

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Gainesville City School System salutes our military veterans as we celebrate Veterans' Day! Thank you to all veterans for your service to our country! We are grateful for the many men and women who made tremendous sacrifices to serve and protect our nation so that we could have our freedom!

Cardboard Carnival Entices Arcade Fans



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Important Dates

November 10

Progress Reports

November 20-24

Thanksgiving Holidays

November 27

BOE Meeting



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Students and families play fun "cardboard" arcade games

Have you ever attended a Cardboard Carnival? In case you are wondering what a cardboard carnival is, it is exactly how it sounds - a carnival made from cardboard! On October 19th, Gainesville Exploration Academy had its third annual Cardboard Carnival. Students in grades 1 through 4 created cardboard arcade games. Fifth grade students created a mini golf course using the Engineering Design Process, cardboard, and tape. Their designs were judged based on creativity, playability, design, craftsmanship and whether they had clear directions written on how to play the game. Parents and students enjoyed a fun-filled evening of playing unique games created by GEA's talented students!

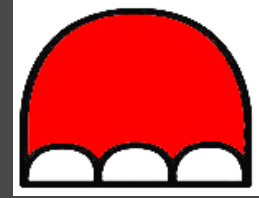
Fifth Graders Soar With 4-H Projects

Public Safety Complex
6:00 p.m.

December 4

BOE Work Session/
Regular Meeting
Public Safety Complex
6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events



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Students at New Holland earn several 4-H awards

The 4-H motto states, "To make the best better", and that's exactly what New Holland Knowledge Academy strives to do! Fifty-one fifth graders from New Holland aimed to show their best in the 4-H Project Achievement Competition on October 23rd at Friendship Elementary School. The students worked on their projects in class and at home diligently for three weeks to make the projects the "best as could be". Students were required to research a subject and create a speech along with a presentation using visual aids. The subjects included: Historic People, Dog Care and Training, Career Development and Workforce, Foods, International Cultures, Barn Owls, Wolves, Slime, Komodo Dragons, Video Games, Hummingbirds, Photography, Textiles, and Crafts. The students' hard work paid off, resulting in them earning several awards. New Holland had seven first place winners, eight second place winners, and six third place winners. We are proud of these students for their hard work and for "doing their best" in the 4-H competition!

Pumpkin Explosion Highlights Chemoween

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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

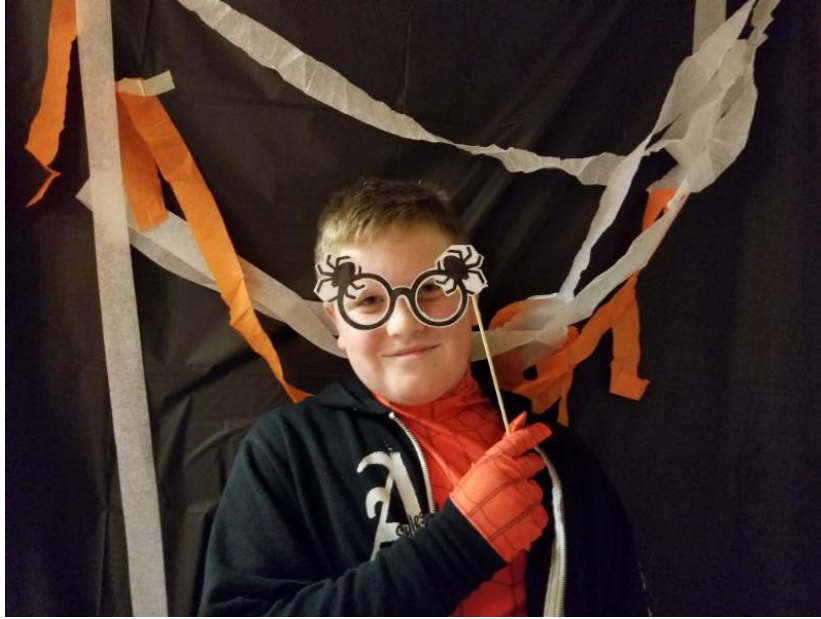
Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

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Chemoween Celebration features tricks and treats for students

Classes from Enota MI Academy and Centennial Arts Academy were invited to Gainesville High School for the third annual Chemoween Celebration. Students in grades K through 5 participated in Halloween-themed science experiments and demonstrations in an effort to expose the elementary students to elements of science that they would not normally see in an elementary classroom. The session began with an inquiry-based heat transfer demonstration with balloons. The students were then broken into small groups and rotated through hands-on stations that were led by AP Science students that included: Lycopodium Blow Torches, Dry Ice Fog, Bouncing Bubbles, Flaming Pumpkins, Boo Bombs, and "Puking" Pumpkins. There was also a biology corner with live animals (tarantula, ball python, leopard geckos, and Madagascar hissing cockroaches). The session concluded with an experiment in which teacher volunteers were given superpowers by lighting their hands on fire in the demonstration of Methane Bubbles, with the grand finale being the explosion of a pumpkin! Each experiment was linked to a K-5 science standard to bridge students' current understanding of science to what they will learn in the future. The Chemoween Celebration was a great way to "trick and treat" the students while stimulating their curiosity about science!

To view the Pumpkin Explosion, click [here](#).

Fair Street's Pie Day Helps United Way



Fair Street teachers have "pie in their faces" for United Way

The annual United Way campaign has been a great opportunity to show our giving spirit. At Fair Street International Academy, the giving spirit came from students as well! Throughout the month of October, students participated in a variety of activities to help United Way. The culminating event was Pie Day held on October 31st, organized by Fair Street's United Way Coordinator, Dr. Kerry-Ann Holmes. The purpose of the event was to cultivate students' giving spirit as caring members of their community. One teacher per grade level volunteered to be smashed in the face with a pie by one lucky student. Even principal William Campbell volunteered! Students purchased tickets to be entered in a drawing to be randomly chosen as that lucky student. Over 400 tickets were sold school-wide! The goal of the event was to show students that every donation, even down to the penny, would have a positive impact while displaying the commitment of Fair Street to helping our community. At the end of the event, it was evident that students had made personal connections, increased their sense of values, and most importantly understood the benefit to supporting the needs of their community. It was a very exciting way to end a month of donating!

Gainesville City BOE Work Session November 6, 2017

The Gainesville City Board of Education Work Session was held on Monday, November 6th at the School Board Office. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda reports submitted by district personnel.

To view the board agenda and reports, please click the links listed below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trips](#)
- [Facility Requests](#)
- [Enota Project Status Report](#)
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Online Donations Now Available for REACH Scholarship Program



GCSS 2017 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](#).

To hear the heartfelt stories of our 2017 Reach Scholars, please click [here](#).

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- **Fair Street - @GCSS_FS**
- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS_MMLA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS_NH**
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- **Gainesville High School - @GCSS_GHS**

