

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Supporting Our Military Children & Families



Did you know that April is designated as the "Month of the Military Child"? Georgia has over 30,000 military children in school districts across the state. The Gainesville City School System recognized Friday, April 21st as "Purple Up" Day", encouraging all employees and students to wear purple in support of our military children and their families. We acknowledge the many sacrifices that those who serve in our armed forces must make in order to protect our country, which include time spent away from their children and families. We value the courage and strength of our military students who must adapt to the lifestyle associated with having parents who serve in the military.

GCSS Parents: Your Opinion Matters To Us



GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

A Georgia Charter System

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Important Dates

April 17-21

ES & MS Milestone Testing

April 18

Progress Reports

May 1

BOE Meeting



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. Please take a moment to complete the online survey which 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.

Enota Fifth Graders Receive D.A.R. Awards



L to R: first row - Ella Early, Lillie Evan Young, Eva Taylor, Jackson Ledford, and Noah Clay - second row: Teacher Jenn Taysavang, Ana Benites, Principal Wesley Roach, and Teacher Beth Hester Not pictured: Alyson Gannon

Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy fifth grade students were recently honored with several distinguished awards on Thursday, April 13th by the Candler Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the organization's annual Awards Tea held at the Northeast Georgia History Center. Students were recognized for their achievements in American History essay writing, artwork, community service, and citizenship. The ceremony awards were presented by D.A.R. Chairman Ms. Helen Martin. Students who received awards

May 8-19

HS Milestone Testing

May 13

GHS Baccalaureate

May 15

BOE Meeting

May 19

Last Day of School

GHS Graduation

ES Report Cards

May 22-23

Teacher Planning

May 26

MS & HS Report Cards
Mailed

Upcoming Events



EVENT CALENDAR

ELEPHANT TRACKS NEWS

Help us share our story

 Forward to a Friend

Points of Pride



GMS Students Explore Italy's Attractions



Students tour Italy's famous landmarks

Students at Gainesville Middle School had the opportunity to travel to Italy during their Spring Break. Four students along with chaperones enjoyed nine amazing days of learning about the interesting country. Students were able to tour various landmarks in Italy as well as experience the Italian culture and cuisine. The group visited famous landmarks such as St. Mark's Square, Doge's Palace, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. In Rome which is Italy's capital, the students toured the Roman Colosseum and the Roman Forum. The students learned that in Italy the entree is always pasta, and they got a chance to taste an Italian dessert - gelato. It was a great educational experience for the students to explore a country that they often read about in stories and history books.

GHS Student Awarded for Good Citizenship

Alumni News



[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

[Class of 2016 Achievements](#)

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



Thomas Alexander awarded for good citizenship

Congratulations to Gainesville High School student Thomas Alexander as the overall winner of the DAR Good Citizen Award for Gainesville and Hall County! This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Thomas was honored recently at a DAR meeting along with the award winners from Lakeview, North Hall, Flowery Branch, West Hall, Johnson, East Hall, and Lanier Christian Academy.

GHS NJROTC Annual Military Inspection



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On March 24th, the GHS NJROTC program held its Annual Military

Inspection (AMI) at the GHS Ninth Grade Center to allow the U.S. Navy to evaluate the ROTC program. There were 3 platoons, each containing approximately 35 cadets. The process began with a briefing by the senior cadets with the Navy superior officer. The cadets were then required to line up in formation for a formal uniform inspection. The Navy inspector toured the facility and assessed the cleanliness and organization of assigned areas. A formal Pass in Review with all of the cadets in formation was conducted, allowing the cadets to demonstrate the skills that they have learned thus far. Ten cadets received outstanding personal appearance awards, and the second platoon led by Lissette Caudillo received the Honor Platoon award for having the highest average score on its personnel inspection.

Congratulations to the GHS NJROTC for passing its annual inspection with flying colors! We are proud of you for your hard work and preparation!

Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting April 17, 2017



The Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting was held on Monday, April 17th at the Public Safety Complex. Special guests recognized by the board included Gainesville Exploration Academy (Highest Student Attendance), Fair Street International Academy (Highest School Employee Attendance), GCSS Transportation Department (Highest System Support Staff Attendance), Moody's Math Challenge Team (Pratyusha Karnati, Anna Diaz, Stephen McMarrow, and Vraj Patel) and Sponsor Chandra Karnati, FCCLA Star Event Winners (Riley White, Caroline Reames, Arianna Alvarado, Bianca Ortiz, Danna Flores, Ashley Dabney, Emy Bueno, Daniel Bedingfield, Lizbeth Martinez, Aaron Sosa, and Ashley Cruz) and Team Sponsor Whitney McPherson, Ivy Gerrell (NSLIY Program to China), Charles J. Thurmond Scholarship/Kiwanis Club Youth Art Award Winners (Huynh Phan, Catie Cook, Esmeralda Paez, Sarah Hastings, Arianna Alvarado, Jose Hernandez, Zuliana Hererra and

Amy Velazquez), Umer Khan (Gus Whalen - Community Scholarship), and Featherbone Community Masters in Teaching (Kim Igleheart and Jordan Holcombe). Chairman Brett Mercer welcomed and recognized Leadership Hall guests in attendance. The Board then reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda reports submitted by district personnel.

To view the agenda and reports, please click the links listed below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trips](#)
- [FY2016 Audited Financial Statements](#)
- [ESPLOST Performance Audit for FY2016](#)
- [State Capital Outlay Reimbursement - Mundy Mill Academy](#)
- [Spring Testing Calendar](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)
- [87 Passenger Bus Purchases \(3\)](#)
- [Media Center Furniture - Mundy Mill Academy](#) & [Layout](#)
- [Intercom System- Centennial Arts Academy](#)
- [March 2017 Financials](#)
- [Superintendent's Strategic Plan Report](#)

Join Us For Enota's Heritage Celebration



Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy will host a Heritage Celebration on Sunday, April 30th from 1:30- 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate Enota's rich heritage as the school prepares for a new chapter in its history - the construction of the new Enota school. For additional information about the event, please click [here](#).

Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments

Georgia Milestones

Assessment System

Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments are coming soon. Students in grades 3 through 8 will be administered English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments while students in grades 5 and 8 will also be administered Science and Social Studies assessments. For additional information, please click [here](#).

Support Our REACH Scholarship Program



2016 REACH Georgia Scholars

Gainesville City School System encourages the community to support our REACH Georgia Scholars program by making a financial contribution to provide an opportunity for select GCSS students to pursue a college education. REACH Georgia is a needs-based scholarship program that pairs middle school students (Scholars) with mentors, coaches and additional resources to prepare them for college and careers. REACH Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school earn a \$10,000 scholarship paid over four years at a Georgia college or technical college of their choice. 100% of all donations collected will contribute toward REACH scholarships. To download a pledge form, please click [here](#). For additional information regarding the REACH program, please click [here](#).

#Cheersto125years

**Advancing
A Tradition of Excellence!
#OneGainesville
#RoadtoGraduation**



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 - **Centennial - @GCSS_CAA**
 - **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
 - **Fair Street - @GCSS_FS**
 - **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
 - **New Holland - @GCSS_NH**
 - **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS_GMS**
 - **Gainesville High School - @GCSS_GHS**
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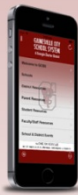
GCSS Mobile App

GCSS is proud to announce its very own mobile app!

GCSS is now live!

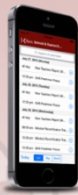


Here are some amazing features to look forward to and things you can do with the GCSS app:



Notifications

Make sure you select "Yes" to receive Push Notifications so you can receive all breaking school news. These notifications will be used to provide information on early/late start and school closings.



Calendar

The school wide calendar of events and athletic events at the tip of your finger! Add the events that you are interested in to your native phone calendar so you never miss them!

Download the GCSS Mobile App through **App Store**, **Google Play**, or **Window Store** to access the latest information while on the go! Features such as Calendar of Events, Directions, Faculty and Staff Directory, Emergency and District Alerts, Helpful Links, and Current News can be accessed through our mobile application. **"Go Mobile"** with GCSS!