

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



## Celebrating An Exciting "100th" Milestone



Students and teachers celebrate 100th day of school

Do you know what was special about January 18th? GCSS elementary schools celebrated the 100th day of school. Students participated in several fun activities planned for the exciting milestone. Some schools had a special theme in which students and teachers dressed as if they were 100 years old. Many students created unique hats to wear as part of the celebration. There were lots of singing, laughing, and fun throughout the day. Over the past 100 days, students have learned many exciting things and have achieved many accomplishments. As the year continues, they still have much more to learn and achieve; but they are glad to have accomplished so much within 100 days!



**GAINESVILLE  
CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

Wanda Creel, Ed.D.  
**Superintendent**

### **Board Members**

Brett Mercer, Chair  
John Filson, Vice Chair  
Delores Diaz  
Willie Mitchell  
Sammy Smith

### **Important Dates**

February 6

BOE Work Session

February 7

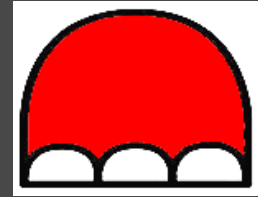
Progress Reports

February 20

Teacher Planning  
(Weather Make-up)




## Upcoming Events



[EVENT CALENDAR](#)

[ELEPHANT TRACKS NEWS](#)

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Click [here](#) to view the video of Fair Street's 100th day celebration.

## Centennial's New Addition Officially Opens



Principal Frierson cuts the ribbon at ceremony

Centennial Arts Academy officially celebrated the opening of its new two-story classroom addition with a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 18th while also celebrating the 100th day of school. A special luncheon was held prior to the ceremony with guests including parents and members of the Gainesville City Council, Centennial School Governance Council, and Gainesville City School Board. Centennial Principal Leslie Frierson had the honor of cutting the ribbon in front of students, faculty, and special guests. After the ceremony, some guests toured the new facility to see the huge classrooms. Overall, it was an exciting way for Centennial to celebrate the 100th day of school!

## Points of Pride



[District & School Achievements](#)

[GCSS Data Facts](#)

## Alumni News



[Class of 2016 Achievements](#)

## 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

New Holland  
Knowledge Academy

[www.gcsk12.net](http://www.gcsk12.net)

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## Enota Hosts Annual MI Fair



Board Vice Chair John Filson at last year's fair

Enota MI Academy will host its annual MI Fair on Thursday, January 26th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The fair will include crafts and student projects as well as exhibits from Elachee Nature Center, Gainesville Ballet, Rock Solid Karate, Wildlife Wonders, and many more. Everyone is invited to come out for an evening of food, fun, and great fellowship.

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## Spreading Joy Beyond The Classroom





**GEA Teacher Mrs. Rose Moon**

Mrs. Rose Moon is best known for spreading a lot of "joy" around the Gainesville community. Most of her colleagues at Gainesville Exploration Academy describe her as being one of the most inspiring leaders that they know with a positive attitude that is infectious and a big heart when it comes to her students.

Mrs. Moon, the mother of three daughters (Savannah, Abigail, and Jade) and wife of Eugene Moon, was recently chosen as the Faculty on Fire award recipient for Gainesville Exploration Academy. Having worked as an educator for the past four years at GEA, Mrs. Moon currently teaches third grade and has previously taught ESOL. "After my mother passed away, I decided to go back to school and get my degree in education," shared Mrs. Moon. "I have always wanted to be an educator. I love encouraging children to love learning." Mrs. Moon's goal for her students is quite simple. She wants each of them to become lifelong learners. In fact, she is on a mission of ensuring that all children develop a love for learning - just as she has developed a love for teaching...and helping others.

Her commitment to helping others not only occurs within the classroom; but far beyond her classroom walls within the local community through outreach programs. Mrs. Moon is the founder of Project JOY, a program that provides Thanksgiving meals to the elderly, homeless, Meals on Wheels recipients, and to the Community Pantry at the Boys and Girls Club.

It is through her projects that she has touched the lives of many people of all ages, ethnicities, and sociodemographics. As a respected member of the community, she devotes much of her time and money to serving those who are in need. Her passion for helping others inspires those around her to follow in her footsteps - spreading joy every step of the way.



The Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17th at the School Board Office. Board Chair Brett Mercer called the meeting to order and recognized guests in attendance. Special guests honored by the Board included New Holland Knowledge Academy (Highest Student Attendance Award), Gainesville High School (Highest School Employee Award), GCSS School Nutrition (Highest System Support Staff Attendance Award), GEA Elebots Robotics team and coaches, GEA Girls Soccer Champions, Rose Moon (Faculty on Fire Award), Allison Barron Roberts (GEA 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year), Gainesville Exploration Academy (2016 Greatest Gains Award (Bronze Level), GHS Governor's Honors Nominees, and the GHS NJROTC Academic Competition Team along with Lt Nathan Bourdeau and SCPO Scott Thomson.

The Board reviewed and approved agenda reports as submitted by district and school personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trips](#)
- [Facility Requests](#)
- [Balanced Scorecard](#)
- [Exhibit for Policy GAD - Professional Learning Plan](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)
- [Policy GBA \(1\) - R\(0\) - Regulation for Awarding Credit for Classified Staff Professional Personnel Sick Leave Bank and Salary Quoting Procedures](#)
- [Policy GBRIB \(1\) - R\(0\) - Regulation for Professional Personnel Sick Leave Bank](#)
- [First Reading - Policy EEC - Food Services Records](#)
- [December 2016 Financials](#)
- [Supt. Strategic Plan Report - Fair Street Presentation](#)



Parents and guardians of GCSS students are strongly encouraged to complete the online AdvancED parent survey to share opinions to help target areas of improvement for the school system. The survey can be accessed on the district website ([www.gcssk12.net](http://www.gcssk12.net)) or by clicking [here](#). Please be assured that responses will be anonymous, and parental input is greatly appreciated. For additional information or if there are any questions, please contact Priscilla Collins at [priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net](mailto:priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net) or 770-536-5275.

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## **Please Join Our 125th Celebration**



The Gainesville City School System will host a celebration of the 125 year anniversary of the establishment of the system on Sunday, February 26, 2017, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Gainesville High School Front Lobby. All alumni, current and former faculty and staff, friends and family are invited. To submit pictures for the slideshow, please send to [125years@gcssk12.net](mailto:125years@gcssk12.net). For additional information, please email [beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net](mailto:beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net).

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## **#Cheersto125years**

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**Advancing  
A Tradition of Excellence!  
#OneGainesville  
#RoadtoGraduation**

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- **Gainesville City School System - @GCSSK12**
  - **Centennial - @GCSS\_CAA**
  - **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
  - **Fair Street - @GCSS\_FS**
  - **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS\_GEA**
  - **New Holland - @GCSS\_NH**
  - **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS\_GMS**
  - **Gainesville High School - @GCSS\_GHS**
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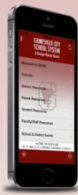
# GCSS Mobile App

GCSS is proud to announce its very own mobile app!

GCSS is now live!

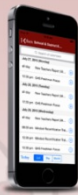


Here are some amazing features to look forward to and things you can do with the GCSS app:



## Notifications

Make sure you select "Yes" to receive Push Notifications so you can receive all breaking school news. These notifications will be used to provide information on early/late start and school closings.



## Calendar

The school wide calendar of events and athletic events at the tip of your finger! Add the events that you are interested in to your native phone calendar so you never miss them!

Download the GCSS Mobile App through **App Store**, **Google Play**, or **Window Store** to access the latest information while on the go! Features such as Calendar of Events, Directions, Faculty and Staff Directory, Emergency and District Alerts, Helpful Links, and Current News can be accessed through our mobile application. **"Go Mobile"** with GCSS!