

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Have you "Herd"?



Gainesville City School System salutes our military veterans as we celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th! Thank you to all veterans for your remarkable service to our country! We are grateful for the many men and women who made tremendous sacrifices to serve and protect our nation in order to preserve our freedom!

Miss GHS Claims Her Coveted Crown



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Important Dates

November 19-23

Thanksgiving Break

December 3

BOE Work Session &
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

December 21-31

Winter Break



2018 Miss GHS - Catie Cook

Gainesville High School senior, Catie Cook, eagerly claimed the crown as Miss GHS. She along with twelve lovely ladies competed for the coveted title on October 12th at the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center. Contestants were judged based upon their talents, interviews, and evening gown attire.

The contestants included: Lexie Richemond, Kylee Peacock, Vivian Robinson, Trinity Seegars, Paloma Barron, Allison Vandiver, Sadie Roach, Grayson Wagner, Lauren Ware, Laura Leyonga Bobga Benkam, Catie Cook, Maelia King, and Abigail Mowbray. The individual winners were:

First Runner-Up: Sadie Roach
Second Runner-Up: Grayson Wagner
Third Runner-Up: Kylee Peacock
Interview Winner: Grayson Wagner
Talent Winner: Abigail Mowbray
Evening Gown Winner: Sadie Roach
Miss Congeniality: Grayson Wagner

Congratulations to the award winners and contestants for their spectacular performances and excellent display of poise and grace throughout the competition.

Kickin' it with Kale at Fair Street Academy

January 1-2

Winter Break

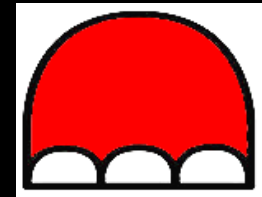
January 3-4

Teacher Planning Days
Student Holiday

January 21

MLK Day Holiday


Upcoming Events



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Students sample menu options featuring kale

The GCSS School Nutrition program has been featuring various Farm to School initiatives at specific schools each month throughout the school year. During the month of October, Fair Street Academy hosted a "Kickin' it with Kale" taste-test event. Students sampled a variety of interesting foods such as Parmesan Kale Chips, Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes, and Kale, Apple, and Feta Salad. Exposing students to different foods allows them to expand their menu options while introducing new, healthier choices to their palates.

Farm to School initiatives such as gardening, nutrition education, and taste tests allow students to increase their understanding of proper diet and nutrition. These initiatives also enable them to correlate what they learn in the classroom to nutritional content related to the school cafeteria's menu. Kickin' it with Kale was a state-wide initiative coordinated by Georgia Organics to teach students across the state about kale and its importance to nutrition.

Mock Election Promotes Civic Duty

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

Mundy Mill Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy



Students cast votes in mock election

November 6th was Election Day! Not only were registered voters around the nation allowed to cast their votes, but students at Gainesville Middle School were able to vote too! Voting booths were set up in the GMS media center to allow students to participate in a mock election by casting their votes for their favorite candidates. Students were able to vote for the Governor of Georgia, other candidates' races, and on several of the amendments that were proposed on the real election ballot. The mock election was a hands-on, educational activity for students, enabling them to learn about the election process and about how our nation's democracy works. Hopefully, the election served as an inspiration for students to exercise their rights to vote when the opportunity arises in the future.

Women Leaders Inspire Students to Dream Big



Women's Career Week at GHS

Gainesville High School's 500 Queens organization hosted Women's Career Week on October 22nd through October 26th. Several women leaders

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from the metro Atlanta area met with GHS students to discuss their job roles and responsibilities as key leaders in their industries. Guests included Dr. Alia Brown, MD, Dr. Jessica Mercer; dermatologist at Gwinnett Dermatology, Attorney Giovanna Holden, Attorney Faye Maison, Investigator Erin Escalante, and Medina Ali; Podcast host, Voiceover artist, and Youtube blogger. Each of these women gave in-depth information regarding their careers, provided useful advice, and answered questions from students. "The underlying message throughout the entire week from the speakers was to never give up on your dream," said Niviea Williams, club sponsor.

"[Students should] take full advantage of every opportunity available to [them]." The event provided a platform for successful career women to encourage and inspire young ladies and young men to reach their career goals by sharing their life experiences, challenges, and achievements.

Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting November 5, 2018



Board Recognitions

The Gainesville City Board of Education Work Session/Board Meeting was held on November 5th at the Public Safety Complex. Gainesville Middle School was the guest school with GMS Principal Misty Freeman recognizing the following student groups and staff members: GMS STEAM students, GMS Academic Challenge team, and Heroes of the Herd winners for certified and classified staff - Laverne Duthie and Maribel Duarte. Other recognitions included: GCSS School Nutrition and Director Penny Fowler (Golden Radish Award - Platinum Level), GMS Boys Cross Country State Champions, Gainesville Exploration Academy (Highest Student Attendance), New Holland Knowledge Academy (Highest School Employee Attendance), and GCSS School Nutrition (Highest System Support Staff Attendance). A special presentation honoring GHS 125th moment featured Pepie Holloway Runnells, GHS Class of 1953.

The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved the agenda reports as presented by district and school staff. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trips](#)
- [2018 CCRPI Update](#)
- [Social Studies Textbooks for Gainesville Middle School](#)
- [Technology Purchase for Gainesville Middle School](#)
- [Books for Community Partnerships](#)
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Gainesville Board of Education - Regular Meeting - November 5, 2018

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GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM'S GRADUATION RATE

MAINTAINS ABOVE
STATE AVERAGE
AT

87.9%



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