

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Gainesville City School System will be closed for Winter Break, February 19 - 22 for students and teachers. Teacher Planning Day is Friday, February 23rd. Have a safe and wonderful week!

District Hosts Annual Spelling Bees



District Elementary Spelling Bee

Eighteen contestants representing the school system's six elementary schools participated in the GCSS District Spelling Bee competition held on February 9th at Gainesville Middle School. Hannah Stewart of Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy claimed first place with the



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Important Dates

February 19-22

Winter Break
(Weather Make-up)

February 23

Teacher Planning
(Weather Make-up)

winning word "infraction" in the 12th round of the competition. Ella Beccue of Centennial Arts Academy was runner-up. The contestants were Deyanira Araujo, Tram Nguyen, Nahariyah Francis, Jeremiah Gasper, Brianna Rodriguez, Kelvin Zavala, Ella Beccue, Arjunn Patel, Lesly Chavez, Kasiya Moore, Aiden Baker, Arianna Wilbourn, Hannah Stewart, Karis Lovell, Noah Grindle, Joshua Alvarez, Marc Juarez, and Elizabeth Frasier-Lewis.



GMS Spelling Bee

The District Spelling Bee for Gainesville Middle School was held on February 9th in the GMS Media Center. Rasmit Devkota (7th grade) was the winner of the competition, and Zephaniah Burton (7th Grade) was runner-up. Rasmit captured the spelling bee title after successfully spelling the word "ricochet" in the fifth round of the competition. He will represent Gainesville Middle School at the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) Regional Spelling Bee on February 24th at the Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center in Marietta, Georgia. The winner and runner-up of the regional competition will advance to the State Spelling Bee to be held on March 16th with the location to be determined at a later date. Thirty one contestants competed in the middle school spelling competition. They were Michael Ruth, Cale Wright, Alexia Lewis, Zephaniah Burton, Zack Bowker, Haylee Simonds, Inmer Vanegas, Steele Hothem, Jake Lindsey, Daniela Duarte, Emmanuel Blanco, Judith Aviles, Eduardo Rosas, Ahmya Reed, Hassan Khan, Rasmit Devkota, Emily Mosqueda-Calderon, Devynn Standridge, Taeya Meeks, Evelin Perez-Juarez, Avery Schofield, Jonathan Velasquez, Joseph Ward, Santiago Puentes, Juan Hernandez, Jan Montenegro, Bryan Gomez, Kimberly Mosqueda-Calderon, Braylon Randolph, Ramone Jenkins, and Bryan Beltran.

FCCLA Stars Shine at Region Competition

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End of Third Grading
Period

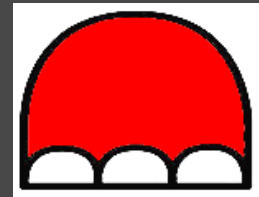
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FCCLA claims STAR awards at regional competition

Students from Gainesville High School's FCCLA chapter participated in the 2018 Region 2 STAR Events competition on February 10th at Archer High School. All of the students returned home as winners of their events. Jesus Martinez and Angela Rodriquez won Gold in Chapter Service, and Molly McLeod earned Gold in Recycle Redesign. Lilly Gerrell earned Silver in Entrepreneurship, and Jocelyn Salgado won Silver in Focus on Children.

Congratulations to all of the winners for their outstanding performances and excellent representation of Gainesville High School.

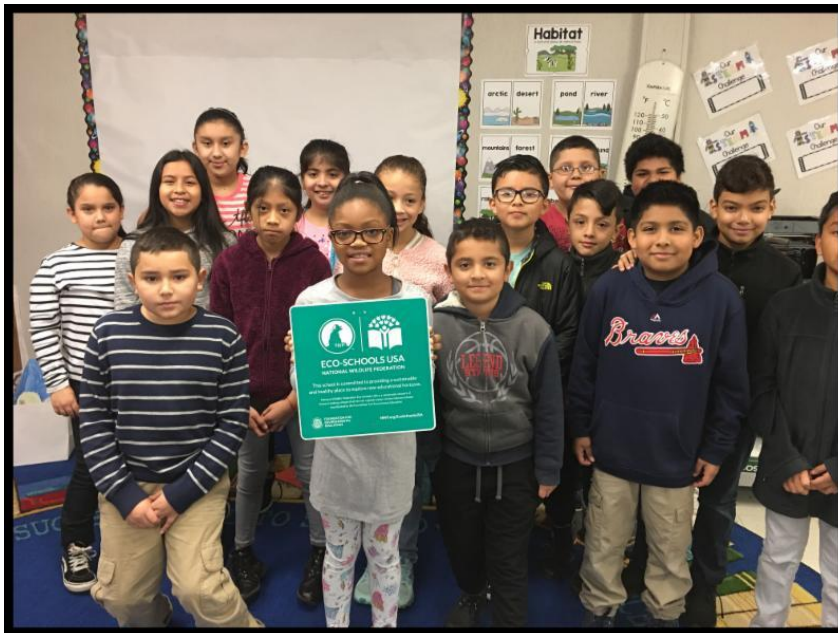
Vision

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

GEA Earns Eco-School Distinction



GEA is awarded as an Eco-School

Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International Academy

Gainesville Exploration Academy

New Holland Knowledge Academy

Gainesville Exploration Academy has received exemplary distinction

as a National Wildlife Federation Eco-School. The Eco-Schools program strives to model environmentally sound practices, provide support for greening the curriculum, and enhance science and academic achievement. Additionally, the program's initiatives strive to foster a greater sense of environmental stewardship among youth.

The school has received this honor through the creation of the Pachyderm Path, a nature trail located behind the school. The trail is a little over a half mile and features a solar system walk with QR codes to learn about the planets. Scattered along the trail are the letters of the alphabet for younger students to find. Students can engage in scavenger hunts that correlate to Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies instructional standards. An interactive timeline highlighting the Civil War is also included along the trail. Teachers can tailor their lesson plans to incorporate the nature trail as an instructional resource for hands-on student learning.

Now that GEA has earned Eco-School status, there are plans to work toward receiving future awards as the school continues to "go green". Dr. Kerri Palmer, GEA STEAM teacher, states, "The next step is to try to receive the Green Flag award. In order to do this, we need to further incorporate the Pachyderm Path into our lessons and teach our students to become stewards of the Earth."

GCSS Regional Science Fair Winners



2018 Northeast Georgia Science Fair

On February 2nd, students in grades 6 - 12 participated in the Northeast Georgia Science and Engineering Fair at the Oconee Civic Center in Watkinsville, Georgia. First place winners will compete in the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair on March 22-24 at the Classic Center in Athens. Check out the video of Gainesville Middle and Gainesville High Schools' 2018 Regional Science Fair winners

and participants.

Gainesville City BOE Called Meeting February 13, 2018

The Gainesville City Board of Education Called Meeting was held on February 13th at Gainesville High School. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved the agenda reports as submitted by district staff. The Board approved the hiring of Adam Miller as Head Baseball Coach and Heath Webb as Head Football Coach. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Facility Request](#)
- [Research Approvals](#)
- [GHS Scoreboard Project & GAC Partnership](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)

GCSS Pre-K Registration



GCSS Pre-K Lottery Registration for the 2018-19 school year begins February 26 - March 7, 2018 at the School Board Office located at 508 Oak Street. The lottery drawing for all Pre-K enrollments will take place on March 8, 2018. Pre-K classes will be housed at each of our elementary campuses for 2018-19.

Please click the links below for additional information.

- Pre-K Information in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Pre-K Important Dates in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

GCSS Registration and Choice Enrollment



Gainesville City School System is pleased to offer school choice enrollment for the upcoming school year. The district has established elementary zone clusters in order to improve transportation services. This may result in parents having to provide transportation outside of their child(ren) assigned cluster. Gainesville City School System will provide transportation services within students' assigned cluster. Click [here](#) for the full press release. Non-resident students must complete a tuition form and return to current school. Click [here](#) for a copy of tuition form.

- [2018-2019 Attendance Zones](#)
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