

Welcome to the "City"



**GAINESVILLE
CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

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Superintendent

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Important Dates

August 20

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

August 22

Community Pep Rally
Bobby Gruhn Field
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

September 3



Big Red Rally 2018

On August 7th, new and returning employees rallied together prior to the first day of school for students. The Big Red Rally unofficially marked the beginning of the new school year as the entire district convened for a morning of inspiration before heading out to the schools. Buses courtesy of the GCSS Transportation department transported employees to the GHS gymnasium where the GHS Big Red Machine marching band and cheerleaders welcomed staff with spirit songs. The GHS JROTC cadets opened the rally with a presentation of the colors accompanied by the Big

Red Machine with a rendition of the National Anthem. Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams delivered his keynote address centered around the theme "We Are..." emphasizing the importance of unity as we prepare to educate students. Sarah Bell, Deputy Superintendent, discussed the LAGA grant that the district received and explained the district's implementation of wraparound services with local community partners to better serve our students' needs.

Our Teachers of the Year for each of our schools were also recognized: Heather Weiser (Centennial), Carolyn Stribling (Enota), Adondra Little (Fair Street), Charity Manomano (Gainesville Exploration), Amanda Studer (Mundy Mill), Brianna Caldwell (New Holland), Steven London (Gainesville Middle), and Chandra Karnati (Gainesville High).



l to r: Steven London, Chandra Karnati, Adondra Little, Heather Weiser, Carolyn Stribling, Brianna Caldwell, Charity Manomano, and Amanda Studer

It was a great way to begin the school year as we continue to define who we really are as a school system. There is no doubt that "We Are Gainesville".

An Awesome First Day of School

Labor Day Holiday

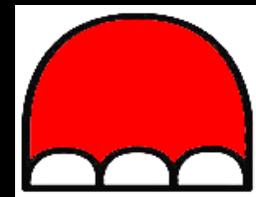
September 4

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

September 17

**BOE Meeting
Public Safety Complex
6:00 p.m.**

Upcoming Events



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Alumni News



Although summer is still in season, school is now officially in session! August 8th marked the first day of school as GCSS welcomed approximately 8000 students throughout the district. There was excitement among students and parents as they met new teachers and new administrators and for those who entered new schools. Our community partners, Gainesville Police Department and Gainesville Fire Department, were stationed at our schools and eagerly welcomed students back as they entered our campuses.

This year, the new Enota elementary school opened its doors. With more building space, larger classrooms, and a more open campus, students were excited to attend their new school. Students and teachers at Centennial Arts Academy were happy to reclaim their school considering that last school year the school shared its space with Enota students and staff during the construction of the new Enota school.

Centennial Arts Academy Principal Leslie Frierson stated, "Our first day was amazing! Everyone was so energized to come into a new school year this morning. Our building was painted and spruced up over the summer, so it was exciting for our students to see the work that was done. Our teachers always go the extra mile to make things special for our students. The rooms were beautiful and inviting! It's nice to be back." School administrators from other campuses also had great experiences on the first day of school. "The Mundy Mill Learning Academy Eagles had a wonderful first day of school," shared Mundy Mill Academy Principal Dr. Crystal Brown. "Our staff was happy to see former students and enjoyed meeting the boys and girls new to MMLA."

Of course, there was much anticipation from new principals, Jamie Green of Gainesville High School and Gwenell Brown of Fair Street International Academy, as they met most of their students for the first time. Mrs. Brown described her first day as being "awesome" and stated, "I wish everyday would be like my first day as a Principal." Mr. Green was simply excited to be a part of the Red Elephants' atmosphere. "From the 'Horseshoe' to the top of the hill, Gainesville High School was awash with excitement and enthusiasm", he said. "Students and teachers engaged in a full day of learning



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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

Mundy Mill Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

and community building. We couldn't be more excited for the year ahead!"

Overall, it was a great first day of school for all eight campuses - which set the tone for rest of the year to be a huge success. Renee Boatright, principal of Gainesville Exploration Academy, summed it up by stating, "Wonderful Parents + Excited Children + Awesome Teachers = An incredible start to the new school year!"

*Click the photo above to view First Day of School video.

New Faces join the Gainesville Family



There are lots of new faces in Red Elephants Nation. Approximately 87 new teachers were welcomed to the district during the annual New Teacher Orientation held in late July. With three full days of learning and preparation, our new teachers were provided with the resources for them to have a successful school year. During the orientation, the teachers learned about the district's initiatives, goals and the key elements that make Gainesville tick.

We are excited to have our new teachers at Gainesville and glad that they decided to become members of the Gainesville Red Elephants family.

(*Click the video above to see our new GCSS teachers.)

Connecting with Families & the Community

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Gainesville High School:
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Gainesville Middle School:
@GCSS_GMS

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@GCSS_CAA

Enota:
@enotamiacademy

Fair Street:
@GCSS_FS

Gainesville Exploration:
@GCSS_GEA

Mundy Mill:
@GCSS_MMLA

New Holland:
@GCSS_NH



New Holland teachers and staff visit families

New Holland teachers and staff kicked off the new school year with a visit to the local neighborhoods on August 2nd. The purpose of the visit was to welcome students back to school and to enable faculty and staff to establish a personal connection with the students who they serve. Teachers spent time meeting their upcoming students while office staff and paraprofessionals distributed pencils, Open House flyers, and books. The students and their families enjoyed seeing their visitors, and the teachers and staff were happy to visit the communities to show students and parents how much they care.

Gainesville City Board Work Session August 6, 2018



RLR Architects presents award to the school district

The Gainesville City Board Work Session was held on Monday, August 6 at the School Board Office. Board Chair John Filson welcomed Leadership Hall guests who were in attendance. RLR Architects presented an Energy Efficient School Award to Mundy Mill Learning Academy. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda reports submitted by district personnel. To view the board agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [2018 Milestones Report](#)
- [Academic Achievement & Wraparound Update](#)
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GCSS Proof of Residency Requirements



All 6th and 9th grade students who are registered to attend the Gainesville City School System for the 2018-19 year are required to provide two updated proofs of residency. Proofs of Residency documents should be sent or taken to the school office by September 7, 2018.

Acceptable proofs of residency include one of the following:

- non-contingent sales contract
- current lease/rental agreement
- most recent income tax return/IRS Form 1099
- current paycheck stub
- current warranty or quit claim deed
- current home purchase agreement
- current homeowner's insurance policy

Additionally, one of the following must also be provided:

- current gas bill (within last 30 days)
- current water bill (within last 30 days)
- current electric bill (within last 30 days)
- current cable/internet bill (with service address within last 30 days)

Please be advised that students will be withdrawn from the school on September 10, 2018 if two valid proofs of residency are not received by the deadline.

6th and 9th grade students who have been accepted as non-residents should contact the school to update their address.

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