

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



## Have a Wonderful and Safe Fall Break



The Gainesville City School System will be closed for Fall Break for students and teachers on October 6th - 9th. A Teacher Planning Work Day is scheduled for teachers on Tuesday, October 10th.

**Have a safe holiday!**

## Got Milk? Let's Celebrate Milk Day



**GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

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### **Important Dates**

October 6 - 9

Fall Break Holiday

October 10

Teacher Planning

October 16

REACH Georgia



School Nutrition celebrates World School Milk Day with students

Mundy Mill Academy and School Nutrition joined schools in over 40 countries to celebrate the 18th anniversary of World School Milk Day (WSMD) on September 27th. Students tasted milk, bottled just one day before the event at Mountain Fresh Creamery in Clermont. Now that's fresh! Local dairy farmer and former teacher, Mindy Pitchford, taught students about the milking and bottling process, along with the nutritious qualities of their non-homogenized local milk. The event was sponsored by the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia Mountain Branch.

World School Milk Day was celebrated throughout the school district. School Nutrition employees dressed as cows, and Wayne Gable, longtime Mayfield milk man, was treated like a celebrity on one of the most important days of the year for him!

## Fall Festival Brings Food, Fun, & Fellowship



Signing Ceremony

5:30 p.m.

Public Safety Complex

BOE Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Complex

October 17

Report Cards

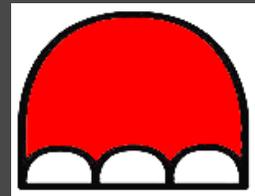
October 22

Rockin' 50 Paint Party

4:30 p.m.

Location: At the Rock

## Upcoming Events



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## Points of Pride



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With over 500 people in attendance, Centennial Arts Academy held its Fall Festival on September 29th to celebrate all of the hard work and donations to Centennial's One and Done fundraiser. Activities for all ages, snow cones, hot dogs, tamales, and lots of candy filled the street, and the festival concluded with a movie on the GHS practice field.

The festival, organized by Centennial's art committee, was in conjunction with the school's PTA to thank donors who had contributed to Centennial's annual One and Done fundraiser, which raises donations to help purchase items needed for Centennial. The event was a huge success as families and the community enjoyed a sunny afternoon filled with food and fun!



[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

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## Calling all Freshman for Tribute Training



GHS Freshman reenact Hunger Games activities

Ninth grade students in Connie Henderson's and Jordan Plank's Reading and Writing I class participated in a real life "Tribute Training" as part of their study of The Hunger Games. There were seven stations in and around the Ninth Grade Center staffed with multiple community and school volunteers (adults and students) who were eager to engage students in experiential learning opportunities. Stations included: camouflage make-up, knot-tying, plant identification, novel-based food tasting, sword fighting, shelter making, and an archery demonstration. It was wonderful to see students jumping into the pages of the novel while gaining practical life skills.

### 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

# Culinary Class Learns Art of Bread Baking

Mundy Mill Academy

[www.gcssk12.net](http://www.gcssk12.net)



High school culinary students visit local bakery business

Mr. Ellis' Culinary Arts class recently went on a field trip to local bread company, Kings Hawaiian, in Oakwood. Students learned about the history of the company, safety and sanitation procedures, employment opportunities, and toured the plant. Each student was given a lei, sunglasses, and a package of delicious Kings Hawaiian rolls. The trip proved to be an invaluable, hands-on learning experience for students; particularly those interested in this field of work. The company is considering possible Work-Based Learning opportunities for GHS students in the future.

## 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.

## **Gainesville City BOE Work Session October 2, 2017**



The Gainesville City Board of Education Work Session was held on Monday, October 2nd at the School Board Office. Gainesville Exploration Academy presented student and staff recognitions which included: Ms. Thompson's College and Career Ready Fifth Graders, GEA Interns, and GEA Faculty on Fire Award winner Mrs. Taylor Munoz.

The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda reports as submitted by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, click the links listed below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trips](#)
- [Rock 50th Birthday Celebration](#)
- [ACT and SAT Results](#)
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- [Literacy Competitions](#)
- [Reach Scholarship Signing](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)
- [Superintendent's Evaluation Template 2017-2018](#)

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## 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 Centennial Arts Academy and Gainesville High School parking lots 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](mailto:rock50@gcssk12.net) or click [here](#) to submit photos.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:marie.davis@centerpointga.org). For additional information regarding the GCSS REACH program, please click [here](#).

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