



GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

A Georgia Charter District

Have you "Herd"?

GHS Cadets Navigate Through Competition



L to R (Front row): Jose Barraza, Naomi Garcia & Jonathan Arroyo - (Back row): Manny Ruiz, Jose Luna & Alex Camacho

The Gainesville High School NJROTC (Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps) participated in the 2018 Mountain Madness Orienteering Competition at Fort Yargo State Park in Winder, Georgia on September 23rd. Orienteering is a competitive sport in which the participants use a map and compass to navigate to various control points in the least amount of time possible.

The competition was intense with representation from sixteen NJROTC programs throughout the state of Georgia. The following Cadets represented GHS on the advanced course: Alex Camacho, Jose Luna, Manny Ruiz, Jonathan Arroyo, Jose Barraza, and Naomi Garcia. "This is a brand new Orienteering team this year in terms of personnel," said LT. Nathan Bourdeau. "They have taken theoretical concepts and very little training and translated that into success on the Advanced Beginners Course. I am incredibly proud and impressed with these Cadets." Congratulations to the cadets for their excellent performance in the competition!



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Important Dates

October 1

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

October 8

Columbus Day Holiday

October 9

Teacher Planning Day

October 10

Twins Take Over Fair Street



Twins roam the halls at Fair Street Academy

If you visited Fair Street last week, you may have thought that you were seeing double! In fact, not only were you seeing double - but you were actually seeing twins. Students and staff teamed up with their peers to enjoy being twins for a day as part of the school's PBIS initiative. Dressing as twins was a fun way to make the school day even more exciting, and it was a funny trick to play on visiting guests who thought that they were experiencing double vision!

Our "Top Gun" Coordinator in the State



GHS WBL Coordinator - Mrs. Helen Perry

At the 2018 Georgia Work Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Fall Conference in Savannah, Mrs. Helen Perry was named as one of only 20 "Top Gun" Work-Based Learning (WBL) Coordinators in the state by the Georgia Department of Education. Mrs. Perry serves as the WBL Coordinator for Gainesville High School.

Splost Listening Session
Mundy Mill Academy
10:00 a.m.

October 15

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

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

October 16

Splost Listening Session
Gainesville Middle
School
6:00 p.m.

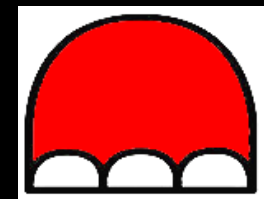
October 24

Splost Listening Session
Fair Street Neighborhood
Center
10:00 a.m.

October 30

Splost Listening Session
Gainesville High School
6:00 p.m.


Upcoming Events



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"Top Gun WBL Educator" was developed through a partnership between the Georgia Department of Education's Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education division; the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Resource Network; and the Work-Based Learning/Youth Apprenticeship Affiliate of the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education. The three organizations teamed up to sponsor a unique staff development training for WBL coordinators who have excelled in a specified set of performance criteria.

"I am very honored to be chosen for the 2019 Top Gun Class for WBL Coordinators in the state of Georgia and look forward to learning and training in June of 2019 with the other WBL coordinators who were chosen. I am passionate about Work-Based Learning and feel that the development of employability skills of our students through their internship or work experience is so beneficial to the success of their future career goals and endeavors," stated Mrs. Perry. "Gainesville has a wonderful business community, and we are so fortunate for the time and expertise that our businesses and Chamber of Commerce invest in our students through not only Work-Based Learning placements, but in providing field trips and speakers for our CTAE classes or CTSO's (Career and Technical Student Organizations) as well as assisting with mock interviews and career fairs."

The concept of the "Top Gun" training is based loosely on the theme of the movie of the same name in which the "best of the best" are honored with participation in a specialized training opportunity and are given the chance to compete and hone their skills. Participants are then better prepared to promote Georgia's Work-Based Learning program, which gives Georgia students the opportunity to receive credit while working in an environment related to their Career Pathway.

"We are incredibly proud of Mrs. Perry and the Work Based Learning program she has built," said GHS Principal Jamie Green. "With her vision and with the support of businesses throughout our community, hundreds of students have been able to discover and develop their passions and interests. In work based learning programs, students have the opportunity to leverage their knowledge, skills, and competencies in a real-world environment. There is no doubt that our students who participate in WBL have a competitive advantage as they enter higher education or the work-place."

Mrs. Perry works diligently with students and the business community to connect the student interns with the best business or organization that aligns with each student's career goal. She goes above and beyond to ensure that students are equipped with the necessary tools and skills needed to be successful in their career choice. "Ms. Perry exemplifies the qualities we seek in all of our educators," stated Mr. Green. "She is hard-working, student-centered, and creative. She is very deserving of this award and recognition." The district is proud of Mrs. Perry for receiving state recognition and commends her for establishing a successful Work Based Learning program that prepares our high school graduates for a smooth transition into the workforce.

Points of Pride



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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

Who's Got the Big Red Spirit?

Our Schools



GHS Homecoming Week 2018

Homecoming Week 2018 at Gainesville High School was an exciting occasion for students to show their "Big Red" spirit. Activities included themed days such as: Color Me Monday, Twins Tuesday, Who Am I Wednesday, Throwback Thursday, and of course Red Out Friday! Everyone got into the school spirit with students and staff dressing in accordance to the daily themes. The week-long celebration concluded with a Homecoming parade, pep rally, game, and dance, culminated by the crowning of the Homecoming Queen Karyme Ramirez and Homecoming King Alan Remes. The community was "Red Hot" the entire week as current and former (and new) Red Elephants celebrated and showed their spirit in the Big Red Nation!



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SCHOOL SYSTEM'S
GRADUATION RATE**

MAINTAINS ABOVE
STATE AVERAGE
AT
87.9%



SO PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS & STAFF!
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