

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



Teabags Come in Handy for Helping Others



Students raise money using teabags as art

Gainesville Exploration Academy's Art Honors class led by art teacher, Ms. Tandy Ray, has been busy with a service project as a way to give back to the Gainesville community. Students created "DainTEA Projects" to be donated to the Quinlan Visual Arts Center for the benefit of "Healing through the Arts" in a joint Quinlan/Guest House partnership. Proceeds from the sell of donated teabag art will help provide art classes for those individuals living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease in Gainesville. This unique project allows students to establish a strong connection with the community through personal art. As a result, there is gratification from both sides - the student artists and the recipients for whom the art is benefiting. For those who are interested in contributing to the cause, DainTEA Art will be available for purchase during the Re-Hatched Artist Market at the Spring Chicken Festival in Downtown Historic Gainesville on Saturday, April 28th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Educators Master Their Roles in Teaching



GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

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Important Dates

April 30-May 11

ES & MS Milestone
Testing

May 7

BOE Work Session
SBO Office
6:00 p.m.



Masters in Teaching (l to r): Adondra Little and Amanda Studer

Two GCSS teachers were recently honored at the annual Masters in Teaching ceremony sponsored by Featherbone Community at Brenau University. Adondra Little of Fair Street International Academy and Amanda Studer of Mundy Mill Learning Academy were recognized for their dedication and excellence in the field of education within Gainesville/Hall County. They along with seven educators from Hall County were celebrated for their contributions to the community as leaders in education.

Mrs. Little teaches first grade at Fair Street and has worked with children in various settings. Teaching comes naturally to her and brings her much joy. "To be honored as a Master in Teaching is very humbling because I know there is always more for me to learn and room to grow," states Mrs. Little. "It is good to know that my effort is perceptible and valued. I thank God for the honor!"

As a third grade teacher at the newly opened Mundy Mill Academy, Mrs. Studer also serves as a grade level chair and as vice president of Mundy Mill's School Governance Council. Mrs. Studer feels that her role as a teacher is to inspire students and to build their confidence so that they can achieve their goals. She states, "There are no words to express my gratitude in being named a Master Teacher. I have been blessed to be surrounded by colleagues who inspire me every day that teaching is more than just letters and numbers. It is about inspiring the children who represent the future of our community and building confidence so they can do anything they set their minds to."

Congratulations to Mrs. Little and Mrs. Studer for their outstanding representation of the school district and the Gainesville community!

School Nutrition Serves Beyond Our Cafeterias

May 7 - 18

**Tentative HS EOC
Milestone Testing**

May 21

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

May 25

Last Day of School

ES Report Cards

**GHS Graduation
City Park Stadium
@ 7:30 p.m.**

May 28

Memorial Day Holiday

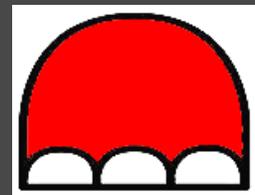
May 29-30

Teacher Planning

June 6

**MS & HS Report
Cards Mailed**

Upcoming Events



EVENT CALENDAR

ELEPHANT TRACKS NEWS

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Preschoolers enjoy surprise visit by School Nutrition staff

When it comes to serving the needs of children, GCSS School Nutrition staff members always have a place in their hearts for children that goes beyond our cafeterias' serving lines. Recently, the opportunity arose for them to do something special for the GCSS Special Education Preschool students, and they were ready and willing to visit Butler school where these students attend. The staff handed out gifts to the youngsters which included bookbags, plates, cups, and aprons brightly decorated with school nutrition logos. It wasn't long before the students were wearing their new aprons and were busy preparing and eating a nutritious mid-morning snack. The visit was fun with lots of smiles and hearty laughs as the children enjoyed the special time shared with their guests. To show their gratitude, the students entertained the staff with a funny song and dance routine. It was an enjoyable moment for the kids as well as the School Nutrition team, filled with happiness and the joy of giving back to their new fans!

Taking the Senate Stage as a Georgia Page

Points of Pride



[2017-18 District & School Achievements](#)

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Alumni News



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[Class of 2017 College Acceptances](#)

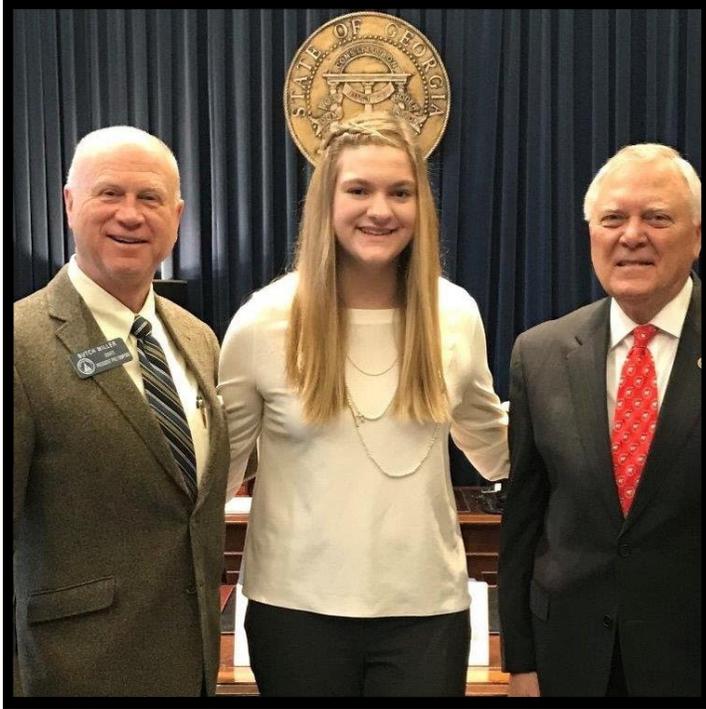
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Vision

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



L to R: Sen. Butch Miller, Camille Calkins, and Gov. Nathan Deal

Gainesville High School student Camille Calkins recently served as a Georgia Senate Page at the State Capitol with Senator Butch Miller.

The Senate Page Program offers students age twelve and older a first-hand opportunity to visit the Capitol to observe and participate in the legislative process. Senate pages serve the senators by delivering important information and messages to them in the Senate Chamber during the legislative session day. For her time served at the Capitol, Camille received an honorarium and a certificate of service.

GMS Future Leaders Explore Future Careers



Seventh graders learn about different career pathways

Seventh graders at Gainesville Middle School participated in a Career

Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

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Path Fair held at the University of North Georgia. Students talked with business and industry leaders to explore the many career pathway options in areas such as healthcare, public safety, and human services. Hall County firefighters and Emergency Management Technicians (EMT) were on hand to answer questions and to provide demonstrations on how they serve the community. Gainesville Police Department gave discussions on the many roles and responsibilities that police officers endure in order "to protect and serve" citizens. Atlanta Rehabilitation and Performance Center provided information on the various healthcare careers available. The event was a great experience for the students, enabling them to learn about the many possible career paths that they can take as they began to make plans for their future.

Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting April 16, 2018



Board Recognitions

The Gainesville City Board of Education meeting was held on April 16th at the Public Safety Complex. Enota MI Academy was the school that was highlighted at the board meeting with school recognitions including: Enota Master Builders Lego Robotics Team and Sponsors Audrey Thornton and Sarah Pollard, Enota Writing Bee Team, and Faculty on Fire Winner Margaret Dowdy. Special guests recognized by the Board included: Featherbone Communiversities Master in Teaching Honorees Amanda Studer (Mundy Mill) and Adondra Little (Fair Street), GCLE Chinese Teacher of the Year Julia Zhu (GHS), and Governor's Honors Finalists. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved reports as submitted by district personnel.

To view the board agenda and reports, please click the links below:

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trips](#)

- [FY17 ESPLOST Performance Audit](#)
- [Research Approvals](#)
- [Purchase of School Buses](#)
- [Enota Elementary Furniture Bid](#)
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- [Personnel Report](#)

To view the video of the April 16th School Board meeting, please click [here](#).

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- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS_MMLA**
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