

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

A Georgia Charter District

Have you "Herd"?

2018 DAR Good Citizen Award Recipient



Kingsley Owusu Otoo

Kingsley Owusu Otoo was selected as the recipient of the 2018 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award for Gainesville High School. He was chosen for the distinguished award based upon exhibiting outstanding service, leadership, and patriotism within the school and community. He will represent GHS at the next level of competition as he competes for the area award for Hall County. Kingsley along with other local high school winners will be honored at a special reception in which the county winner will be announced and will advance to the state-level competition for a chance to win the state title.

Adding A Little Spark Along the Way



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Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.
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Important Dates

December 21-31

Winter Break

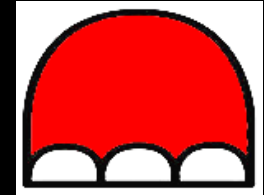
January 1-2

Winter Break

January 3-4

Teacher Planning Days
Student Holiday

Upcoming Events



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GCSS School Bus Driver - Loretta King

A dedicated GCSS school bus driver who nurtures students through her generosity, kind spirit, and caring heart, Ms. Loretta King is no stranger to adding an extra sparkle to her bus riders' day. Because of her many acts of kindness and genuine sincerity, she was selected as a finalist for the SiSu SPARK Community Award by SisU, Integrated Early Learning for her dedication to serving the needs of GCSS Special Education preschool students. The award recognizes outstanding individuals within the community who exhibit "sisu" which means going beyond one's mental or physical capacity with determination, purpose, bravery, grit, and resilience.

"Loretta goes above the call of duty on behalf of preschoolers with special needs. These (children) are just safe with Loretta; they are cherished and adored," says Kay Walker, GCSS Pre-school Special Education Coordinator. "Often times, she lets me know when a child that has been nonverbal starts talking. Loretta takes her role as a member of each child's team very seriously. She has even been known to let a mom know when the child was too sick to attend school. I refer to her as a surrogate grandmother for our youngest and most fragile students. That's just some of what makes Loretta special!"

NJROTC Annual Military Inspection



Cadets in action at Annual Military Inspection

Gainesville High School's NJROTC program held its Annual Military Inspection (AMI) on November 29th at the GHS Ninth Grade Center. The inspection was an official, intensive review of the JROTC unit's administrative and logistical processes in which cadets were inspected on all aspects of the program and were evaluated by the Higher Headquarters (HHQ) from the US Navy. The purpose of the inspection was to place on display the unit's cadets during the ceremonial portion as well as conduct an in-depth review of the instructors. In addition to the programmatic inspection, the cadets had to undergo a Personnel Inspection in which their uniforms were inspected and they were quizzed on their military knowledge. The ceremony included demonstrations by the Unarmed and Armed Exhibition Teams, recognition of awards for Exemplary Personal Appearance, and recognition of the Honor Platoon. In preparation for the event, cadets worked tirelessly perfecting their military drills to demonstrate during the final Pass In Review during the ceremonial phase while also paying special attention to their uniforms and shoes for personnel inspection. The Annual Military Inspection is one of the most important components of the NJROTC program during the school year and serves as a source of pride for all of the cadets involved.

Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting December 3, 2018

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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

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Board Recognitions

The Gainesville City Board Work Session and Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, December 3rd at the Public Safety Complex. Fair Street International Academy was the guest school with special recognitions presented by Principal Gwenell Brown which included the Kamili Krew Club, Students Demonstrating English Proficiency, and Heroes of the Herd Award Winners Karen McCusker (Certified Staff) and Tequila Mattox (Classified Staff). Other board recognitions included: New Holland Knowledge Academy (Highest Student Attendance), Enota MI Academy (Highest School Employee Attendance), GCSS School Board Office (Highest System Support Staff Attendance), and the GHS 125th moment recognition of Jack Elrod, GHS Class of 1941.

The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda items as presented by district personnel. To view the board agenda and reports, please click the links below. To view the televised meeting, please click [here](#).

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A promotional graphic for Instagram. It features a large Instagram logo in the center with a purple-to-orange gradient. To the left is a purple circle containing the text "Follow Us! Like Us! Share Us!" in white, cursive font. Below the logo, the text "GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM IS ON INSTAGRAM!" is written in red, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a small logo of a red elephant on a white background with a black border.

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GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM'S GRADUATION RATE

MAINTAINS ABOVE
STATE AVERAGE
AT

87.9%



SO PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS & STAFF!

INSPIRE - NURTURE - CHALLENGE - PREPARE



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