

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



An Exciting Day of Learning About Careers



New Holland hosts annual Career Day

Recently, New Holland held its annual Career Day event. Students met with various businesses and organizations around Hall County to get an idea on what careers they would like to pursue when they grow up. Visitors were represented from the Gainesville Police Department, Gainesville Fire Department, Chick-Fil-A, Wilson Orthodontics, Wells Fargo Bank, Georgia Mountain Food Bank, Rock Solid Karate, the City of Gainesville, and many more. The students learned about the many roles and responsibilities and asked questions regarding the expectations of the various jobs. The annual event allowed students to make important connections with the local workforce industry to assist them in choosing their future careers.

Celebrating Languages Around the World



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Important Dates

April 30-May 11

ES & MS Milestone
Testing

May 7
BOE Work Session
School Board Office
6:00 p.m.

May 7 - 18



Award Winners at World Language Day

Forty students from Gainesville High School participated in the 42nd annual University of North Georgia (UNG) World Language Day on April 12th in Dahlonega. The group presented several exhibits and performances for competition, winning 14 awards overall including four 1st place awards and a Blue Ribbon Grand Prize.

Participants were judged in the areas of Creative Writing, Art, Skits and Performing Arts presented in the foreign languages that they currently study. The winners in the categories/languages included the following: 1st place overall Blue Ribbon Grand Prize in Exhibits (French) - Madison Keel, 1st place in Models (French) - Madison Keel, 2nd place in Models (Chinese) - Kathy Quach, 3rd place in Models (Chinese) - Taylor Sturdivant, 1st place in Creative Writing (Chinese) - Rocio Sanchez & Julia Mendez, 2nd place in Handicrafts (Chinese) - Kathy Quach, 1st place in Graphics (Chinese) - Elisabel Vanegas, 2nd place in Graphics (French) - Hien Phan, 3rd place in Graphics (Chinese) - Samuel Sandoval, 3rd place in Class Exhibit (Chinese) - Bryan Molina, Kathy Quach, Vanessa Rivera, Vanessa Cortes, Elisabel Vanegas, 2nd place in Skit (Chinese) - Rocio Sanchez, Marisa Woo, Julia Mendez, Stephen Le, Ivana Sanchez, Kimberly Turcios, 2nd place in Performing Arts (Chinese) - Ramiro Salinas, Abigail Maubray, Honorable Mention in Performing Arts (French) - Dante Wilson and Honorable Mention in Skit (Latin)- Emmeline Dye, Ally Cook, Trever Calvert, Michael Nguyen, Page Thompson, Quyen Ong, Esther Ramirez, and Simone Stuart.

Congratulations to all of the winners for their outstanding achievement!

Unique Garden Promotes Kindness

Tentative HS EOC
Milestone Testing

May 21
BOE Meeting
Public Safety Complex
6:00 p.m.

May 25
Last Day of School

ES Report Cards

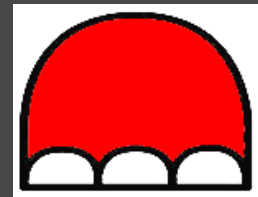
GHS Graduation
@ 7:30 p.m.

May 28
Memorial Day Holiday

May 29-30
Teacher Planning

June 6
MS & HS Report
Cards Mailed

Upcoming Events



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Points of Pride



Fair Street Academy and Brenau create "kindness" garden

Fair Street's fifth graders and Connections teachers embarked on a walking field trip to Brenau University on April 13th for the dedication of a joint project between the two schools. Brenau reserved some space on its campus for the creation of a Kindness Rock Garden in which both Brenau and Fair Street students painted rocks to contribute to the garden.

Tracy Troutman, an Art teacher at Fair Street, started the project last summer when she heard about the idea of painting rocks. She believed that painting rocks would be a great way for fifth grade students to establish a personal connection with art. According to Ms. Troutman, the Kindness Rock Project fits well with the school's 4Rs (Ready, Respectful, Responsible Role Models) and its Roar Motto, especially the verse that states "I treat others as I'd like to be treated".

Students in third, fourth, and fifth grade painted rocks during art class for the garden. Fifth graders also watched videos from the Kindness Rock website to get an understanding of the idea and purpose of the project. Students were asked to brainstorm on words and statements that would make them feel good if they found a rock with a message on it, then they painted their words or statements onto their rocks. Ms. Troutman stated, "As an Art teacher, I have the liberty to teach children about the "soft" parts of being a good person. In this day and age of technology, it is not as valuable as it once was to be able to walk around with knowledge in our heads. Knowledge is now at our finger tips. But what is important is how to be human."

Ms. Troutman believes that the Kindness Rock garden is a project that will have a profound impact on her students and the manner in which they live their lives. To her, there's really more to the project than just painting rocks - but most importantly - instilling students with a sense of respect, kindness, and humility toward others.



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Vision

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

Mission

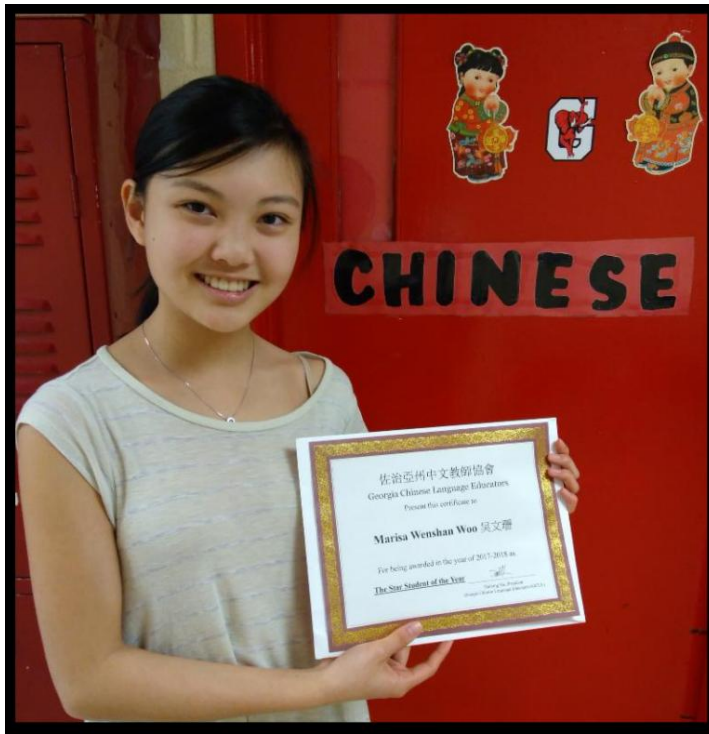
As *ONE GAINESVILLE*,
we will
INSPIRE,
NURTURE,
CHALLENGE &
PREPARE
our students

Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

GHS Freshman Shines in Chinese Language



Chinese STAR Student - Marisa Woo

Marisa Woo was selected as the 2017-2018 Chinese STAR Student for Gainesville High School. Each year, Georgia Chinese Language Educators (GCLE) selects a high school student who is not only an excellent learner of the Chinese language but who also maintains good grades and is active in other extracurricular activities. As a ninth grader, Marisa is already taking Chinese IV having the highest grade in her class and is a member of the Chinese Club. This accomplishment is remarkable considering that Marisa is not a native Chinese speaker. Although her grandparents are from Taiwan, both of her parents were born and raised in the United States and do not speak Chinese. Marisa continues to excel academically and socially initiated by her strong determination to do her best in everything that she encounters.

Red Elephant Alumni News

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

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1978 GHS Baseball team celebrates 40th anniversary

On March 30th, Gainesville High School celebrated the 40th anniversary of the 1978 state championship baseball team at Ivey Watson Field. This team is largely remembered for its accomplishment, breaking the 29 year drought of championships under the leadership of the team's former head coach, Coach Jim Carter. They were undefeated at home with a record of 16-0, a perfect play-off record of 10-0, and their overall record was 25-3. The 25 wins put the team at the number one spot for most wins in school history for 16 years, which was later broken by the team in 1994. They set a school record with a winning percentage of .893 and held onto that spot for 18 years, and they also claimed the titles as Lanierland Champions, Region Champions and, ultimately, State Champions.

There were many key businesses and community members who supported the 1978 team throughout the season. Gainesville Parks and Recreation, WDUN, Dr. P. K. Dixon (who served as the team's physician), and George Groover (who volunteered his service and time to Gainesville Athletics). The 1978 team members included: David Coker, Ben Martin, Jeff Saitas, Tony Wolfe, Tim Strickland, Dexter "Shanky" Smith, James "Silk" Hall, Dwayne Wellborn, Tim Tankersly, Jeff Butler, Wade Smith, Gary House, Scott Powers, Jimmy Martin, Randy Phillips, Gene Edwards, Chris Patton, Bartley Wilson, and Head Coach Jim Carter.

Four members of the 1978 State Championship Team have since passed away: Frankie Young, Phil Smith, Billy Wilson and Blake Nix.

It was a great honor to recognize the 1978 Red Elephants baseball team members for their many accolades considering that they started the trend of the school's strong tradition of athletic excellence!



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