

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Breakfast is the Heart of Good Nutrition



School cafeterias promote eating a good breakfast

School cafeterias across the nation celebrated National School Breakfast Week (NSBW), March 5th - 9th. At Gainesville City schools, morning announcements were made to students highlighting the importance of a nutritious breakfast. Elementary school cafeterias distributed NSBW cards to students to receive free Johnny Pops. Student Advisement Teams worked with cafeteria managers, making signs for the hallways and car rider areas to help promote the school breakfast program. Teachers and school/district administrators visited cafeterias to serve breakfast to students. By the end of the celebratory week, students understood that a good, nutritious breakfast is essential for them to begin their busy days of learning. It was a great way to promote the importance of eating a healthy breakfast each morning from our school cafeterias.



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CITY SCHOOLS**

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Important Dates

March 13

Report Cards

March 30

Teacher Planning
(Weather Make-up)

April 2-6

April 19

Progress Reports

April 30-May 11

ES & MS Milestone
Testing



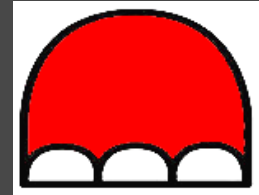
Finance Experts Show Students the Money



Students complete financial aid packets

Gainesville High School faculty and community volunteers do not want students to leave any money "on the table" when it comes to financial aid; especially since more than \$24 billion of financial aid goes unclaimed each year. On February 12th, GHS collaborated with Hal Wilkinson of the Georgia Finance Commission and hosted a "FAFSA Completion Event" to help families complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The purpose of the event was to help students (high school seniors, returning college students and adult learners) and their families complete the FAFSA. Those who attended were able to talk with financial aid experts on how to receive the most financial aid possible and receive in-depth, line-by-line explanation on how to complete the FAFSA form. The goal of the GHS Counseling department is to ensure that college-

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bound students are provided with financial resources that help offset the burdens of college expenses.



Book Characters Come to Life at Schools



Dr. Seuss's book characters come to life at GCSS

The week of February 26th - March 2nd was designated as Read Across America Week highlighting the many books written by the infamous children's books' author, Dr. Seuss, as the nation celebrated his birthday. GCSS schools participated in the event with several activities planned throughout the week. Themed days allowed students and faculty to dress in funny attire. Mundy Mill Learning Academy had a designated day for special guests to read Dr. Seuss books to students. New Holland students and staff "dressed for success" and wore silly hats to celebrate the week. Centennial and Fair Street celebrated with staff and students wearing silly socks and crazy hats and dressing as twins for a day. Students enjoyed reading their favorite books and dressing up as their favorite book characters. The week-long celebration promoted the importance of reading by engaging students in exciting activities that made reading fun!

[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

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[Class of 2017 College Acceptances](#)

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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

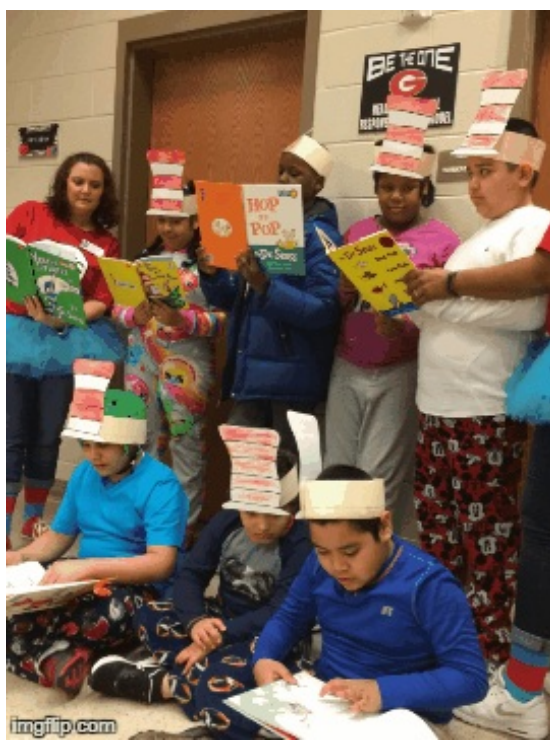
Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy



District Champion Claims Spelling Bee Title



Regional Spelling Bee Winner - Rasmit Devkota

Congratulations to GMS seventh grader, Rasmit Devkota, as the winner of the the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) Regional Spelling Bee held on February 24th at the Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center in Marietta, Georgia. He advanced to the State Spelling Bee which will be held on March 16th at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Plains, Georgia. Rasmit was the Spelling Bee Champion for Gainesville Middle School and represented the district in the regional spelling competition.

Best wishes to Rasmit as he represents GMS at the state level!

Reading Brings Excitement at New Holland



Reading is fun at New Holland

If you stopped by New Holland last week, you might have seen crazy socks, wild hair, and maybe a couple of teachers dressed as the Cat in the Hat! No, the dress code did not change...New Holland was celebrating Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

New Holland kicked off the week with Hat Day and Dress For Success Day. Students also dressed as they would in their dream careers! From doctors to teachers, New Holland students really showed they have a bright future ahead of them. For Twin Day, students dressed up with their best friends, teachers, and even a few parents got in on the fun. Students were also encouraged to bring their favorite books from home to share with their class. Guest storyteller, Gail Hogan, stopped by to share a story, too. The week ended with Crazy Socks Day and Pajama Day.

To commemorate the week, New Holland celebrated the top 10 readers in 1st - 5th grade with an ice cream party! Collectively, fifty students read over 2 million words! Students who made the top 10 list also gained a chance to win Book Fair credit. It was a busy week for New Holland students, filled with lots of fun and lots of reading!



Gainesville City BOE Work Session March 5, 2018

The Gainesville City Board of Education Work Session was held on Monday, March 5th, at the School Board Office. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda reports as submitted by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trip](#)
- [State Capital Outlay Reimbursements & Addendum](#)
- [Bond Debt - Final Payment](#)
- [Donation Report - Second Quarter](#)
- [Bus Driver Incentive Plan](#)
- [2018 GCSS Board of Education Self Assessment](#)
- [Assessment Calendar - Universal Screening and Spring Milestones](#)
- [GSBA 2018 Summer Conference Delegates](#)
- [Revised 2017-18 Teacher/Staff Calendar](#)
- [Records Imaging Bid](#)
- [Operations Purchase](#)
- [January 2018 Financial Statements](#)
- [Partial Phase Out of Gainesville High School](#)
- [Enota Spending Resolution](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)

GCSS Registration and Choice Enrollment

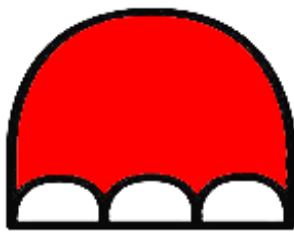


Gainesville City School System is pleased to offer school choice enrollment for the upcoming school year. The district has established elementary zone clusters in order to improve transportation services. This may result in parents having to provide transportation outside of their child(ren) assigned cluster. Gainesville City School System will provide transportation services within students' assigned cluster. Click [here](#) for the full press release. Non-resident students must complete a tuition form and return to current school. Click [here](#) for a copy of tuition form.

- [2018-2019 Attendance Zones](#)
- [2018-2019 Attendance Clusters](#)



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- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS_MMLA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS_NH**
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