

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Book Characters Come To Life at Fair Street



Characters welcome students to school



**GAINESVILLE
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A Georgia Charter System

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Important Dates

January 10

1st Semester Report Cards

January 16

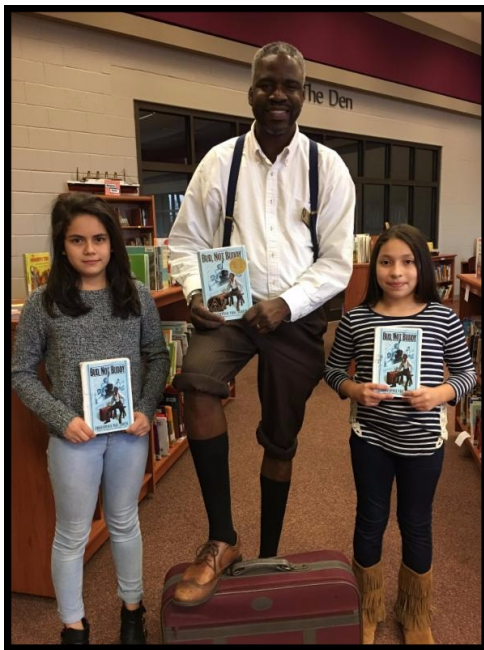
ML King Holiday
(Weather Make-up)

January 17

BOE Meeting

On January 3rd, Fair Street International Academy welcomed students and parents back to school as they began the 2017 school year. The school decided to start the new year off with a big bang, and what better way to get the students excited about returning to school than by having their favorite book characters to greet them at the start of the school day. As students entered the doorways, they were welcomed by characters of all shapes and sizes. Principal Will Campbell shared, "I wanted to welcome back our children to school with an emphasis on reading so some of our staff members dressed up as one of their favorite book characters. I dressed up as Bud from the Newberry award-winning book *Bud not Buddy*." Some students were so intrigued by Mr. Campbell's character that they decided to check out the book at the library so they could begin reading it. To further expand the students' interest in reading, Mr. Campbell had lunch with the students this past Thursday to discuss various chapters of the book.

Fair Street students are ready to begin the year; but most importantly, they are eager to begin reading about the interesting characters that visited their school! What a great way to start the new year!



"Bud" poses with students

Basketball Team Claims Lanierland Title

[February 6](#)

BOE Work Session

[February 7](#)

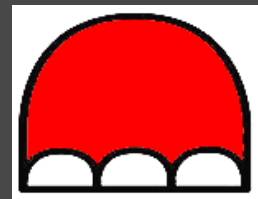
Progress Reports

[February 20](#)

Teacher Planning
(Weather Make-up)

BOE Meeting

Upcoming Events



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Alumni News



2016 Lanierland Champions

Congratulations to the Gainesville High School Boys Basketball team and coaching staff as the champions of the 2016 Lanierland Tournament. The team defeated East Hall with a score of 88 to 38 to claim the coveted title. The last time that the Gainesville boys won the Lanierland championship was in 2011. The team is currently undefeated and is ranked #1 in Class 6A under the leadership of head coach Benji Wood.

Advanced Parent Survey



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) 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 or 770-536-5275.

GCSS Inclement Weather Procedures



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

Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

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It's that time of the year when snow days and weather delays are likely to occur. The Gainesville City School System encourages parents and employees to be well prepared in the event inclement weather occurs.

School closings and delays are determined by the GCSS Emergency Weather Review Team after consulting with local public safety officials, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Hall County School System, and Gainesville City School System officials. Factors that may determine school closings or delays include hazardous road conditions, snow or ice accumulation, flooding, unfavorable weather conditions, unfavorable facility conditions (loss of power or heat), harsh temperature, and extreme wind chill factor.

In the event of inclement weather, the Emergency Weather Review Team will travel on designated routes and assess road conditions to determine if roads are conducive for safe bus travel. The team will then decide whether to proceed with school closing or delay with regard to the safety of students and employees.

Parents and employees will be notified of school closing or delay by 5:30 a.m. Notifications will be sent via the School Messenger messaging system, district webpage, GCSS Mobile App, district newsletter, social media, and the local media.

Parents and employees should continue to monitor updates regarding school closings and delays through the local media and the district website. Additional information regarding student make-up assignments and employee professional learning assignments can be found on the district website (www.gcssk12.net) under Inclement Weather Procedures in the Quick Links sidebar or by clicking [here](#).

Gainesville City Board Work Session January 2, 2017

The Gainesville City Board of Education held its first meeting of the new year on January 2nd at the School Board Office. The meeting was called to order by outgoing chair Dr. Delores Diaz. As the first order of business, the Board elected officers for the 2017 year. Mr.

Brett Mercer will serve as Board Chair, Mr. John Filson as Vice Chair, and Mr. Willie Mitchell will remain as Board Treasurer.

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

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trips](#)
- [Facility Requests](#)
- [Capital Projects Updates](#)
- [CCRPI Information](#) and [CCRPI Chart](#)
- [Choice Letters/Registration](#)
- [Research Approvals](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)
- [November 2016 Financials](#)

Choice Enrollment & Registration for 2017-18



Gainesville City School System is pleased to announce Choice Enrollment, Pre-K Registration, and Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-18 school year as well as the opening of our sixth elementary academy, Mundy Mill Academy. Families that live in Mundy Mill Academy's attendance zone must provide transportation to any elementary school that is selected outside of the attendance zone. Additionally, transportation must be provided by families who select Mundy Mill Academy, but live outside of the Mundy Mill attendance zone. Please click [here](#) for additional information regarding choice enrollment and registration. For a list of the registration requirements, please click [here](#). The Registration page is located on the district website at www.gcssk12.net and can also be accessed by clicking [here](#). To check your child's school attendance zone, please click [here](#).

Please Save The Date and Don't Be Late



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 Gym. 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. For additional information, please email beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net.

#Cheersto125years

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





- **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**

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!
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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!