

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Gainesville City School System has cancelled all evening and Saturday morning activities due to inclement weather. Please stay warm and safe!



**GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.  
**Superintendent**

### **Board Members**

Brett Mercer, Chair  
John Filson, Vice Chair  
Delores Diaz  
Willie Mitchell  
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## **GHS Math Team Claims Top Team Award**



GHS Math Team earns several awards in math competition

## **Important Dates**

December 4-15

HS Milestone Testing

December 15

1st Semester Ends

December 18

Winter Break Begins

Gainesville High School had eight Math Team students to compete in the University of North Georgia Math Tournament on November 10th. The team was comprised of the following students: Guillermo Beltran, Hiram Martinez, Spencer Sumner, Grayson Wagner, Grace O'Keefe, Ben Burns, Anne Marie Dye, and Mary Nelson Bell.

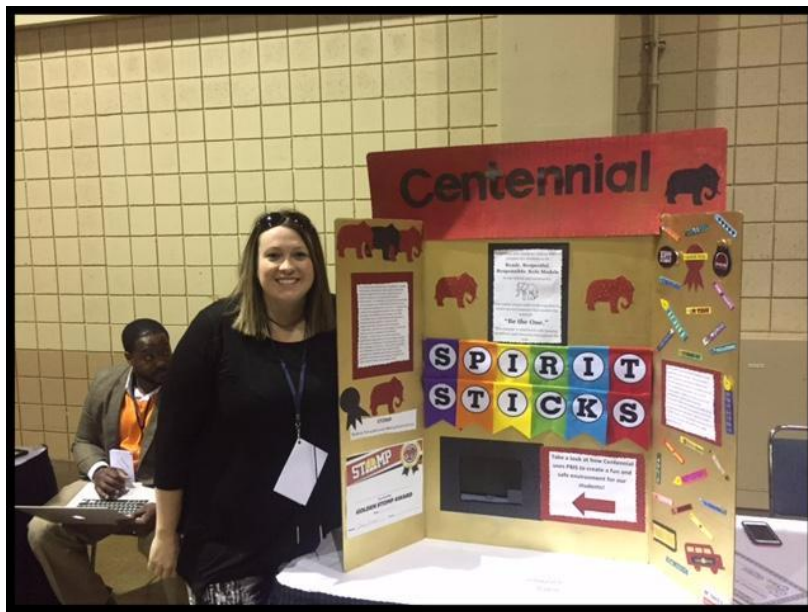
The tournament consisted of four parts, and students had the opportunity to compete as a group and as an individual. The students won the following awards:

- 2nd Place - Multiple Choice Test - Mary Nelson Bell (She missed first place by 1 question.)
- 2nd Place - Problem Solving Team - Guillermo Beltran, Hiram Martinez, Mary Nelson Bell, and Grace O'Keefe
- 2nd Place - Mathematics & Logic Strategy Games - Spencer Sumner and Ben Burns
- 1st Place Overall for the Team Award

Congratulations to the Math Team and individual team members on their outstanding academic performance! The team is coached by Ms. Mikki Stinchcomb and Mr. Chandra Karnati.

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## District Represents at State PBIS Conference



Kayla Waters, CAA counselor, is a presenter at the PBIS conference

The Gainesville City School System was well-represented at the statewide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Conference held in Duluth, Georgia on November 28th and 29th. Centennial Arts Academy was one of a few dozen schools across the state showcased for the school's success with "Spirit Stick

January 2

Teacher Planning  
(Weather Make-up)

January 3

2nd Semester Begins

January 9

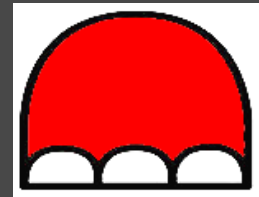
1st Semester  
Report Cards

January 15

ML King Holiday  
(Weather Make-up)

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## Upcoming Events



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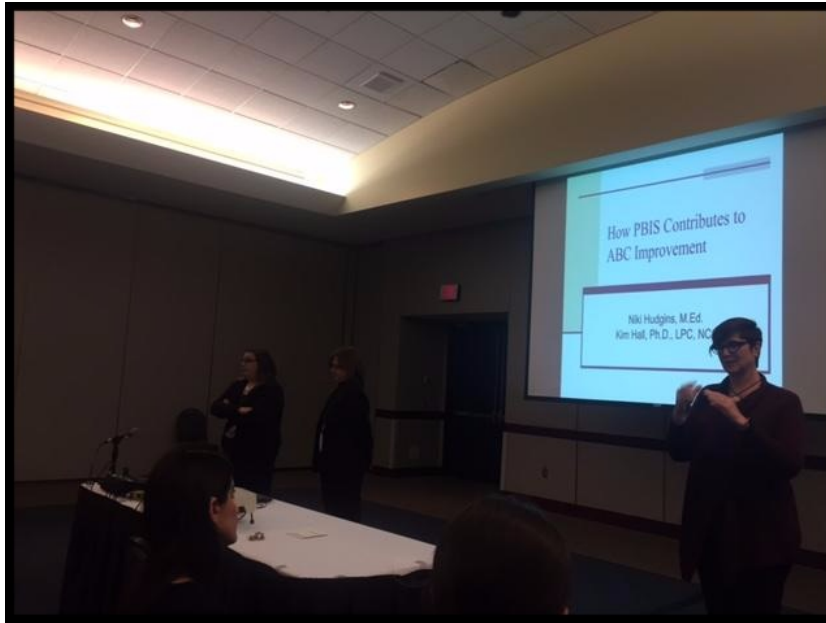
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## Points of Pride



[District & School  
Achievements](#)

Incentives". Mrs. Kayla Waters, CAA counselor, presented with an eye-catching display. Fair Street International Academy also presented PBIS success at the conference. Fair Street's presentation entitled, "How PBIS Contributes to Attendance, Behavior, and Classroom Success (ABC) Improvement" was enjoyed by a packed house of colleagues from across the state. The presenters for Fair Street were Dr. Kim Hall, counselor, and Ms. Niki Hudgins, teacher. The school district is thankful for these schools and the modeling of successful PBIS best practices. In Gainesville City, we are Ready, Respectful, Responsible, Role Models!



Dr. Hall and Ms. Hudgins discuss PBIS initiatives

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## GHS Artist Earns Congressional Recognition



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## Alumni News



[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

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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

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### Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International Academy

Congratulations to GHS senior, Hesler Cardenas, on being recognized by Congressman Doug Collins of the U.S. Congress for his artistic talent by offering a statement in the Congressional Record. This publication reports the actions of the U.S. House of Representatives and any exciting news that members of the House wish to share with their colleagues. In a letter to Hesler, Representative Collins stated, "As your representative, I am proud to highlight your achievement, and I look forward to seeing where your talent will take you. It is my honor to represent the values of your community in Congress."

For the past years, Hesler has received several awards for his outstanding artwork. Most recently, he was honored by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) for winning second place in the APH national art competition.

## Two Members Retire From School Board



Retiring School Board Members: Dr. Delores Diaz and Mr. Brett Mercer

On December 4th, the school system honored two retiring school board members, Dr. Delores Diaz and Mr. Brett Mercer, at a reception held at the Public Safety Complex. Dr. Diaz has been a board member since January 2010, serving as board chair for two years during her tenure. Mr. Mercer began his term on the school board on January 1, 2014 and currently serves as Board Chair. Their terms will end on December 31, 2017.

Dr. Diaz and Mr. Mercer have been instrumental in many of the district's accomplishments, with student achievement being their primary initiative. As board members, their focus has been to provide quality education to all students in a safe, secure learning

environment.

We will greatly miss Dr. Diaz and Mr. Mercer, and we wish them much success in their new endeavors!

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## **Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting December 4, 2017**



**Board of Education Special Recognitions**

The Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting was held on Monday, December 4th at the Public Safety Complex. Special guests recognized by the Board included: Gainesville Exploration Academy (Highest Student Attendance and Highest School Employee Attendance), GCSS School Board Office (Highest System Support Staff Attendance), Centennial Arts Academy School Recognitions (Student Leaders and Perfect Attendance Students - Two or More Years), Sharon Woodall (Faculty on Fire Award), GHS Varsity Volleyball Team and Head Coach Randi Moore (Area Champion and Sweet Sixteen Appearance), Alonso Pina (North GA Construction Alliance Award Winner - Carpentry Division), Bobby Ivey of Brenau University (Fifth Grade Honors Chorus Program Coordinator), Jack Frost and Scott Wiley (Marble Elephant Gift to Centennial Arts Academy). The Board also recognized retiring board members, Dr. Delores Diaz and Board Chair Brett Mercer, for their years of service on the school board.

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

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trip Requests](#)
- [Facility Requests](#)
- [Social Media Guidance](#)
- [Scoreboard Presentation](#)
- [Enota Project Status Report](#)

- [Personnel Report](#)
- [Policy JBC - School Admissions \(Second Reading\)](#)
- [Policy JBCCA \(2\) - Unsafe School Choice Option \(Second Reading\)](#)

To view the video of the meeting, please click [here](#).



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- **Centennial - @GCSS\_CAA**
- **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
- **Fair Street - @GCSS\_FS**
- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS\_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS\_MMLA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS\_NH**
- **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS\_GMS**
- **Gainesville High School - @GCSS\_GHS**