

Young Inventors Design Innovative Inventions



Mundy Mill hosts Invention Convention for young inventors

On January 31st, Mundy Mill Learning Academy hosted an Invention Convention for parents, guardians, students and families. Throughout the school year, the school sponsors themed education nights to focus on various subjects. These events provide parents with an opportunity to see what their children are learning and to provide them with exposure to the required curriculum. To prepare for the event, students researched an inventor or invention, and some even came up with their own ideas for a new invention. Students were able to develop their research skills, creative and critical thinking skills, and presentation skills. Over 400 students, parents, and guests attended the Invention Convention where students presented their work. It was a fun, exciting night for everyone to see the unique creations by Mundy Mill's talented inventors!

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March 4

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

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Teacher Planning Day
Student Holiday**

March 18



Heroes of the Herd - Mrs. Leigh Elliott

When it comes to making time for those who need a helping hand, you can always count on Leigh Elliott, EIP Math and Reading teacher at Enota MI Academy. With a positive attitude and an easy-going smile, Mrs. Elliott is a huge supporter of her students as well as her colleagues. She's always willing to adjust her busy schedule to accommodate the various demands and requests that frequently fill her daily routine.

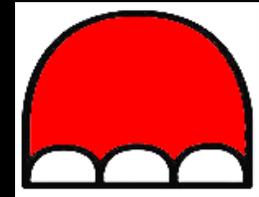
Mrs. Elliott was chosen as the Heroes of the Herd award recipient for Enota MI Academy for her outstanding leadership abilities and her willingness to go above and beyond to help make Enota a great place to learn for all students. Having taught for eighteen years within the school district, Mrs. Elliott has taught almost every elementary grade level which includes kindergarten, second grade, third grade EIP, fourth grade, MPACT and a technology activity class.

"I chose my profession because I enjoy helping children learn," said Mrs. Elliott. "I had many great teachers over the years beginning at Enota and finishing high school at GHS (yes, she is a proud Red Elephant & Enota alum), and I recognized the value of their investment in me." It's no surprise that the "educator's bug" bit her, considering that education runs deeply in her genes. "My mom, Cinda Petetit, is a retired veteran teacher of forty one years and taught with GCSS for twenty six of those years. She has spent her career investing in her students, and her commitment to her students inspired me while growing up."

As an educator, one of Mrs. Elliott's goals is to promote a positive learning experience for her students. She strives for her students to become lifelong learners and constantly searches for methods to make learning engaging and hands-on so that they understand the "why" as well as the "how" when it comes to learning. "Establishing positive relationships with my students is very important to me," said Mrs. Elliott. "I enjoy learning about who they are as individuals and what motivates them. Building a connection with my students helps foster conversations about learning and how I can most effectively help them as learners."

Each day Mrs. Elliott inspires her students to work hard in school and motivates them to understand the true value of investing in themselves. She constantly pushes them to achieve new milestones by setting attainable goals and working hard to meet and exceed their desired aspirations. "My job as

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their teacher is to build on their strengths and help them realize that putting in the effort is greatly beneficial to them now and in the future."

Students at Enota are Advocates for Trees



Contest winners (l to r): Clare Gaddy, Molly Williams, Chloe Scarlett, & Enota Assistant Principal Mrs. DeAnn Sams

The Greater Hall County Chamber of Commerce along with sponsors Hall County Master Gardeners, Keep Hall Beautiful, and Georgia Power hosted the Annual Arbors Day Celebration on February 15th at the Atlanta Botanical Garden in Gainesville. As part of the festivities, the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee and the Georgia Forestry Service recognized winners of the 2019 Arbor Day Student Art and Essay Contest. Over 100 entries were submitted with the topic "I Speak for the Trees". Three students from Enota MI Academy were top award recipients: Chloe Scarlett, first place-3rd Grade Art Contest; Molly Williams, Runner Up-5th Grade Essay Contest; and Clare Gaddy, Runner Up-5th Grade Essay Contest.

"Our students' participation with this contest helps to raise awareness for the need to be good stewards of our environment and also for the valuable resource that trees represent for us," said Enota Principal Dr. Wesley Roach. "Both the art projects and the essays give students an opportunity to represent the perspective of trees. It is always a treat to take our students to the Atlanta Botanical Garden of Gainesville for the recognition program. Our students are always impressed with the beautiful gardens!"

Congratulations to Chloe, Molly, and Clare for their outstanding achievement and for their excellent representation of Enota and GCSS!

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Heroes of the Herd - Ms. Lisa Freeman

"Always be respectful and treat others like you would want to be treated." This is a favorite saying of Ms. Lisa Freeman who serves as a Media Clerk for Enota and who was recently selected for the Heroes of the Herd Award in the classified staff category. "Coupled with this saying is having the courage to not be afraid of your task or mission, but to find a creative way to do things in a positive way which would promote success, hope, and continuous learning," she said.

"At an early age, I discovered the secret to my happiness was by helping others," said Ms. Freeman. "I found such pleasure in seeing other individuals succeed. Meeting people and helping them in some form helped me to also learn and develop different skills which would be beneficial for my growth." One turning point in the early stages of Ms. Freeman's life was when she met her sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Mills. "I became her classroom assistant, helping other classmates with class assignments, grading papers, and helping to prepare class for the upcoming day," said Ms. Freeman. "Mrs. Mills' kindness and love for her students' education as well as [her concern for] their well-being inspired me. From that very moment, I realized she was a great role model. To this day, she is still a strong and very supportive role model in my life as well as my Godmother."

Her journey with GCSS began twelve years ago at Enota where she started as a Paraprofessional and later assumed the role as Media Clerk. "I chose to work in the education field because of what Mrs. Mills instilled [within] me at an early age - love for children and their well-being - which makes me feel like I make a great contribution to the school. Being qualified to perform the many tasks assigned and also being in a specialized role to help our students learn, grow, and become future leaders inspire me on a daily basis."

From her perspective, Enota is considered "The Jewel" with different ethnic backgrounds and multiple intelligences embedded within various types of curriculum that challenge students to be successful. "I had no idea how rewarding this opportunity would be for me," she stated. "I enjoy working for the school and with teachers, administrators, students, and parents. The students are unique with many having different languages and their own little

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personalities which give us educators different ways to connect with them and learn more about them as individuals, treating every child differently according to his or her [unique] personality."

During her free time, Ms. Freeman provides support in many areas within the community. She volunteers with Meals on Wheels, Family Promise, and the Georgia Food Bank. She also lends her time during the afternoons at Enota with the Boys and Girls Club of Lanier. Giving back to the community and to the children provides Ms. Freeman with a true sense of purpose for her life. It is what she was destined to do, and it is what she loves doing the most!

Read Across America Day - March 1, 2019



Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that encourages every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2nd, the birthday of the beloved children's books author, Dr. Seuss. Read Across America Day, which is nationally observed on Friday, March 1st, promotes reading particularly for children and young adults. Across the nation, many schools, libraries, and community centers will participate in the annual event; encouraging students, parents, and families to take part in reading books. Daily reading plays a vital role in student achievement and is instrumental in developing successful, life-long readers. Research has shown that children who spend more time reading perform better in school. Frequent reading also increases reading comprehension and enhances students' cognitive and learning abilities.

GCSS schools will participate in Read Across America Day and have planned several fun activities and reading opportunities to encourage student participation. The school district strongly promotes reading among all age levels and encourages parents and guardians to motivate children to spend more time reading during the month of March as well as throughout the school year. Families are encouraged to visit the local library or local bookstore to select books of interest as a special family outing. Everyone is challenged to find at least one good book to read on March 1st or choose several interesting books to read throughout the month of March! Happy Reading!

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