

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



GCSS Students Capture Top Science Awards



GMS and GHS students compete in regional science fair

Gainesville Middle School and Gainesville High School students participated in their first Regional Science Fair on January 27th with a total of 30 students attending the event. The students did a fantastic job with their projects, which involved long hours and several months of conducting research, experimenting, analyzing results, logging data, and creating presentation boards.

Several Gainesville Middle School students received awards for their projects. Ansley Nolan and Danny Pechano earned a bronze medal for their research on "How does nitinol wire work in mouth braces?" Sebastian Martinez and Pablo Tamayo earned a bronze medal for their research on "Can you measure the speed of light in jello?"

Gainesville High School had several students who received awards as well. Mary Nelson Bell and Anne Marie Dye earned a silver medal for their research on "E.coli's resistance to common antiseptics and disinfectants". Ianah Checo earned a silver medal for her research on "Testing Bias in a Photo Lineup". Mary Peterson and Molly McLeod



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earned a gold medal for their research on "Dream Vacation," and Mark Toth earned a gold medal for his research on "Helios Orbital relation to the climatic events on the Earth."

The top winners from Gainesville High School will participate in the next level of competition, the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair, which will be held in March. Mary Peterson, Molly McLeod, and Mark Toth qualified for the state competition by earning gold medals.

The school system is very proud of the hard work and dedication our students put into the regional science fair and look forward to seeing our GHS students compete at the state competition in March.

Top Spellers Get Busy With Their B - E - E-S



Erick Willock and Kamyab Cornett receive top awards

Fifteen contestants representing the school system's five elementary schools participated in the System Spelling Bee competition on February 10th at Gainesville Middle School. Erick Willock of Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy captured first place with the winning word "algae" in the 18th round of the competition. Kamyab Cornett of Centennial Arts Academy was runner-up. The contestants were Christopher Solis, Jose Ayala, Vicky Tamayo, Justin Serrano, Michaya Williams, Freddy Rico, Erick Willock, Georgia Alford, Hannah Stewart, Stuart Daniel, Kamyab Cornett, Abby McMahan, Eduardo Rosas, Bryan Gomez, and Andrew Wilson.

March 9

End of 3rd Grading Period

March 10

Teacher Planning
(Weather Make-up)

March 13

4th Grading Period Begins

March 14

Report Cards

March 20

BOE Meeting

April 3 - 7

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Points of Pride





Emily Mosqueda-Calderon and Jomaris Maldonado are the top GMS spellers

The System Spelling Bee for Gainesville Middle School was also held on February 10th in the GMS Media Center. Emily Mosqueda-Calderon (6th grade) was the winner of the competition, and Jomaris Maldonado (6th Grade) was runner-up. Emily claimed the spelling bee title after successfully spelling the word "mahogany" in the fourth round of the competition. Emily will represent Gainesville Middle School at the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) Division Spelling Bee on February 25th at Mabry Middle School in Marietta, Georgia. The contestants for the system spelling bee were Alexyss Smith, Manuel Blanco, Jamari Hester, Jomaris Maldonado, Elizabeth Stewart, Ella Wilson, Leslie Lopez, Emily Mosqueda-Calderon, Genesis Rubio, Steffany Franco, Prudence Matthews, Angie Ortiz, Eliam Esparza, Anna Kate Embry, and Sadie Roach.

We are proud of all of the contestants for their time spent preparing for the system's spelling bees and for their amazing efforts during the competitions.

A special thanks to the judges, all retired GCSS educators, who gave back to our school system by assisting with the spelling bees: Myrtle Figueras, Diane Bryant, LaCrisia Larkin, Janice Bowen, Linda Hutchens, and Charlene Williams.

Second Grader Reaches Reading Milestone

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Our students will think critically, act compassionately, work meaningfully, choose wisely, and live joyfully.

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INSPIRE,
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PREPARE
our students

Our Schools

Gainesville High

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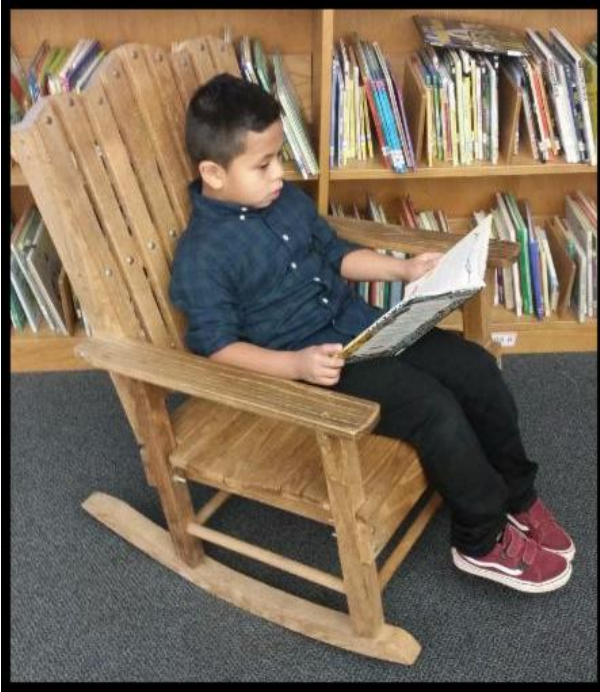
Centennial Arts Academy

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Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland



Anthony enjoys reading good books

New Holland second grade student Anthony Argueta Yebra has reached quite a milestone in just five months. He's read over 1 million words! Since September, Anthony has read 132 books, which also translates into 1,092,345 words.

This year New Holland has begun keeping track of the amount of words each child reads through the Accelerated Reader software. Accelerated Reader allows students to take a knowledge-based test about the book that they read to check their comprehension. If they pass the test, they are given credit for the number of words in the book. Each month, the top readers (students with the highest word count) from each grade level are rewarded with free books, breakfast, or a prize of their choice.

Anthony's teacher, Ms. Cynthia Kinsey, believes that Anthony's passion for reading has encouraged the rest of her class to adopt a love for books. Ms. Kinsey says, "Anthony loves reading and often tells his classmates that reading is one of his favorite hobbies. Anthony enjoys all kinds of books, but some of his favorites include Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Captain Underpants and Judy Moody books. Anthony's passion for reading has also encouraged his classmates to join the competition, and many of them are well on their way to achieving the 350,000 words read challenge for our class."

This will be quite a task for students at New Holland, but they are willing and ready to read!

Little Reading Star Helps With Big Donation



Principal Will Campbell and Daliyah with donated books

On February 3rd, Fair Street received a special donation thanks to four year-old reading sensation Daliyah Arana. Daliyah has read over 1000 books and has gained national fame as a result of her remarkable achievement. Better World Books became aware of Daliyah's story and wanted to do something special in honor of her outstanding feat. Since Daliyah will attend Fair Street next year as a kindergartner, the company donated 3,000 books to Fair Street International Academy on her behalf.

The students at Fair Street are excited about the new collection of books and can't wait to begin mastering their reading skills. Daliyah already has a jump start on everyone. After all, she has read over one third of the amount of books donated to Fair Street!

Red Elephant Alumni Spotlight



Former GHS Red Elephant Deshaun Watson

Have you seen the latest tribute to Gainesville's hometown hero? In

case you haven't, take a moment to ride to downtown Gainesville to the former Regions Bank building on Washington Street to see the new banner of Deshaun Watson. The banner was made possible by donations from the Gainesville community in support of their former Red Elephant star quarterback.

GCSS Student Holiday - February 20th

Monday, February 20th is a Student Holiday and Teacher Workday.
Have a wonderful and safe weekend!

Your Opinion Matters To Us



Parents and guardians of GCSS students are strongly encouraged to complete the online AdvancED parent survey to share opinions to help target areas of improvement for the school system. The survey can be accessed on the district website (www.gcssk12.net) or by clicking [here](#). Please be assured that responses will be anonymous, and parental input is greatly appreciated. For additional information or if there are any questions, please contact Priscilla Collins at priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net or 770-536-5275.

GCSS 125th Anniversary Celebration



The Gainesville City School System will host a celebration of the 125 year anniversary of the establishment of the system on Sunday, February 26, 2017, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Gainesville High School Front Lobby. All alumni, current and former faculty and staff, friends and family are invited. To submit pictures for the slideshow, please send to 125years@gcssk12.net. For additional information, please email beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net.

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