel will discuss previous projects and the district's financial responsibility and will answer questions related to overcrowding and the future growth of the school district. Feedback from the community will help guide the future of the school system. The sessions will be held on the following dates:

- **October 10, 2018** - Mundy Mill Learning Academy (4260 Millside Parkway, Gainesville, GA) - 10:00 a.m.
- **October 16, 2018** - Gainesville Middle School (1581 Community Way, Gainesville, GA) - 6:00 p.m.
- **October 24, 2018** - Fair Street Neighborhood Center (715 Fair Street, Gainesville, GA) - 10:00 a.m.
- **October 30, 2018** - Gainesville High School (830 Century Place, Gainesville, GA) - 6:00 p.m.

Gainesville City Board Work Session October 1, 2018



The Gainesville City Board of Education Work Session was held on Monday, October 1st at the School Board Office. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda items presented by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links listed below.

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MAINTAINS ABOVE
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OCTOBER 1 - 31, 2018

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OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 2

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