

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

A Georgia Charter District

Have you "Herd"?

## Reading Connects Students with the Community



Students at Fair Street read with community volunteers

It truly takes a community to "educate" a child which is exactly what is happening within the Fair Street community. The senior citizens are making it their priority to spend quality time educating students. This year, Fair Street is fortunate to have several reading volunteers who will donate their time monthly. Eleven senior citizens have committed to spending every second Tuesday of each month reading with Fair Street students. This unique partnership allows the volunteers to assist students with reading and allows students to directly interact with elders of the community and enhance their reading skills. By establishing a stronger relationship between Fair Street Academy and the community, senior citizens are actively engaged with students while supporting the educational needs of the school.

## Top GMS Spellers Advance to District Bee



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### Important Dates

February 4

BOE Work Session &  
Regular Meeting  
Gainesville High  
6:00 p.m.

February 18-19

President's Day and  
Student/Teacher Holiday

March 4

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

March 15

**Teacher Planning Day  
Student Holiday**

March 18

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



**GMS Spelling Bee Winners (l to r): Emily Maya, Emily Mosqueda-Calderon, and Isaac Massey**

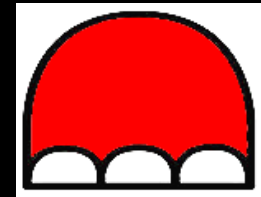
The Gainesville Middle School Spelling Bee was held on January 24th at the GMS Media Center where twenty contestants competed, representing sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. The participants were Josiah Thompson, Emily Maya, Sonny Phan, Molly Collins, Ngan Nguyen, Sergio Garcia Moreno, Jose Rodriguez, Isaac Massey, Vincent Keisel, Amy Sica-Vicente, Shariyah Bledson, Joseph Hernandez-Tovar, Henry Bonilla, Miguel Herrera, Emily Mosqueda-Calderon, Rodney Jackson, Dariel Terrero, Joella Monzanga, and Marvin Medina. All of the contestants did a spectacular job in representing their grade levels.

Emily Mosqueda-Calderon (8th grade) was the winner of the competition, Isaac Massey (7th grade) was runner-up, and Emily Maya (6th grade) finished in third place. Emily captured the spelling bee title after successfully spelling the word "conservatory" in the 5th round of the competition. These top three spellers will represent GMS at the district spelling bee on February 7th at the GCSS School Board Office.

We wish these students the best of luck as they represent our school system in the district spelling competition!

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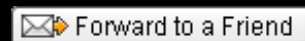
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**Alumni News**



GMS Spelling Bee Participants

## GHS Artists Showcase Creative Art Designs



"Untitled No. 1" by Catie Cook

Throughout the school year, GHS art students are encouraged to participate in exhibition opportunities and competitions that are sponsored by colleges, art associations, and galleries. These opportunities allow students to gain experience and professionalism in their field of study as well as add to their resumes and portfolios. Recently, the students participated in three



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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

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### Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International  
Academy

Gainesville  
Exploration Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

New Holland  
Knowledge Academy

university- sponsored events featuring peer-aged artists from across the state.

This past November, students showcased their artwork at the Smith Williams Studio Gallery High School Exhibition. The artists whose work was featured included Bailey Becker, Khanh Au, Grace O'Keefe, and Matthew Penado. Khanh Au received an Honorable Mention Award for her work titled, "Universal". On January 17th, Catie Cook received Honorable Mention distinction at the Annual High School Exhibition held at the Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art at Piedmont College for her artwork "Untitled No. 1", a large scale acrylic on canvas. Catie received one of the five awards out of 82 Georgia high school artists featured. Other GHS students whose artwork was on display included Bailey Becker and Khanh Au.

Currently, four GHS students have their artwork exhibited in the University of North Georgia (UNG's) 2019 Georgia Art Educators and Students exhibition located at the Price Memorial Building on the UNG Dahlonega Campus. The participating students include Khanh Au, Catie Cook, Matthew Penado, and Katherine Salazar. Their artwork will be on display until March 7th.

Approximately fifty art students will be showcasing their creations in the upcoming Youth Art Month exhibition sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Hall County and the Quinlan Visual Arts Center in March. This event will allow students to showcase their work to the public in an art gallery setting. Students will also get an opportunity to win awards and prizes for their designs. The goal of the GHS Fine Arts department is to expose students to many interactive learning opportunities outside of the classroom to better prepare them for future careers specializing in art.



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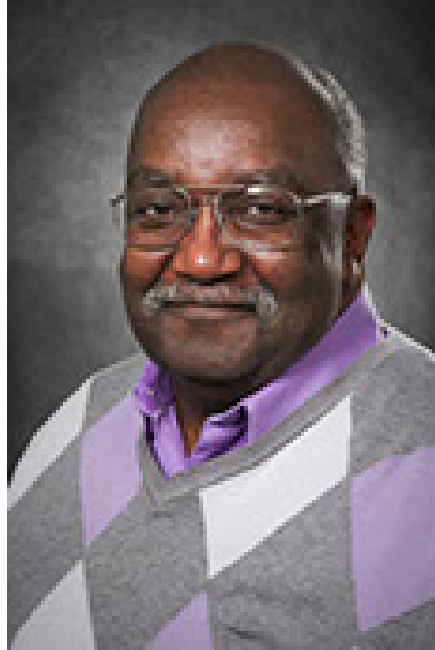


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**Drum Major for Justice in the Community**



**Jerry Castleberry**

Jerry Castleberry, GCSS Transportation Director, was recently awarded the 2019 Drum Major for Justice Community Service Award at a special ceremony honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 21st at St. John Baptist Church. The award honors those individuals who play a significant role within the community by dedicating their time and resources to serve others.

The award was derived from Dr. King's Drum Major Instinct speech with particular emphasis on Dr. King's quote, "He who is greatest among you must be your servant". Rev. Rose Johnson, Executive Director of Newtown Florist Club, shared why Mr. Castleberry was deserving of this award. "Mr. Castleberry is a solid rock for this community, one who continually gives his life in service to others. The way that he goes about trying to serve humanity, whether in his role as Director of Transportation for the school district, a member of the Gainesville Parks and Recreation board, in church and in the community generally he is a stabilizing force. He never seeks recognition but always desires to stand on the right side of justice where people who are in need are concerned. He exemplifies in his daily walk the kind of committed life of service that Dr. King challenges all people of good will to strive to achieve. We are proud of Mr. Castleberry and deeply honored to present the 2019 Drum Major for Justice Community Service Award to him in recognition of his role as a faithful, unwavering and trusted community servant."

Congratulations to Mr. Castleberry for this honorable distinction in recognition of his many contributions to the Gainesville community!



**Jerry Castleberry is presented Community Service Award**

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## **Check Out the Latest Elephant Tracks News**



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## **Fair Street - Butler High Throwback Night**



Please come out and show your support at the Fair Street - Butler High Tigers Throwback Night Basketball Game on Friday, February 1st at

Gainesville High School. The event is in recognition of Fair Street and E.E. Butler High schools and will feature a special presentation honoring the schools and alumni. Gainesville will play Lanier High School with the Girls basketball game scheduled at 7:00 p.m. and the Boys basketball game scheduled at 8:30 p.m. General admission is \$5.00. T-shirts can be purchased for \$10 at the GHS Front Office and at the game (if not sold out). Come out to show your support of our basketball teams and to honor Fair Street and E.E. Butler High schools.



A promotional graphic for Instagram. It features a large, stylized Instagram logo in the center, with a purple-to-orange gradient. To the left of the logo is a purple circle containing the text "Follow Us! Like Us! Share Us!" in white, cursive font. Below the logo, the text "GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM" is written in red, bold, sans-serif font, followed by "IS ON INSTAGRAM!" in the same font. To the right of the text is a small logo of a red elephant on a white letter 'G'. At the bottom left, a red rectangular box contains the text "Find us at gainesvillecityschools" in white.

A graphic with a red background. On the left, the text "We are" is written in a white, cursive font. In the center is a logo of a red elephant on a white letter 'G'. To the right of the logo, the text "ainesville" is written in a white, sans-serif font.