

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Happy Thanksgiving

Gainesville City School System will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays on November 20th - 24th. Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving break!

District Teacher of the Year Announced



District Teacher of the Year Sissy Elliott and Dr. Jeremy Williams



GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

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Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Brett Mercer, Chair
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Important Dates

November 20-24

Thanksgiving Holidays

November 27

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

Congratulations to the GCSS Teacher of the Year, Ms. Sissy Elliott, of Centennial Arts Academy. Ms. Elliott, who is Centennial's Teacher of the Year, was surprised with a special visit by Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams.

Also, congratulations to each of our schools' Teachers of the Year: Lindsey Gailey (Enota), Eve Reeves (Fair Street), Taylor Lee Munoz (Gainesville Exploration), Whitney McFalls (New Holland), Diane Fielden (GMS), and Susan Wooten (GHS).

School Nutrition Earns Golden Radish Award



L to R: Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Gary W. Black, Georgia Organics Executive Director Alice Rolls, Gainesville City School System Director of School Nutrition Penny Fowler, Department of Public Health Commissioner J. Patrick O'Neal, M.D., Associate Dean for UGA Extension Laura Perry Johnson, and State Superintendent Richard Woods

The Gainesville City School System School Nutrition Program was recently honored with the Golden Radish Award at the Silver level for its accomplishments during the 2016-17 school year. The program's achievements include the following:

- During the October Farm to School Month "Leaf it to Spinach" campaign, the cafeteria manager at Centennial Elementary developed four different recipes using spinach for students to taste test: Messy Garden Pizza, Hulk Smoothie, Pop-eye Penne Pasta, and Zesty Spinach Salad.
- Culinary Arts students partnered with School Nutrition to submit a healthy recipe with nutritional analysis and commercial scalability to a state recipe contest. These students also developed two recipes using local pumpkins.
- School Nutrition promoted farm to school initiatives by publishing a farm to school calendar that showcased all locally procured foods, offering taste tests at all schools, and highlighting local items on the serving line with signage. As a special promotion, a farm to school video was created

[December 4](#)

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

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HS Milestone Testing

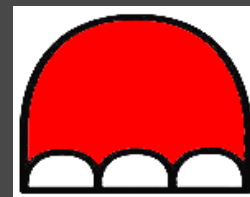
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1st Semester Ends

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Winter Break Begins


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highlighting all farm to school activities in the district.

The Golden Radish Award publicly recognizes school districts for all aspects of farm to school, from local food procurement to hosting taste tests and gardening with students. "Access to fresh, locally grown food is not just important for students' physical health - it's part of their academic development as well," said State Superintendent Richard Woods. "When children eat fresh, healthy meals, they have the fuel they need for a successful day of learning."

Congratulations to the GCSS School Nutrition staff for their outstanding work and for their dedication in providing healthy, nutritious, farm-produced meals to our students!

New Holland Honors Our Military Vets



On November 10th, New Holland hosted its second annual Veterans' Day Celebration with Congressman Doug Collins as the keynote speaker. The event, coordinated by New Holland teacher and military veteran Ms. Dawn Jabloner, included performances by New Holland's students. Students got an opportunity to hear about military experiences from Mr. Roy Beckman, a 90 year-old World War II veteran. New Holland's fifth grade students sang the Armed Forces medley, and all of the veterans stood as they heard their branch. The GHS JROTC dazzled the audience with outstanding drill performances, and one of New Holland's interns played the guitar while fifth grade students sang along. When the ceremony concluded, veterans were treated with a special reception in the media center. All of the veterans felt appreciated by New Holland's students and staff and were touched by the tribute honoring them on Veterans' Day.

Women's Career Week Inspires Young Ladies

Alumni News



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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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During the week of October 30th - November 3rd, the 500 Queens organization hosted its annual Women's Career Week. Young women from Gainesville High School were inspired and encouraged with inspirational stories from professionals of the local area. Students talked with women in the field of medicine, engineering, entertainment, cosmetology, business, event planning, and athletic training. The young ladies left each session well informed about different careers and empowered to work harder toward achieving their career goals and aspirations. The guest speakers included: Dr. Evelyn Flemons, Chiropractor; La'Bonnae Kea, Corporate Event Planner; Danielle Myer-Frierson, Screen Writer & Producer; Jen Price, Urban Planner and Developer; Audrey D. Wise-Milam, Real Estate Agent and Financial Planner; Charlise Milam, Business Owner/ Hair Stylist; and Cara Blenke, Athletic Trainer.



**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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