

WHAT ARE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR 2019?

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- Help Others in Need
- More Family Engagement
- Make New Friends
- Learn a New Skill
- Volunteer in Community
- Study More
- Exercise More
- Eat Healthier
- Be Positive
- Volunteer in Schools

What are your New Year's Resolutions? As we begin 2019, parents, students, teachers, and staff should reflect on how to make 2019 an even better year. Becoming more involved in school-related events, studying harder, improving family engagement, volunteering for community service projects, and developing new learning strategies or educational initiatives are great goals for the new year. Are you up for the challenge for being a better YOU in 2019? What can you do to inspire, nurture, challenge, and prepare for the new year? Share your resolutions with us on Twitter, FaceBook, or Instagram at #OneGainesville.



GCSS Registration & School Choice Enrollment



Registration for the 2019-2020 school year for Pre-Kindergarten,



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Superintendent

Board Members

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 Willie Mitchell, Vice Chair
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Important Dates

January 22

BOE Regular Meeting
 SBO Office
 6:00 p.m.

January 21

MLK Day Holiday

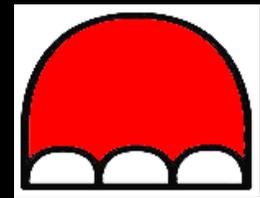
[February 4](#)

**BOE Work Session &
Regular Meeting
SBO Office
6:00 p.m.**

[February 18-19](#)

**President's Day and
Student/Teacher Holiday**

Upcoming Events



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Alumni News

Kindergarten, and School Choice Enrollment is currently open during the month of January. Pre-K Registration will be held through January 23rd at the School Board Office located at 508 Oak Street, Mondays - Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Pre-K Lottery Drawing will be held on January 24, 2019. Click [English](#) or [Spanish](#) to view Pre-K Frequently Asked Questions.

Kindergarten Registration is open to parents and guardians through January 22nd from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Mondays through Fridays) at the elementary school that your child plans to attend during the 2019-2020 school year.

Forms for School Choice Enrollment for currently enrolled Pre-K through Grade 4 students were sent home to parents and guardians to complete and return to your child's school by January 22nd.

Registration for newly enrolling city residents (Grades 1 - 11) and newly enrolling non-city residents is available at the School Board Office located at 508 Oak Street, Mondays - Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please bring the required documents needed to complete registration.

For additional information regarding registration, please click [here](#) or contact the GCSS Registration Center at 770-536-5275.

GHS Audio Video Team Selected as Top Finalist



GHS Audio Video Technology team competes in film race

The Gainesville High School Digital Media and Film team (also commonly referred to as Audio Video Technology or AV Tech) was recently selected as a Top 15 finalist in the International 100-Hour Film Race, being the only high school team to be selected as a finalist with the remaining finalists being independent and professional film teams. The team's featured film advanced

to the next round of competition, and the winner will be announced at the International Film Premiere event on March 13th in Marietta, Georgia. This is the first time that digital media and film students at Gainesville High School have participated in this type of competition under the guidance of the new GHS AV Tech instructor, Dr. Joseph Miller.

The International 100 Hour Film Race is an annual international film competition in which film makers from around the world are challenged to create an entire film in 100 hours using a surprise theme, prop, and action provided at the beginning of the competition. All participating teams were given the same theme, prop, and action requirements on December 6, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. and had until midnight on December 10, 2018 to complete the competition which entailed creating a story, writing a script, shooting the film, editing the film, and uploading the film as well as any additional required documents. Teams were only allowed to secure equipment, filming locations, permissions, and actors. The films were judged based on ten categories: Originality, Creativity, Plot, Writing, Structure, Characters, Cinematography, Direction, Entertainment Value, and Acting.

The GHS team experienced firsthand what happens in a real, professional film production on a smaller scale. "I'm not sure that I have ever been more proud of a group of students," stated Dr. Miller. "These students came together and did something that I wasn't really sure was possible. Not that I doubted their ability to create, but I doubted my ability to lead them and pull it all together. They created a real short film team and competed against some of the best independent film crews around the globe." Dr. Miller was impressed with how these students worked collectively as a team within a short time frame to create a great film with professionalism, diligence, and commitment. It was even more impressive to be chosen as a finalist considering the team's lack of experience in competing in a film competition. He stated, "Being the only high school to compete and also be selected in the top 20% of a global competition is validation to me that...1. I'm doing something right and ...2. GHS students are up for the challenge. We only have to believe in them."



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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

Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

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Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

Project Based Learning Promotes Giving

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Students at GEA help local community outreach programs

During the month of December, Gainesville Exploration Academy participated in a Project Based Learning initiative entitled "Learning through Giving" in which each grade level sponsored a community outreach program of choice. Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten sponsored the Resting Nest of Hall County by creating ornaments and cards for the residents. First grade sponsored the Hall County Animal Shelter. Students and staff worked together to gather items needed to support the shelter which included towels, blankets, food, serving bowls, and toys. This project was a learning activity as well as students researched the animals' needs and were visited by staff at the Animal Shelter for discussions about the animals. Second and fourth grades sponsored the Gateway House for battered women and abused children. Students advertised, created, and sold candy cane grams raising \$400 with all proceeds donated to the Gateway House. The fifth grade sponsored Hall County Meals on Wheels by designing and creating placemats that were delivered with meals for the elderly.

Under the leadership of Project Based Learning Coordinator Hillary Wilhoite, students at GEA are understanding the rewards gained from giving back to the community. They are also learning how they can positively impact the lives of others by simple acts of kindness. Students engage with local community services representatives to learn how each outreach program assists the community.

Although the projects for December focused on giving, students learned core concepts related to the curriculum as well. "Students practiced twenty-first century skills through advertising, creating, using math, literacy standards, and more," said Mrs. Wilhoite. "We were very pleased with how much we were able to give back this holiday season!" It is always a win-win situation for students and the community whenever "learning and giving" connect in a meaningful way.

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Red Elephant Alumni Spotlight



GHS graduate Max Sumner

Gainesville High School graduate, Max Sumner, was recognized by the University of Georgia in a featured article called "Amazing Students" that highlights current UGA students each week. Being selected as an Amazing Student is a tremendous honor and is a highly sought after achievement among students. With more than 35,000 students, only the most accomplished UGA undergraduates are selected for this distinction. We are proud of Max for his achievements at UGA where he continues to represent the "Red Elephant" family well. Please click [here](#) to view the featured article.

**Gainesville City Work Session/Board Training
January 7, 2019**

School Board Meeting



The Gainesville City Board Work Session/Board Training was held on January 7, 2019 at the School Board Office. Board Officers elected for 2019 are: John Filson as Board Chair, Willie Mitchell as Board Vice Chair, and Sammy Smith as Board Treasurer. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved agenda items as submitted by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
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