

21st Century Summer School Madness

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University Tour Ignites Promise

The following students had the privilege to take an amazing Florida State University tour. Tour highlights included information about the university's Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE) program. CARE is a program for first generational students. Several scholarships are offered to help students who are starting their college journey: Ty'Shawn Starks, Frederick Butler, Terry Winbush, Yasmine Baker, Mahkel Gordon, Taniya Williams, Trevon Miller, Cheleshia Johnson, Azariah McGriff, Shamiah J. Roney, Chiterra Lewis, Nikeya Harley, Zykierra Highman, Kenderica Nealy, and Shawn Wheeler





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About 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Nearly ten years at various sites, Gadsden County Public Schools have had 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC). In 2017-2018, GCPS will have ten sites. 21st CCLC provide opportunities during non-school hours. Academic enrichment, including tutorial services, are particularly geared toward students who attend low performing schools in order to meet the State's challenging academic standards. Also, 21st CCLC offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities during non-school hours. The objective is to reinforce and complement the regular academic program such as: art, music, youth development activities, character education, recreation, technology education, and drug and violence prevention.

**Afterschool starts Monday,
August 21, 2017
For Registration
information, visit your
school's website or call.**

21st CCLC Afterschool and Summer Programming are designed to complement and enrich school day learning including:

- Reading and Literacy
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
- Physical Education
- Health and Wellness
- Character Education
- Family Services
- Service Learning



Pediatrician

Firefighter

Attorney General

Law Enforcement Officer

Builder & Architect

Pathologist

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Mrs. Joannette Thomas, MBA, Program Manager, 21st CCLC, provides leadership, coordination, and support of Title I programs that will enhance opportunities for student growth and improved student performance. She sets high standards and expectations for self and others. She is current and well informed about trends and best practices in assigned area.



She maintains a peer network through professional organizations. She promotes and supports the professional growth of self and others.

We asked Mrs. Thomas a few fun questions:

Who is your role model and why?

My mother because if it had not been for her I would not have become the woman I am today.

How do you motivate others?

I motivate others by being and living the way God intended: by forgiving, showing understanding, and most of all loving everyone.

Best advice for Gadsden County students? Know that it does not matter where you come from, but where you're going. Make wise decisions and don't quit until you have reached your goals.

In your spare time, what do you work towards? Success.

Favorite Book? "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

Favorite Pastime? Reading a good novel and relaxing family & friends.

Favorite Quote? "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." --Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

You're a new addition to the crayon box. What color would you be and why? Hot Pink because that's how I see the world.

Favorite palindrome?

(forward & backward, word or words spell the same thing) MOM.

You're stranded on a deserted island, what (3) things would you have and why?

Necessities: food, water, and shelter.

If you could be any animal in the world, what would you be and why?

An eagle because it soars.

Favorite Skittle flavor? Green.

If you were in a salad, what ingredient would you be? Lettuce.

Favorite Film? "Waiting to Exhale" **Favorite music genre?** Jazz. **Favorite ice cream?** Butter Pecan.

Favorite Vacation Spot? Italy: rich history and romantic



Staff Photo

Adding green, this summer, she helped students Tie-Dye their tee-shirts.

Build a Bench Launch a Rocket



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Photos: Mr. Toussaint



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Mr. Toussaint engaged his young scientists with heavy duty projects & teamwork. As you can see, students took on the challenge. Students calibrated, constructed, drilled, sanded, and completed a pine-wood pecan finished, 8 feet long bench. A home for the church pew style seat, has yet to be decided. Below, Mr. Toussaint and a student, successfully launched the class's fuel-injected makeshift rocket.



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WALL ART

