

## Mundy Mill Celebrates Grandparents' Day



Grandparents' Day at Mundy Mill Academy

Mundy Mill Learning Academy recently honored grandparents by hosting a Grandparents' Day breakfast. With approximately 470 guests who included grandparents, students, and great-grandparents, the school celebrated grandparents by honoring them for the important roles that they play in the lives of their grandchildren. Grandparents were treated with a light breakfast and then enjoyed a fun game of Bingo with their grandchildren as partners. Winners received gift cards to Wendy's, Starbucks, Fire House Subs, Chick-fil-A, Dairy Queen, Dunkin Donuts, Hardee's, and Steak & Shake.

Many of the grandparents were thrilled to be a part of the special occasion and were excited to visit their grandchildren at school. Mr. and Mr. Reddy said, "We enjoyed the festivities. The school faculty and students went out of their way to ensure we had a great experience. We felt welcomed and part of the family, [and] we had a great time!" Another grandparent, Ms. Katherine Twigg, shared, "We appreciate all the work of the teachers and staff and the ability to share the special time with our grandchildren."

Mundy Mill Academy values its grandparents for their unwavering support and respects their commitment in helping their grandchildren learn and grow



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### Important Dates

**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**

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## New Enota School Welcomes the Community



Community Open House at new Enota school

Enota opened its doors to the entire Gainesville community for an opportunity to view the newly built school. Visitors enjoyed a self-guided tour of the building where they viewed the spacious classrooms, media center, cafeteria, new gym, and other areas of the school. Staff was positioned throughout the building to greet and answer questions. Upon entering the foyer, guests saw the grand piano that sits majestically waiting for an eager musician to play a tune. Fortunately, Principal Wesley Roach was available to play a few melodies. Everyone enjoyed visiting the "memorabilia corner" where interesting pictures and artifacts of the past were displayed. Guests were treated with sweet treats prepared by Enota's very own culinary arts students. Former Enota alumni also visited and were intrigued by the new transformation of their former school. The community was given a grand tour and seemed quite pleased with the appearance of the new Enota!

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## Striving To Become Self-Made Millionaires

October 9

Teacher Planning Day

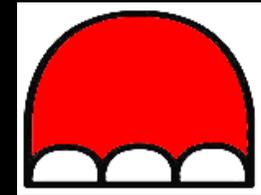
October 15

GCSS REACH GA  
Signing Ceremony  
Public Safety Complex  
5:30 p.m.

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

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Students at Gainesville High School gained a better understanding on how to become millionaires. Ron Thomas, CEO of Thomas Riley Strategies, visited the school's Economics classes to explain how he established his successful business. Mr. Thomas is a military veteran, West Point alumnus, graduate of South Carolina School of Law, attorney, and the CEO of his self-made, multi-million dollar company. GHS teacher Rickey Young, who is his former football coach and teacher, invited him to GHS to speak to students.



In his presentation, Mr. Thomas explained to students that the value of hard work will get them further than anything and that they should believe in themselves even if no one else does. He also encouraged them not to give up even when faced with adversity, explaining that "life changes quickly so don't dwell on failure - just keep going". Students learned the possible benefits of hard work and perseverance and were inspired to reach their goals- no matter how far-fetched or impossible their goals may seem! Mr. Thomas's advice encouraged many students to believe that they can someday become millionaires too or anything that they strive to be!

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## GCSS Earns Partner in Prevention Distinction



The Gainesville City School System has taken extra steps to protect children in our care by partnering with the Edmondson Telford Child Advocacy Center (CAC) to provide Stewards of Children® training to all school system employees - from educators and coaches to bus drivers and administrators. By training more than 90% of all school system employees, GCSS has earned Partner in Prevention designation.

Stewards of Children® training is an evidence-based program scientifically proven to help participants prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. The training helps participants better understand the issue of child sexual abuse, identify unsafe situations and practices and react responsibly in the best

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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

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### 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

interest of the children they serve. Partner in Prevention was created as a national standard to help parents and caregivers recognize organizations that take child protection seriously by implementing policy and training staff to prevent child abuse.

"I applaud the Gainesville City School System for taking this important step to achieve Partner in Prevention status," says Heather Hayes, executive director of the Edmondson Telford CAC. "To train virtually all system employees is a tremendous investment - and one that will reap incredible rewards for the children of Gainesville City Schools."

Hayes credits GCSS Superintendent Jeremy Williams for making the commitment to train all of our 949 GCSS employees.

"I had prior experience with Stewards of Children training from a former school system in which I worked," says Dr. Williams. "I recognized the value it brings to a staff, and ultimately the students we serve, and wanted to ensure that we all are trained to identify and respond appropriately to a situation where abuse may have occurred."

Stewards of Children training is offered through the Edmondson Telford CAC at no cost to the community thanks to funding from United Way of Hall County.

"We are pleased to partner with the Edmondson Telford Center to make this training possible in Hall County," says Joy Griffin, president of United Way of Hall County. "This milestone is a great example of collaboration across our community. By working together, United Way, the Edmondson Telford Center and the Gainesville City School System make the biggest impact for our community's children."

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