

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Inaugural Military Signing For GHS Seniors



L to R: Hellmut Koch Guerra, Julizza Razo-Perez, Carden Smith, and Isabelle Marosek

On October 11th, Gainesville High School hosted its inaugural Military Signing for four GHS seniors. It was an exciting occasion to celebrate the young men and women who have made the decision to serve our country. The signing was conducted in the same format as an athletic or academic signing, with each student signing agreements "committing" to join the military branch of their choice. The following students will be attending the armed forces after graduation:

- Carden Smith - Georgia Army National Guard
- Isabelle Marosek - Georgia Army National Guard
- Hellmut Koch Guerra - United States Marines
- Julizza Razo-Perez - United States Marines

We congratulate each of these students for their outstanding accomplishments, and we wish them much success



GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

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Important Dates

October 27

GHS Homecoming Game
City Park
7:30 p.m.

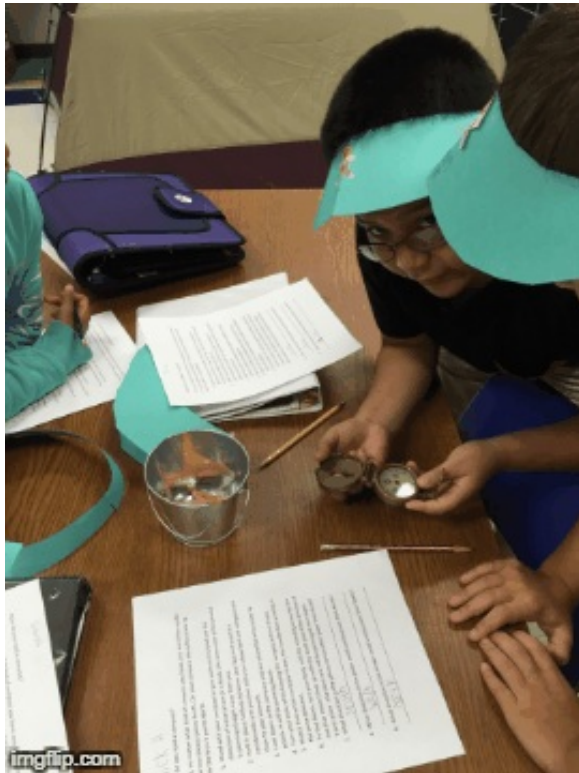
November 6

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

in their endeavors!

To view the inaugural Military Signing Ceremony video, please click [here](#).

Orienteering Impacts New Holland Students



Students learn how to use compasses

Did you know that there is a competitive sport called orienteering? New Holland MPACT students in grades 3-5 were introduced to the sport during their "Classroom Campground Unit". They all experienced a "Wonderful WOW Day" learning about compasses, and they engaged in an orienteering hunt in which they used compasses to follow directional clues to a final destination. After a day of mastering their north, south, east, and west directions, these MPACT students now consider themselves expert "orienteers"!

School Nutrition Awarded For Best Practices

November 10

Progress Reports

November 20-24

Thanksgiving Holidays

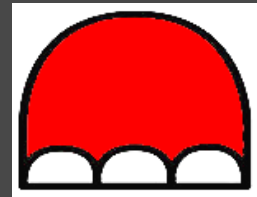
November 27

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

December 4

BOE Work Session/
Regular Meeting
Public Safety Complex
6:00 p.m.


Upcoming Events



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GCSS School Nutrition earns USDA awards

The Gainesville City School Nutrition Program received three USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Best Practices Awards in recognition of its exceptional Wellness Program and Farm to School Program.

The school district has successfully developed and implemented proficient processes in evaluating schools for smart snack compliance for its wellness program for which it was awarded. USDA requires that all school districts follow wellness policy guidelines and meet smart snack compliance.

In addition to the wellness program recognition, two awards were received for the district's Farm to School program. The first award highlighted the School Nutrition program for its successful implementation of best practices of Farm to School initiatives at schools through monthly themed events, food sampling opportunities, and school nutrition education. The second award recognized Gainesville City School System as a 2017 USDA Southeast Regional Winner. Gainesville City and Burke County school systems were the only two districts in the state to receive this coveted award.

"Gainesville City School Nutrition Program is extremely honored and appreciative to receive these awards," states Penny Fowler, GCSS Director of School Nutrition. "Thank you to School Nutrition Managers Crystal Johnson, Sheryl Hendrix, and School Nutrition Coordinator Emily House for their hard work and dedication in maintaining an excellent school nutrition program. All of our school cafeteria staff have contributed to our program's success."

Alumni News



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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

Fair Street International
Academy

Fair Street Academy Earns State Recognition



Dr. Kim Hall leads counseling program at Fair Street

Fair Street International Academy will be recognized by the Georgia School Counselor Association (GSCA) on November 8th at the 2017 GSCA Awards Ceremony at Jekyll Island, GA for its Recognized American School Counselor Model Program (RAMP). In July 2017, Fair Street was officially awarded as a nationally acclaimed RAMP school by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) for its outstanding school counseling program under the leadership of principal Will Campbell and school counselor Dr. Kim Hall. The RAMP designation, awarded for aligning with the criteria in the ASCA National Model, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment.

"Fair Street International Academy's staff and administration have always supported a comprehensive school counseling program that nurtures the whole child," says Dr. Hall. "From the School Counseling Advisory Board that [school board member] Dr. Diaz has served on for many years, down to the holding of classroom meetings for every grade level, the ultimate goal is to prepare students by focusing on student data and outcome in order to prepare our students to be academically successful."

Community "Rocks" at 50th Celebration

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

www.gcssk12.net



Celebrating 50 years of memories at "The Rock"

With the GHS Big Red Machine rockin' and rollin' with good music and the GHS cheerleaders chanting spirit cheers, the Gainesville community enjoyed a fun-filled day of painting and, of course, celebrating 50 years of memories with "The Rock". All GCSS schools participated in the family oriented event with tents and tables stationed for guests to paint their own rocks. Several GCSS alumni came out to celebrate the Rock's birthday, with former alumni cheerleaders also joining the celebration. The kids enjoyed hanging out with Cherry-O the Clown who provided face paintings and twisted balloons for the youngsters. Guests painted rocks with their own unique designs, which will be placed in our schools' kindness rock gardens. Both young and old alumni reminisced about the "Rock" and shared stories about their experiences with the famous landmark. Honorary committee co-chairs Mayor Danny Dunagan and Mr. John Cromartie, Jr. joined Superintendent Jeremy Williams at the Rock with a resolution commemorating the special occasion. All in all, there was no better way for a rock to celebrate its birthday - with a "rocking" good time!

**Online Donations Now Available for
REACH Scholarship Program**



GCSS 2017 REACH Georgia Scholars

Gainesville City School System encourages the community to support our REACH Georgia Scholars program by making a financial contribution to provide an opportunity for select GCSS students to pursue a college education. REACH Georgia is a needs-based scholarship program that pairs middle school students (Scholars) with mentors, coaches and additional resources to prepare them for college and careers. REACH Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school earn a \$10,000 scholarship paid over four years at a Georgia college or technical college of their choice. 100% of all donations collected will contribute toward REACH scholarships.

Gainesville City School System and Hall County Schools have joined efforts in raising donations for our REACH scholars. Donations can now be made online at www.ngcf.org. Monetary donations to REACH can be made in the Gainesville-Hall Fund at the North Georgia Community Foundation and are tax deductible (501c3). Checks may be mailed to NGCF at 615 Oak Street, Suite 1300, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. (When submitting checks, please note REACH: Gainesville-Hall Fund on the check memo line).

For individuals interested in mentoring REACH scholars, please contact Marie Davis at marie.davis@centerpointga.org. For additional information regarding the GCSS REACH program, please click [here](#).

To hear the heartfelt stories of our 2017 Reach Scholars, please click [here](#).

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- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
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