

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



## REACH Scholars Tour Brenau University



GMS Reach Scholars experience college life

On February 15th, Gainesville Middle School's REACH Scholars had the pleasure of visiting Brenau University. Touring the campus was exciting for the students, and the experience sparked their academic interest through engaging activities.

The students had the opportunity to experience eating in the cafeteria, sitting in a college classroom, participating in a pet therapy session, and visiting the art museum. They acquired vital information about college life through a well-rounded tour guide, Ms. Abby.

According to the scholars, the highlight of the event was their individual conferences with deans and professors in their academic fields of interest. They learned about the importance of maintaining a high Grade Point Average (GPA), remaining passionate about their dreams, being members of honor societies, participating in extracurricular activities, and obtaining as many scholarships as possible.



**GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

### Board Members

John Filson, Chair  
Willie Mitchell, Vice Chair  
Sammy Smith  
Andy Stewart  
Dr. Heather Ramsey

## Important Dates

March 30

Teacher Planning  
(Weather Make-up)

April 2-6

Spring Break

April 16

One of the benefits of the REACH scholarship program is the opportunity for scholars to take educational field trips. The students eagerly look forward to many more excursions that will further enhance their learning and will expand their knowledge about the world that surrounds them.

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## Fourth Grader Elected As State Officer



Will Tims (front row - far right) with GSSCAR Board

Will Tims, a fourth grader at Gainesville Exploration Academy, was elected as the state treasurer of the Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution (G.S.S.C.A.R.) at the State Conference in Callaway Gardens. As part of the election process, Will was nominated by a nominating committee and had to give a campaign speech at the conference.

He and his fellow state officers will lead the state for the upcoming year. His primary role will require him to work with the senior treasurer to give reports on the society's financial standing at meetings.

Will is excited about his new position considering that he has been involved in the organization since he was a toddler. Last year he served as state historian, and currently he is the Chaplain of his local society. He hopes to be state president someday; and based on his accomplishments so far, there is no doubt that he will achieve his goal!

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## Meet Our School Nutrition Staff

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

April 19

Progress Reports

April 30-May 11

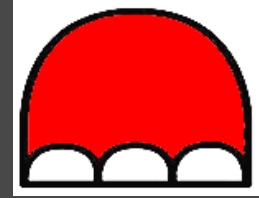
ES & MS Milestone  
Testing

May 7

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

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## Upcoming Events



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## Points of Pride



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GCSS School Nutrition "Behind the Scenes" Video

As the district highlights National Nutrition Month throughout the month of March, our amazing School Nutrition staff are featured working "behind the scenes" to ensure that the program meets all state and federal guidelines and complies with all safety and health standards. These ladies work diligently each day to ensure that the district remains in compliance with regulations and create menus that provide food options that are healthy and nutritious. They even manage to find time to give back to the community by advocating the importance of good nutrition.

## Math Teams Tackle Mega Math Challenge



Front row (l to r): Jewell Carbie, Guillermo Beltran, Grayson Wagner, Joseph Diaz, Spencer Sumner, Mary Nelson Bell, Natasha Enriquez - Back row (l to r): Ben Burns, Mark Toth, Daniel Constantani, Hiram Martinez

On March 3rd, the GHS Math teams competed in the annual

## 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

Gainesville Exploration Academy

MathWorks Modelling Math (M<sup>3</sup>) Challenge again this year. M<sup>3</sup> Challenge is a prestigious competition for high school juniors and seniors to develop a mathematical model for a real-world problem. It involves extensive research, computational skills, in-depth analysis, and excellent communication skills. The challenge had to be completed within a 14-hour window on the weekend of March 3rd, between 12:01 a.m. Saturday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday.

This year eight math students participated in the event, working tirelessly for 14 hours continuously and producing an outstanding 20-page report. This is the fifth year that GHS has participated in this challenge. Previous teams have advanced to the semifinal round three out of the past four years. The team members included: Team A: Guillermo Beltran, Spencer Sumner, Daniel Constantani, Grayson Wagner and Natasha Enriquez - Team B: Jewel Carbie, Mary Nelson Bell, Hiram Martinez, Joseph Diaz, and Mark Toth

Good luck to both teams as they await to see if their projects will advance to the next level of competition.

New Holland  
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

[www.gcssk12.net](http://www.gcssk12.net)

## Dedicated Advocates of Public Education



**I to r: Sammy Smith, John Filson, Dr. Heather Ramsey, Andy Stewart, Willie Mitchell, & Dr. Jeremy Williams**

Governor Nathan Deal proclaimed the week of March 12th-16th as School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia sponsored by the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA). Across the state, local school boards were recognized for their service and commitment to providing quality education to children in Georgia schools.

The Gainesville City School System has joined the statewide celebration to salute the remarkable achievements of our school board members. The week-long observance emphasized the many contributions of local boards of education. The Gainesville City School Board was recognized at the board meeting on March 19th at the Public Safety Complex.

The board members serving the Gainesville City school district are Ward 1 - Andy Stewart (2 months of service), Ward 2 - John Filson (Board Chair - 2 years of service), Ward 3 - Willie Mitchell (Board Vice Chair - 28 years of service), Ward 4 - Dr. Heather Ramsey (2 months of service), and Ward 5 - Sammy Smith (10 years of service).

The school district commends our board members for their exemplary service to students and employees and for their commitment as strong advocates for public education, greatly impacting the lives of all children.

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## **Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting March 19, 2018**



The Gainesville City Board of Education meeting was held on March 19th at the Public Safety Complex. New Holland was the guest school that highlighted the following clubs and individuals: New Holland Running Club and sponsors Russ Pullen and Sara Burns, the 4-H Club and sponsor Whitney McFalls, and Faculty on Fire winner Beverly Hamin. Special guests recognized by the Board included: Mundy Mill Learning Academy (Highest Student Attendance), Enota MI Academy (Highest School Employee Attendance), GCSS School Board Office (Highest System Support Staff Attendance), Christy Pierce (Philip Wright Award Winner), Star Student/Teacher Anita Medepalli and Dr. Ram, Regional Spelling Bee Winner Rasmit Devkota, GHS Math Teams and sponsor Chandra Karnati (M<sup>3</sup> Challenge), and the Gainesville City School Board (School Board Appreciation Week). The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved reports as submitted by district personnel.

To view the board agenda, reports, and meeting video, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)



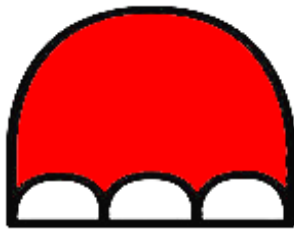
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Regular Meeting - March 19, 2018**



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