

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



## Books On Wheels Visit Local Neighborhoods



The Book Trunk mobile delivers books to eager readers

The Book Trunk mobile has officially hit the road this summer, and so far everything is "rolling" smoothly. On Thursday, June 8th, the Book Trunk made its first trip, visiting the Linwood, Ridgecrest, Versailles, and Norwood neighborhoods. Volunteers handed out over 150 books to approximately 60 children! Since then the Book Trunk has visited the RISE program at Fair Street International Academy, Melrose Apartments, Lenox Park and The Fields of McEver neighborhood. Over the next few weeks, the Boys and Girls Club will be added to the route.

The Book Trunk offers reading resources to GCSS students to enhance their reading skills over the summer, especially for those students who are unable to visit the local library or bookstore. This opportunity is made possible by dedicated volunteers who donate their time to deliver books to our students.

"Volunteering on the Book Trunk offers us the opportunity to reach out to our community to create positive relationships while encouraging our children to read outside the classroom," shared Book Trunk Coordinator Cara Mulkey. "As educators we all know how important it is for children to be exposed to books and to read



**GAINESVILLE  
CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

Wanda Creel, Ed.D.  
**Superintendent**

### **Board Members**

Brett Mercer, Chair  
John Filson, Vice Chair  
Delores Diaz  
Willie Mitchell  
Sammy Smith

## **Important Dates**

**June 27**

Called BOE Meeting

**June 5-29**

Summer Meals Program @  
Fair Street & GMS

**July 4**

Fourth of July Holiday

outside of the classroom, but study after study shows that children in our lower income neighborhoods are not very likely to have access to books outside of school. This can unfortunately lead to gaps in achievement that get wider and wider over the summer."

Ms. Mulkey states that the Book Trunk volunteers offer more to these students than just books. She explains, "Not only do we give out books, but we also give out smiles! Students of all ages light up when they see their teachers in their neighborhoods. Even older students that want to pretend that they are too old for our brightly colored bus love to see their former teachers that touched their lives."

Book donations are always appreciated, especially picture and easy reader books. Anyone interested in donating can email Cara Mulkey at [cara.mulkey@gcssk12.net](mailto:cara.mulkey@gcssk12.net). Also, follow the Book Trunk on Twitter at [the\\_book\\_trunk](#).



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## Migrant Learners Enhance Academic Skills

[July 5](#)

Board Work Session  
(Rescheduled)

[July 17](#)

Board Meeting

[July 24](#)

New Teachers Report

[July 27](#)

190 Day Staff Report  
Pre-planning

[July 28](#)

Open House for Middle and  
High School  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[July 31](#)

Open House for Elementary  
Schools  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[August 1](#)

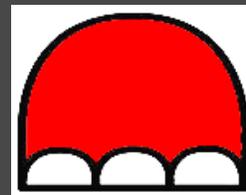
Open House for Enota MI  
Academy  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[August 2](#)

First Day of School

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## Upcoming Events



[EVENT CALENDAR](#)

[ELEPHANT TRACKS NEWS](#)

Help us share our story



Students enjoy fun activities at Migrant Summer School

Migrant Summer School has been in full swing during the month of June. Students participated in a variety of learning activities and met with visitors and special guests from our community. In each classroom, students were engaged in hands-on small group activities which enriched their listening, reading, and writing vocabulary. Students also participated in math activities that included the use of technology such as Smart Board and computers to challenge their minds. Each day the GCSS lunchroom staff provided two healthy meals, allowing students to be well nourished and productive for their busy day.

Sarah Jolly, from the Humane Society, along with her dog Lexi visited the students and shared information about caring for pets, pet adoptions, and how our local Humane Society serves the community.

Gainesville firefighters from Fire Station #1 came out to teach fire safety and demonstrated how they use their equipment. As a special souvenir, they provided fire hats for each student.

Migrant students have engaged in fun learning exercises to help decrease the risk of learning loss over the summer. Within a few weeks, the Migrant Summer School program has already made a tremendous impact on students by providing free, invaluable resources that prepare them for the upcoming school year. "Personally, this program has helped migrant children not to stay behind in math and reading while parents work," shared GCSS Migrant Summer School Coordinator Paula Macedo. "I am also glad that the migrant program provides free books during the summer so that children can read at home." By providing these opportunities during the summer, students remain on a continuous path of academic achievement as they prepare to return to school in the fall.

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## Points of Pride



[District & School Achievements](#)

[GCSS Data Facts](#)

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## Alumni News



[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

[Class of 2017 Achievements](#)

[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

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## Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

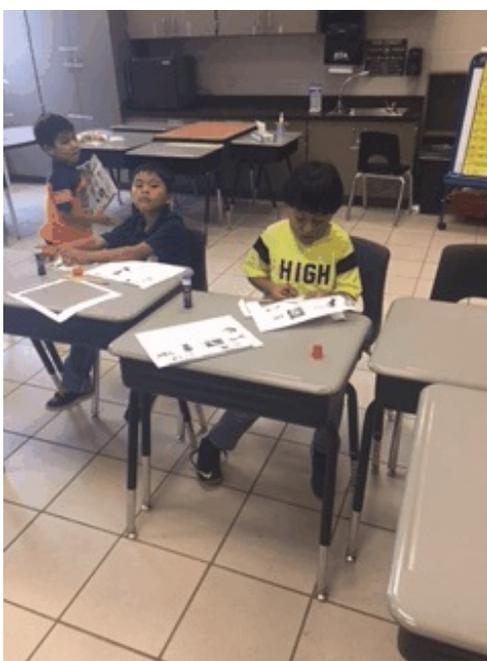
Fair Street International  
Academy

Gainesville  
Exploration Academy

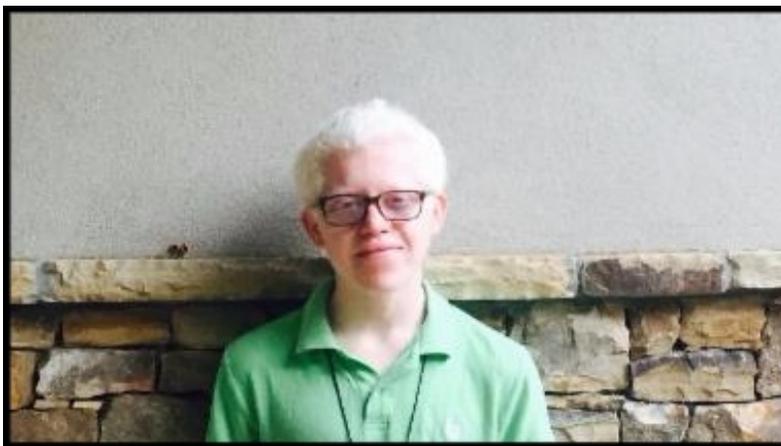
New Holland  
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

[www.gcsk12.net](http://www.gcsk12.net)



## Student Artist Masters Visual Impairment



**Hesler Cardenas places in international art contest**

Gainesville High School student Hesler Cardenas was awarded Second Place in the 2017 APH (American Printing House for the Blind) Insight Art Contest in the 10th - 12th grade category. His artwork will be displayed at the annual APH meeting in Louisville, Kentucky in October and will be available for purchase for interested art collectors.

Each year the American Printing House for the Blind invites visually impaired and blind artists of all ages to submit artwork to the APH InSights Art Contest. This art competition and exhibition is exclusively for blind and visually impaired artists and draws entries from across the nation and around the world. Approximately 500 entries are submitted each year, and the winning artworks are featured in the annual APH calendar and displayed on greeting cards.

Hesler is a role model for many of his peers. His resilience in not

allowing his physical challenges to prevent him from pursuing his hobbies and interests is admirable and commendable. We are proud of Hesler for his remarkable achievement!

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## Summer Safety Tips for Families



June is National Safety Month, and the National Safety Council encourages families to exercise safety precautions during the summer months. Since school is out, families are spending more time at home and/or away from home. Everyone should focus on staying safe by taking extra precautions against common hazards during the summer such as Heat Exposure, Fireworks, Playgrounds, and Outdoor Recreational Activities.

Here are five safety tips to help families enjoy a safe summer:

1. Avoid exposure to extreme temperatures. Stay indoors as much as possible during high temperatures. When outdoors, minimize the amount of time exposed to heat and stay hydrated with fluids. Limit outside activities to early mornings or late afternoons when the temperature has decreased.
2. With the July 4th holiday coming soon, parents should refrain from allowing children to handle fireworks. Due to the risk of burns and injuries, parents should always handle fireworks and should carefully monitor children around fireworks.
3. Children should be monitored when playing on playground equipment (especially small children). Check to make sure that there are no broken, loose, or jagged parts on the equipment. Inform children about proper playground etiquette.
4. Take extra precautions when participating in outdoor recreational activities. An adult should always be present to monitor children during outdoor activities, and appropriate safety gear such as life jackets, helmets, elbow and knee pads should be utilized when participating in outdoor recreational activities such as swimming,

skiing, cycling, and skateboarding,

5. Children and adults should both exercise caution when walking especially along busy streets or intersections. Adults should accompany children when crossing streets and should always utilize the cross walks. Remember to look in both directions of traffic and always make sure that the driver of the vehicle has stopped before crossing the street.

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## **Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting June 19, 2017**



**June 2017 Board Honorees**

The Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting was held on Monday, June 19th at the School Board Office. Board recognitions included Gainesville Exploration Academy (Highest Student Attendance for 5 consecutive months), Fair Street International Academy (Highest School Employee Attendance), GCSS School Nutrition (Highest System Support Staff Attendance), and Region 8-6A Champions/Hall County Champions (GHS Boys Varsity Golf Team and Head Coach Bryson Worley).

The Board reviewed and approved agenda reports as submitted by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [PBIS Report](#)
- [GCSS Intergovernmental Agreement with Gainesville Parks and Recreation 2017-2018](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)
- [Second Reading/Final Adoption of Policy EEE - Wellness](#)

## [Program Policy](#)

- [CTAE Local Plan \(2016/2017 CTAE Annual Report, CTAE WBL Business List\)](#)
- [Computer Equipment for Mundy Mill Academy](#)
- [Furniture-Gainesville High School](#)
- [Furniture - Gainesville Middle School](#)
- [MicroBird G5 School Bus Purchase](#)
- [Donation of Surplus Bus](#)
- [May 2017 Financials](#)
- [Final Adoption of FY2018 Budget - All Funds](#)

## **Support Our REACH Scholarship Program**



**2016 REACH Georgia Scholars**

Gainesville City School System encourages the community to support our REACH Georgia Scholars program by making a financial contribution to provide an opportunity for select GCSS students to pursue a college education. REACH Georgia is a needs-based scholarship program that pairs middle school students (Scholars) with mentors, coaches and additional resources to prepare them for college and careers. REACH Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school earn a \$10,000 scholarship paid over four years at a Georgia college or technical college of their choice. 100% of all donations collected will contribute toward REACH scholarships. To download a pledge form, please click [here](#). For additional information regarding the REACH program, please click [here](#).

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**Advancing  
A Tradition of Excellence!  
#OneGainesville  
#RoadtoGraduation**

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- **Gainesville City School System - @GCSSK12**
  - **Centennial - @GCSS\_CAA**
  - **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
  - **Fair Street - @GCSS\_FS**
  - **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS\_GEA**
  - **New Holland - @GCSS\_NH**
  - **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS\_GMS**
  - **Gainesville High School - @GCSS\_GHS**
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# GCSS Mobile App

GCSS is proud to announce its very own mobile app!

GCSS is now live!



Here are some amazing features to look forward to and things you can do with the GCSS app:



## Notifications

Make sure you select "Yes" to receive Push Notifications so you can receive all breaking school news. These notifications will be used to provide information on early/late start and school closings.



## Calendar

The school wide calendar of events and athletic events at the tip of your finger! Add the events that you are interested in to your native phone calendar so you never miss them!

Download the GCSS Mobile App through **App Store**, **Google Play**, or **Window Store** to access the latest information while on the go! Features such as Calendar of Events, Directions, Faculty and Staff Directory, Emergency and District Alerts, Helpful Links, and Current News can be accessed through our mobile application. **"Go Mobile"** with GCSS!