

GHS Twirler Qualifies for Team USA

Congratulations to Anna Mitchell Ralston, a sophomore at Gainesville High School, for qualifying to represent the United States at the International Cup competition next summer with her baton twirling team, Twirl Forte. She is currently the Feature Twirler for the Gainesville High School Big Red Machine marching band.

In addition to qualifying with her team, Anna qualified for the Pairs event with her duet partner, Jessica Morlan of Thomson, Ga. These young women qualified for Team USA in Jacksonville, Fl. at the International Cup Qualifier competition held this past July. The International Cup competition will be held August 5-9, 2019 in Limoges, France.



Anna along with 13 twirlers, age 12 to 15 from across three states, competed as a team in an event called artistic group, which emphasizes entertainment value. The routine was "Superhero" themed, incorporating girl-power music and popular dance moves, highlighting team twirling. "These twirlers came together from different coaches across three states to work together and try something new," said Colleen Murphy, Twirl Forte Team Coach. "Twirling as a team is such a fun, challenging and rewarding experience, but you get to experience it with your friends. It's been great to watch these individual twirlers become a team and to see their hard work and dedication pay off."

We are proud of Anna for her outstanding achievement, and we are excited that she will represent Gainesville AND the United States in France next year!



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Important Dates

September 3

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.



October 1

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

October 8

Columbus Day Holiday

October 9

Teacher Planning Day

October 15

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

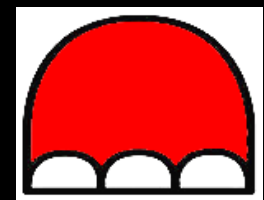
Community Unites as One Gainesville



The "One Gainesville" Community Pep Rally was held on August 22nd at Bobby Gruhn Field at City Park. Local community partners joined Gainesville City Schools for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship with the community. Booths were set up to allow families to receive information about services provided by various entities located in Gainesville. Children of all ages were entertained with fun games and inflatables. Fans got a chance to meet the Big Red Athletic teams, while the Big Red Machine marching band pumped up the crowd with a medley of spirit songs. It was the perfect evening to celebrate as "One Gainesville" with everyone coming out to show support of our community.

GCSS Students Engage in STEAM


Upcoming Events



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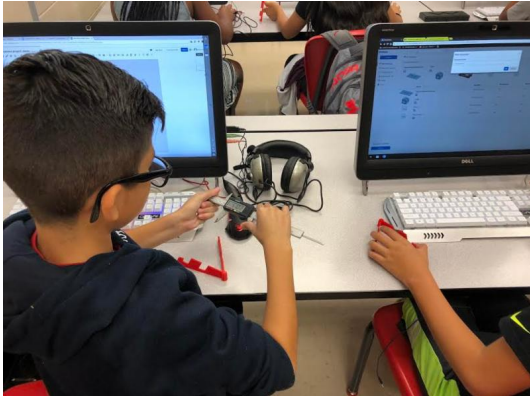
Points of Pride



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It's going to be an exciting year for the district's STEAM program. Students at Gainesville Middle School are learning how to apply math, science, and engineering skills through the use of industry certified 3D modeling software. They have almost mastered how to design in Computer-Aided Design (CAD), and they are already producing their designs with the use of 3D printers.



STEAM students at the elementary schools are also utilizing math, science, and engineering to create products of their own designs. Soon, they will begin utilizing 3D modeling and 3D printing. Eventually, students will participate in Virtual Reality labs to explore the world in a more powerful, engaging experience. GCSS

students are fully engaged in STEAM, with opportunities to learn new and challenging concepts that will prepare them for their future careers.

Leading with a Heart of a Tiger



Brenau's Phi Mu-Mu Chapter with the Brenau Tiger

Recently, the Phi Mu - Mu Chapter of Brenau along with the Brenau Tiger mascot dropped by Fair Street Academy to visit the school's young tigers. For several years, the sorority has contributed school supplies to Fair Street Academy, and this year sorority members visited the school again to present another generous donation. The college students met with Mrs. Hudgin's kindergarten class to discuss the importance of expressing kindness to others especially those who are in need. The class was even treated with a special dance performance by the amazing Brenau Tiger. The sorority's act of kindness was a good example of unity and support from "Tiger to Tiger".

**Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting
August 20, 2018**

Alumni News



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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

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Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

Mundy Mill Academy



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The Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting was held on Monday, August 20th at the Public Safety Complex. Highlighting the 125th year of Gainesville High School, GHS student Baileigh Bullard along with GHS teacher Heather McConnell gave a presentation featuring Reg Murphy, GHS Class of '49. Special guests recognized by the Board included the following: 2017-18 Highest Student Attendance (Mundy Mill Learning Academy), 2017-18 Highest School Employee Attendance (Gainesville High School), and 2017-18 Highest System Support Staff Attendance (GCSS School Nutrition Department).

The Board reviewed, discussed and approved agenda reports as submitted by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links listed below. To view a video recording of the meeting, please click the picture shown above.

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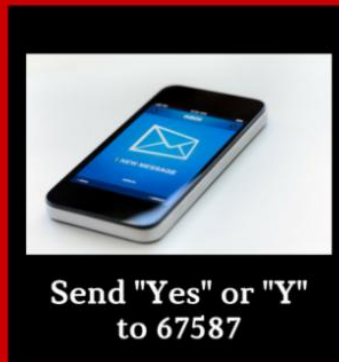
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GCSS Proof of Residency Requirements



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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