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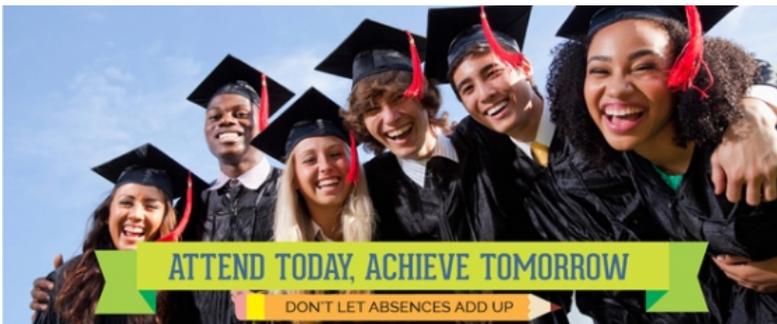
Have You "Herd"?



Have A Safe Labor Day Weekend!

The Gainesville City School System will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and wonderful weekend!

September is Attendance Awareness Month



The month of September is designated as Attendance Awareness Month, and GCSS will join districts and schools across the nation in highlighting school attendance awareness to emphasize to parents and students that engagement matters for attendance. This year's theme "Engagement = Attendance" highlights the important role that everyone can play in creating a welcoming and engaging school environment that motivates students and families to come to school every day.

Do you know your ABC's? Attendance, Behavior, Classroom Success! All of our schools emphasize the importance of our ABC initiatives by engaging students, parents, businesses, civic organizations, and the community. Parents are encouraged to make sure that their children attend school daily so that they do not miss out on valuable instructional time. Parents should check their children's grades regularly through PowerSchool to monitor their academic progress. In order for students to maintain academic achievement, a collaborative team is required consisting of parents, teachers, school and district staff, businesses, and the community - all engaged in providing resources and support to assist all students in being



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Important Dates

September 4

Labor Day Holiday

September 6

Public Hearing
(Millage Rate)
6:00 p.m.

School Board Office

BOE Called Meeting &

successful and in encouraging students to attend school regularly.

Engaging Parents and Families with Schools



L to R: Nancy Castillo-García (GEA), Maria Ramirez (Mundy Mill), Veronica Portillo (GMS), Tina Santos (Enota), Juana Hernandez (Fair Street), Yolanda Gomez (GHS), Claudia Arellano (New Holland), Angela Rodriguez (CAA)-not pictured

On August 17th, GCSS conducted the District Parent and Family Engagement Coordinators Training & Orientation. The GaDOE's Family-School Partnership Program ensures that Title I, Part A parent and family engagement regulations are met with meaningful and strategic actions to build parent and school staff capacity as mandated by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Schools and districts must ensure that strong strategies are in place to: 1) build capacity to engage parents/stakeholders in an effective partnership with the school, and 2) share and support high student academic achievement.

Parent and Family Engagement is defined as an ongoing process that increases active participation, communication, and collaboration between parents, schools, and communities with the goal of educating the whole child to ensure student achievement and success. GaDOE's vision states "The Family-School Partnership Program believes that parents, schools, families, and communities working together can create meaningful partnerships that ultimately lead to significant gains across the board in student achievement."

Parent and Family Engagement Coordinators were trained and orientated on the Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement, and how family and community engagement plays a major role in the systems and structures that must be in place for sustained improvement in student outcomes.

Work Session
6:30 p.m.
School Board Office

September 6

Progress Reports

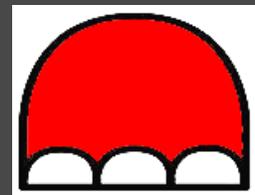
September 18

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

September 26

Fuel Up to Play 60-Atlanta
Falcons Event
10:00 a.m.
New Holland Academy

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Donna K. Allen, GCSS District Lead for Parent and Family Engagement, states, "Our Parent and Family Engagement Coordinators are the connectors between schools and families. Our focus this year will center around making parents feel welcome in all of our schools, to continually seek out parent input as stakeholders, to strengthen our parent and family engagement activities alongside our local business and community partners, increase family participation, and work with parents and families in a partnership that focuses on the whole child."

Alumni News



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Media Specialist Earns Hometown Hero Award



Mrs. Tammy Palmer

Congratulations to Tammy Palmer of Mundy Mill Academy as the recipient of the Hometown Hero Award sponsored by the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Palmer is the school's Media Specialist.

The award honors a school staff member who has made a tremendous impact at his or her school.

"I felt Tammy was deserving of the recognition for the work she did in preparation of the school opening," stated Dr. Crystal Brown, Mundy Mill principal. "She worked several hours, for which she was paid, but she also volunteered hours upon hours to research, order, catalogue, and organize instructional texts to be used by every child in the school. In addition, Tammy researched, ordered, catalogued, unboxed, and shelved hundreds of books in the media center. Everything was ready for teachers and students by the first day of school."

The award was presented to Mrs. Palmer by local representative, Peter Truong, on August 14th during a faculty meeting. A check for \$100 will be given to Mundy Mill that will be used to support reading initiatives within the school.

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

School Bus Drivers Get Cool Treatment



GHS AWARE Club shows appreciation to bus drivers

During the past two weeks, GCSS school bus drivers received "cool treatment" from the GHS A.W.A.R.E. Club. Through the "Bus Driver Cool Down" school service project, A.W.A.R.E. club members distributed water and Gatorade to bus drivers as they arrived to GHS to pick up students during the afternoon. The project enabled students to show their appreciation of the bus drivers for transporting them to and from school each day. The students enjoyed doing something nice for the bus drivers and wanted to put smiles on their faces while cooling them off during the hot days. The goal is for this project to become an annual tradition for Gainesville High School and to also serve as an extension of a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) collaboration with the GCSS Transportation department.

Gainesville City BOE Called Meeting August 30, 2017



Dr. Williams discusses millage rate at public hearing

The Gainesville City Board of Education held two called meetings on Wednesday, August 30th at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office. The purpose of the called meetings was to discuss the millage rate and to allow an opportunity for public comments.

To view the agenda and report, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Millage Rate Information](#)

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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- **Centennial - @GCSS_CAA**
- **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
- **Fair Street - @GCSS_FS**
- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS_MMLA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS_NH**
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