

GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



GCSS Schools Celebrate Solar Eclipse Day



On August 21st, schools participated in several exciting activities honoring Solar Eclipse Day, which was utilized as an instructional opportunity for students to learn about the historical event.

Our schools celebrated the special day in a variety of ways. New Holland's fourth and fifth grade students made shoebox projection viewers. Students researched by watching videos on how to construct a box and then followed the steps to complete the project. Prior to the eclipse, second grade students at New Holland put dark construction paper on the ground and placed objects on top of the paper to see how the sun's rays would fade the paper. Students also created a model of the moon, sun, and earth rotation that was placed in the hallway for all students to see.

At Gainesville Exploration Academy, third grade students in Mrs. Samantha Humphries' class created solar eclipse pinhole viewers using tape, cardboard boxes, and aluminum foil. Students also made eight phases of the moon using Oreo cookies. The best part of the activity was "eating" the moon phases! Mrs. Spindola's fourth grade class enjoyed making "galactic slime" as a unique, "gooey" project.



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A Georgia Charter System

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Important Dates

August 26

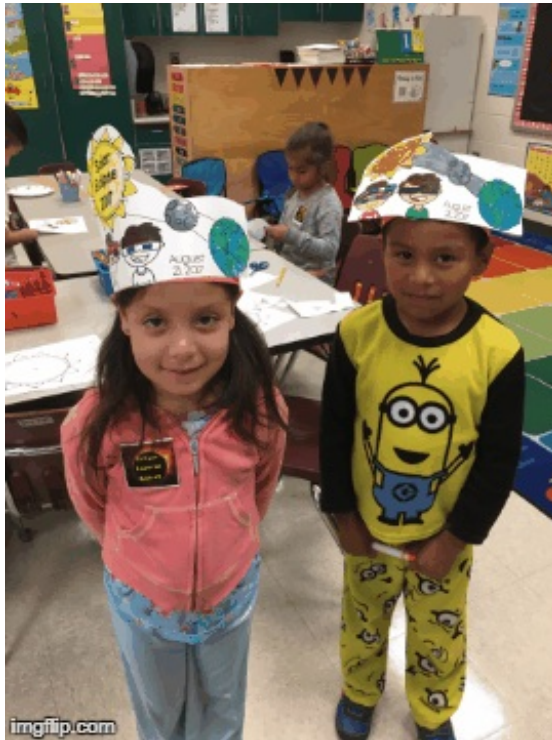
BOE Training Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Pioneer RESA

August 30

Public Hearings
(Millage Rate)
1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
School Board Office

Students at Centennial Arts Academy watched the solar eclipse unfold outside on the grassy lawn. Some of the younger students added paper plate templates to their glasses to look "super cool" as they viewed the eclipse. Mundy Mill Academy teachers and students also enjoyed watching the exciting event at their new school.

The students had a great time participating in Solar Eclipse Day, and they look forward to seeing the next solar eclipse in 2024!



September 4

Labor Day Holiday

September 6

Public Hearing
(Millage Rate)

6:00 p.m.

School Board Office

BOE Called Meeting &
Work Session

6:30 p.m.

School Board Office

September 6

Progress Reports

September 18

BOE Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Complex

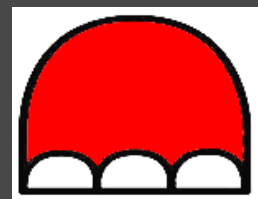
One Gainesville Tailgate Unites Community



First Annual One Gainesville Tailgate

It was the perfect, sunny Friday afternoon for tailgating at City Park Stadium. The Gainesville community came together on August 18th

Upcoming Events



EVENT CALENDAR

ELEPHANT TRACKS NEWS

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Points of Pride

prior to the GHS/West Hall football game for an evening of food, fellowship, and of course Red Elephant football! GCSS schools joined the action setting up decorated tents for fans to visit, with Enota MI Academy being chosen as the winner of the tent decorating contest! Fans received special treats from our schools such as fried fish, grilled hot dogs, boiled peanuts, frozen pickles on a stick, and beads. Booths were also set up for face painting and photos with a special "Pie in the Face" booth! The community also got an opportunity to mingle with Superintendent Williams. The GHS band and cheerleaders pumped up the crowd with the much anticipated Elephant Walk for the mighty Red Elephants. The highlight of the night was when the Red Elephants claimed a 20 - 0 victory against their opponents. It was the perfect example of "One Gainesville", with everyone coming out to support our school system and athletics!



[District & School Achievements](#)

[GCSS Data Facts](#)

Alumni News



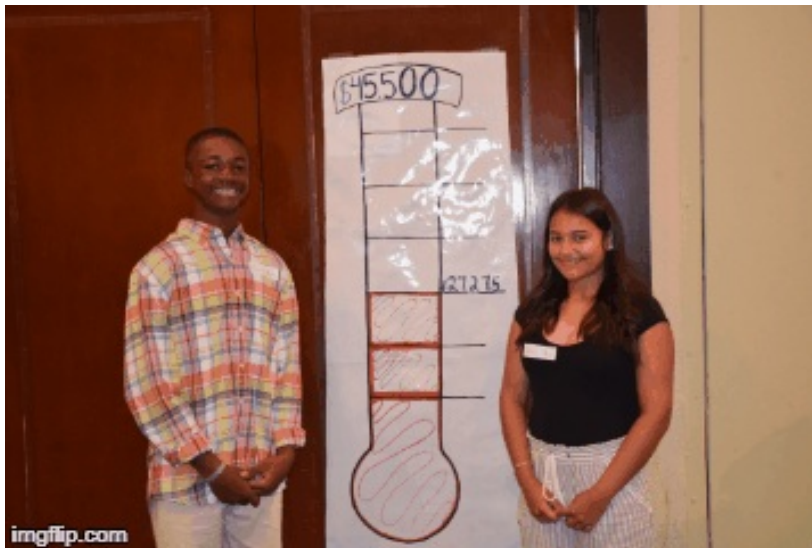
[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

[Class of 2017 Achievements](#)

[Class of 2017 College Acceptances](#)

[View the GCSS Alumni Page](#)

Breakfast Helps REACH College Dreams



First Annual REACH Scholars Breakfast

The Gainesville City School System and Hall County School System jointly hosted a REACH Scholars Breakfast on August 17th at the Brenau Downtown Center. The purpose of the fundraising event was to increase awareness of our REACH scholars program to assist in providing college scholarships for students attending both school districts. 2016 REACH scholar Paloma Barron-Galvan attended the event representing Gainesville City School System, and REACH scholar Christian Charles represented Hall County Schools. GCSS Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams and Hall County Superintendent Will Schofield emphasized the impact of the REACH program with community and business leaders who were in attendance. Currently, the program has raised approximately \$21,000, almost halfway to our goal of \$45,500 to provide thirteen scholarships for REACH scholars from both school districts for the 2017-2018 school year. We ask the community to please assist us in our fundraising efforts by donating online at www.ngcf.org. A special thanks to the many supporters who have contributed to the program and to Full Media

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

who sponsored the breakfast.

Public Hearings Regarding Millage Rate

The Gainesville City School System will hold three public hearings to allow the public to express opinions on the proposed property tax increase. The public hearings will be held at the Gainesville City Board of Education Office located at 508 Oak Street, Gainesville, Georgia on the following dates and times:

- August 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
- August 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- September 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Gainesville City Board of Education Meeting August 21, 2017



The Gainesville City Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, August 21st at the Public Safety Complex. Special guests recognized by the Board included Gainesville Exploration Academy (2016-17 Highest Student Attendance), Fair Street International Academy (2016-17 Highest School Employee Attendance), GCSS School Board Office (2016-17 Highest System Support Staff Attendance), GHS Boys Varsity Soccer team and Coach Elie Viviant (2017 State Runner-Up and Region Champions), and GMS Drama team and sponsors Ashley Ware and Dory Moore (Outstanding Charlie Brown Musical Production). A special tribute in memory of GHS graduate Shaw Carter was presented by Mrs. Pam Ware and Mr. Sammy Smith.

The Board reviewed and approved agenda reports submitted by

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International
Academy

Gainesville
Exploration Academy

New Holland
Knowledge Academy

Mundy Mill Academy

www.gcssk12.net

district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links listed below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Overnight Field Trips](#)
- [Facility Requests](#)
- [June 2017 Preliminary Financial Statements](#)
- [July 2017 Preliminary Financial Statements](#)
- [Donation Report - Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2017](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)
- [GHS Performing Arts Center Sound Upgrade](#)
- Tentative Adoption of Millage Rate CY2017/FY2018 ([Addendum 1](#) and [Addendum 2](#))
- [Superintendent's Report](#)

GCSS Proof of Residency Requirements



All students attending the Gainesville City School System are required to provide two updated proofs of residency to the school that they attend.

Acceptable proofs of residency include one of the following:

- non-contingent sales contract
- current lease/rental agreement
- most recent income tax return or IRS Form 1099
- current paycheck stub
- current warranty or quit claim deed
- current home purchase agreement
- current homeowner's insurance policy

Additionally, one of the following must be provided:

- current gas bill (within last 30 days)
- current water bill (within last 30 days)
- current electric bill (within last 30 days)
- current cable/internet bill (with service address within last 30 days)
- Students who are non-residents will be required to submit one proof of residency from the list in order to verify mailing address for the school.

Students who do not present valid proofs of residency by September 1st will be withdrawn as of that date.

Parents and guardians should contact their child's school for any questions concerning this process.

Online Donations Now Available for 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.

Gainesville City School System and Hall County Schools have joined

efforts in raising donations for our REACH scholars. Donations can now be made online at www.ngcf.org. Monetary donations to REACH can be made in the Gainesville-Hall Fund at the North Georgia Community Foundation and are tax deductible (501c3). Checks may be mailed to NGCF at 615 Oak Street, Suite 1300, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. (When submitting checks, please note REACH: Gainesville-Hall Fund on the check memo line).

For individuals interested in mentoring REACH scholars, please contact Marie Davis at marie.davis@centerpointga.org. For additional information regarding the GCSS REACH program, please click [here](#).

Share your photos & great news @ #OneGainesville



- **Gainesville City School System - @GCSSK12**
- **Centennial - @GCSS_CAA**
- **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
- **Fair Street - @GCSS_FS**
- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS_GEA**
- **Mundy Mill Academy - @GCSS_MMLA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS_NH**
- **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS_GMS**
- **Gainesville High School - @GCSS_GHS**