

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



GCSS Governor's Honors Finalist Selected



Governor's Honors Finalist - Grace O'Keefe

Grace O'Keefe, a rising junior at Gainesville High School, will represent the Gainesville City School System as a Governor's Honors finalist this summer at Berry College in the area of Communicative Arts. She is the daughter of Richard and Millie O'Keefe. Grace is a member of the GHS Varsity Tennis team, the Interact Club and Key Club. When asked about her opportunity to participate in the Governor's Honors Program, Grace stated, "I'm so honored to be chosen for GHP and thankful for all the people who helped me get there: my family, for supporting my love of books; Mrs. Mallard, for helping me throughout the application process; and my nominating teacher, Mr. Tench, who helped grow the passion I have for Communicative Arts by teaching in a way that made learning what it should be: not boxed in, but full of engagement and discussion." She shared, "I'm ecstatic to be going to Berry not only for the amazing experience I've heard so many people refer to it as, but also to grow as a writer and individual. I like being creative in what I do, and I know



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Important Dates

May 1

BOE Meeting

May 8-19

HS Milestone Testing

May 13

GHS Baccalaureate

May 15

GHP will let me do just that."

Congratulations, Grace! We are proud of your remarkable achievement and your outstanding representation of the Gainesville City School System!

New Holland Students Master Math Madness



Toys R Us Grand Prize Winner- Richard King

During the month of March, students at New Holland Knowledge Academy participated in March Math Madness. Grades K-2 completed a fluency fact sheet each day, and students in grades 3-5 completed a math quiz that was connected to daily learning targets in math. Students showed great enthusiasm and listened eagerly every afternoon to hear if their class had the top class proficiency score for the day. In fact, the school quickly filled with an engaging spirit of competition! There was a class winner each day for each grade level. Each week the top five students from each class had their pictures taken and displayed in the main hallway. During the final week of March, all students that scored a 100% in proficiency each day had their names entered into the drawing for a Toys-R-Us gift certificate! If a student scored a 100 each day, he or she had five chances to win! Prior to Spring Break, Principal Pam Wood drew a name from the box of submissions. Richard King from Mrs. Able's Kindergarten class won the grand prize! Richard was excited to receive the gift certificate, and he was eager to go on a shopping spree at Toys R Us!

New Holland teachers and staff are proud of all of the students for their tremendous efforts in learning to master math!

BOE Meeting

May 19

Last Day of School

GHS Graduation

ES Report Cards

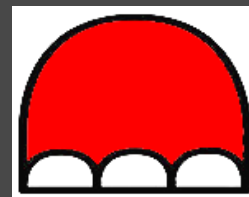
May 22-23

Teacher Planning

May 26

MS & HS Report Cards
Mailed


Upcoming Events



EVENT CALENDAR

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Points of Pride



District & School
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Math Madness grade level winners

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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Enota Student Creates New Logo For Network



L to R: Hannah Stewart and Morgan Alexander

Enota MI Academy and other county schools were chosen to enter a contest for the Children's Forest Network. Congratulations to fourth graders Hannah Stewart and Morgan Alexander for winning first and second place in the art contest! They will receive a prize, and Hannah's drawing will be the new logo on Children's Forest Network Facebook page. Both students' pictures will be displayed in the Forestry office.



Hannah's Winning Logo Design

GMS Track Teams Earn Top Spot In County



GMS Boys and Girls Track Teams claim championship title

The Gainesville Middle School Boys and Girls Track & Field teams claimed the title as the 2017 Hall County Champions. The team members worked hard for this coveted title, and their hard work and perseverance finally paid off as the track season comes to an end. Congratulations to the teams and coaches for their commitment to making GMS #1 in the county!

Making Music for Milestones



GCSS schools have been busy getting students "hyped" for the Georgia Milestones. Enota's broadcast journalism class recently released a Milestones music video with assistance from Mrs. Cathryn Oliver and Mrs. Ashley Dial. Each year the students pick a song, rewrite the lyrics, and create a video. This year's song selection is a remake of "Juju on that Beat". Please click [here](#) to view the video.

Red Elephant Alumni News



Deshaun Watson drafted by Houston Texans

Congratulations to Deshaun Watson, Gainesville High School graduate and former Red Elephants quarterback, on being drafted in the first round of the NFL draft as the 12th pick for the Houston Texans! We are proud of you and all that you have accomplished as a "Red Elephant"! GCSS wishes you the best of luck as you continue to excel in your professional football career! #DW4HoustonTexans

Don't Miss 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](#). The community is invited to come out and join the celebration. Hope to see you there!

GCSS Parents: Your Opinion Matters To Us



Gainesville City School System is encouraging all parents and guardians of GCSS students to complete an 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.

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**



- **Gainesville City School System - @GCSSK12**
- **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**

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	Calendar
 <p>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.</p>	 <p>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!</p>

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!

