

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



GCSS Prepares for Solar Eclipse Event



On August 21st, a remarkable event will occur over Georgia - the country will experience the first total solar eclipse in 38 years! While this is a great learning opportunity, looking at the sun during an eclipse might cause serious injury to the eyes. The eclipse is anticipated to occur between 1:00-4:00 p.m. while the Gainesville area is expected to experience the greatest impact around 2:30 p.m. Because of the timing of the eclipse, Gainesville City School System is concerned about the safety of children being on the school bus and possibly staring into the sun. Therefore, school dismissal will be delayed:

- Grades K-5 will be dismissed at 3:20 p.m. on August 21st.
- Grades 6-12 will be dismissed at 4:25 p.m. on August 21st.

The school district understands that parents may have plans to experience the solar eclipse with their children and may want to check them out early. Because of the special circumstances and safety concerns, parents who choose to check their children out to view the eclipse should do so before 1:00 p.m. Parents should contact their child's school regarding any questions.



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August 21

BOE Meeting
Public Safety Complex

September 4

Labor Day Holiday

September 5

Pep Rally Unites Gainesville Community



First Annual Community Pep Rally

Gainesville High School held its first annual fall sports community pep rally on August 16th at City Park stadium. The "Big Red Machine" band along with the cheerleaders did an amazing job of getting everyone excited about the fall sports season. The head coaches of each fall sport took a few minutes to talk about their program and introduced their senior athletes. Red Elephant fans were able to visit the concession stand for food and enjoy Kona Ice while young fans were entertained with bounce houses. It was a great time of food, fun, and fellowship with the Gainesville community.

Art and STEAM Cultivate Imagination



Students create "Hidden Mickey" artwork

At Gainesville Exploration Academy, the art department and STEAM program have joined together to become "Imagineers" for the school year. Special projects have been planned based on the Disney theme in spirit, techniques, and aesthetics. One fun project that is currently

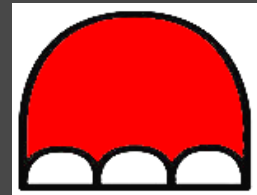
September 6

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underway involves student participation in the "Hidden Mickey" game. Students create "Hidden Mickey" self-portraits using symbols of themselves to be hidden around the school for them to find. Teachers and other staff members also participate in the fun by creating portraits of themselves as well.

The game enables students to learn the meaning of symbols and to improve their observation skills. Students also learn to give directions properly on where and how to find their Mickey once they know where it is hidden. This yearlong activity allows students (and teachers) to tap into their imaginations while enhancing their cognitive skills.

Honoring the Unseen Queens of Gainesville



Mrs. Pam Ware is highlighted by 500 Queens club

In an effort to celebrate the accomplishments of women in the Gainesville community, 500 Queens now hosts "Queen 2 Queen", a live Facebook conversation with women about their lives, their journeys, and their work within the community. 500 Queens highlights the legacy of successful, influential women while empowering young women to pursue their aspirations.

The organization held its first live interview with Mrs. Brenda Hill, GHS head girls basketball coach, which was hosted by GHS students Kayla Waller and Anashlin Fortson. This past Thursday, Ayana Griffith and Cynthia Edwards spoke with Mrs. Pamela Ware, GHS drama director, in an enlightening conversation about the fascinating journeys of her life.

The 500 Queens organization honored Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Ware for their many accomplishments and for their tremendous impact on the lives of many young women. The full interviews featuring these amazing women can be viewed on the 500 Queens' Facebook page.

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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

Mundy Mill Academy

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GCSS Proof of Residency Requirements



All students attending the Gainesville City School System are required to provide two updated proofs of residency to the school that they attend.

Acceptable proofs of residency include one of the following:

- non-contingent sales contract
- current lease/rental agreement
- most recent income tax return or 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 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)
- Students who are non-residents will be required to submit one proof of residency from the list in order to verify mailing address for the school.

Students who do not present valid proofs of residency by September 1st will be withdrawn as of that date.

Parents and guardians should contact their child's school for any questions concerning this process.

**Online Donations Now Available for
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.

Gainesville City School System and Hall County Schools have joined efforts in raising donations for our REACH scholars. Donations can now be made online at www.ngcf.org. Monetary donations to REACH can be made in the Gainesville-Hall Fund at the North Georgia Community Foundation and are tax deductible (501c3). Checks may be mailed to NGCF at 615 Oak Street, Suite 1300, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. (When submitting checks, please note REACH: Gainesville-Hall Fund on the check memo line).

For individuals interested in mentoring REACH scholars, please contact Marie Davis at marie.davis@centerpointga.org. For additional information regarding the GCSS REACH program, please click [here](#).

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