

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Impacting the Lives of Students - One Smile at a Time



l to r: Christy Pierce and Mr. Philip Wright

Christy Pierce was selected as a recipient of the 2018 Philip Wright Award. Mrs. Pierce and other award winners across the northeast Georgia region were recognized at the 17th Annual Philip Wright Award ceremony sponsored by North Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS) on March 2nd in Cleveland, Georgia.

"Christy has worked for GCSS for 11 years," stated Mike Enright, GCSS Director of Special Education. "Her job title is Special Education paraprofessional. However, that title does not come close to describing what Christy does for the staff and students of Gainesville High School. She is a friend, a professional colleague, and, at times, a mom to our students. In all of these roles, she always has a smile on her face and a kind word to share."

The Philip Wright Award recognizes individuals annually for their service, commitment, and advocacy of children with disabilities.



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March 30

**Teacher Planning
(Weather Make-up)**

April 2-6

Spring Break

April 19

The award honors the legacy created by Mr. Wright, highlighting his commitment to improving educational services for students with disabilities in school districts within the Pioneer RESA region.

Progress Reports

April 30-May 11

ES & MS Milestone
Testing

A Revival of the Harlem Renaissance Era

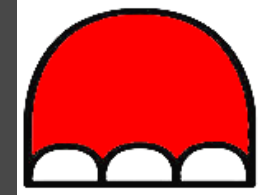


Heritage program highlights Harlem Renaissance era

On February 28th, students, faculty, parents and the community joined Fair Street International Academy in celebrating its annual Heritage Luncheon that focused on history during the Harlem Renaissance Era. To commemorate African-American History month, students entertained guests with performances that highlighted influential African-Americans such as Madam CJ Walker, W.E.B. DuBois, Cab Calloway, and many others. Kindergarten students wowed the audience with their rendition of Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World". Gainesville Middle and Gainesville High students - Gabriella Campbell, Delanie Benson, and Rentavious Buffington - presented great performances with their dance routines. After the program, guests were delighted with a delicious lunch served by Fair Street's fifth grade students. The program captivated the true essence of African-American history during an era that cultivated authentic African-American culture.

Securing A Bright Future Among the STARS


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I to r: STAR Teacher/Student Dr. Ram and Anita Medepalli

Anita Medepalli has been selected as the STAR student for Gainesville High School. To be chosen for this distinction, Anita had to receive the highest SAT score as a graduating senior and be in the top 10% of her class.

"I am truly honored and pleased to be named the Gainesville City School System's STAR Student for 2018," states Anita. "It is an even greater honor to be placed in such distinguished ranks as those of the past honorees. I want to thank all of my teachers who have guided me these past four years of my high school education."

STAR students are allowed to select a STAR teacher, someone who has been instrumental in their academic success during their high school tenure. Anita chose Dr. Ram, GHS Physics teacher, as her STAR teacher. "Dr. Ram is an amazing teacher who motivates his students by making difficult concepts simple and easy to understand," she stated. "He made Physics engaging by giving us fun and practical projects, necessitating us to use a lot of fundamental concepts in Physics."

Dr. Ram expressed his joy over being chosen for the distinguished award and about having taught Anita. "I am really happy and also excited to be a STAR teacher. It is such an honor to be recognized by a smart student like Anita," he stated. "As a student, [Anita] is very outstanding, diligent, pleasant and studious. She is very brilliant in academics and also very active in extra-curricular activities." He noted, "I taught her AP Physics and Honors Physics during the [2016-2017] academic year. She [was] curious, intelligent, and passionate about my subject and has strong problem-solving skills in physics as well as in life. I have no doubt that Anita will accomplish much in her life, and she will be a great doctor in the future."

Anita and Dr. Ram along with other STAR students and teachers from

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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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Hall County were recently honored at a ceremony hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville.

Good Nutrition Fuels Academic Success



Students eat nutritious meals during school day

March is designated as National Nutrition Month in an effort to increase public awareness regarding the importance of making informed food choices and developing solid eating and physical activity habits. For the entire month, the community is encouraged to "Go Further with Food" by focusing on good nutrition.

Whether it's starting the day off right with a healthy breakfast or eating a protein snack before an athletic event, the foods you choose can make a difference in your daily performance. That's why it is important that parents encourage their children to develop a healthy eating pattern similar to the menus served in our school cafeterias. Statistics show that students who have eaten a balanced, nutritious meal tend to do better in the classroom. GCSS school cafeterias are committed to serving nutritious breakfast and lunch menus to help students stay "fueled up" so that they remain focused and on task throughout the school day.

What's Happening In Red Nation?



If you haven't been to Collegiate Grill in a while, you may want to stop by to see what's going on at the local eatery. Known for being one of the popular "hangouts" in Gainesville, the restaurant has undergone a few noticeable renovations. GHS alumni often have their class reunions at their favorite "grill" and enjoy visiting to reminisce about their high school years. Although there are changes to the interior, the nostalgia found within the Collegiate Grill still remains the same.



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