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Greene County School System *SUMMER 2017*



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*The 2016-17 school year ended well! Please see inside for some highlights of the year and ways to prepare for another awesome term this fall!*



**Mission:** To educate, inspire, challenge and support students to be productive citizens prepared to compete globally.

**Vision:** Greene County Schools will be regarded as the innovative model for excellence as a teaching and learning community.

## Beliefs:

- We believe all students deserve access to a world-class education.
- We believe everyone is worthy of being treated with dignity and respect.
- We believe it is the responsibility of students, parents, faculty and community to create and to maintain collectively a quality education program for student success.
- We believe every student and adult is responsible and accountable for reaching their highest potential.
- We believe in a safe and orderly learning environment.
- We believe highly qualified educators and staff are essential for student success.

## Message from the Superintendent

### School Readiness:

#### What parents need to know to help their child succeed in school

The new school year is right around the corner and school will be back in session before you know it. Parents, are you ready? Are your children ready? One way you can help with school readiness is by focusing on literacy. This can happen at any grade level. In order to read, students have to know words. Words are put into phrases and expanded to form complete sentences. However, at the very beginning of this process, students are recognizing words. These are called sight words. Parents, if you work with your child to learn the Fry sight words, you will be helping our schools greatly. Sight word resources can be found at the following website: <http://www.sightwords.com/sight-words/fry/>. Below are recommended goals for you to work towards to help your child become school ready.

#### Goals for your Student

- 3-year-old:** Know 25 sight words
- Entering Pre-K:** Know 50 sight words
- Entering Kindergarten:** Know at least 100 sight words
- Entering Grade 1:** Know at least 300 sight words
- Entering Grade 2:** Know at least 500 sight words
- Entering Grade 3:** Know at least 800 sight words

Parents of older students need to focus on reading and writing in promotion of school readiness. You can do this by:

- Visiting bookstores and libraries with your child
- Taking books with you on trips and blocking out required reading times
- Playing word games such as Scrabble, Boggle and Word Concentration
- Asking your child to write you a weekly letter about his or her activities and what was learned
- Having your child write about your family history in complete sentences
- Encourage your child to read to siblings or relatives
- Praise your child for reading well
- Have your child write a story about three favorite things and read it to you.

While these are simple ideas, doing so will reap dividends in the educational growth of your child.

—Dr. Chris Houston, Superintendent

Technology plays an important part of a well-rounded education at Greene County Schools.



Engagement with teachers and class participation are beneficial for students to learn to their full potential.





# School Spotlight

## Anita White Carson Middle School – Your Neighborhood School

Anita White Carson Middle School (CMS) is the only traditional middle school in the Greene County School System serving grades 6-8. CMS offers several high school courses for which students can earn high school credit. These courses include Algebra I, Intro to Business Tech, Business Tech, Physical Science and Art. Middle School level connections courses such as Band, Art and Business are also offered to help prepare students for future high school pathways.

Students who wish to be involved in athletic programs have the option of participating in basketball, baseball, cheerleading, cross country, football, softball and track. Our Boys Basketball Team was the 2017 runner-up for the region. CMS offers a variety of clubs and academic competitions for all students. Our students have won numerous awards as members of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl and at District Project Achievement (DPA). Additionally, our school is home to the winner of the Regional Science Fair, Landon Weaver, and 2017 Greene County Middle School Student of the Year, Paulina Macias. Our FBLA Chapter is a Bronze Chapter of Excellence and a National FBLA Gold Seal Chapter.

CMS has a dedicated staff and highly qualified teachers who collaborate to create an educational atmosphere that embraces each child's ability level in such a way that the success of the child is maximized. It is our mission to provide all students the best education possible in order to prepare them for future endeavors in high school and beyond.

To learn more about Anita White Carson Middle School visit: [www.greene.k12.ga.us](http://www.greene.k12.ga.us).



*Academics, the arts and sports are important at Greene County Schools.*

### Instructional highlights for the 2017-18 school year

- Gifted program available to students in grades 6-8.
- Teacher as Advisor program and career counseling weekly beginning in sixth grade.
- Renewed focus on standards based classroom instruction.
- Renewed focus on embedded reading and writing instruction in ELA classes and in daily remediation/acceleration/intervention period (TAP – Tiger Achievement Period).
- Yearlong Professional Learning for teachers that focus on Standards Based Instruction, employing effective reading strategies, effective RTI interventions and effective PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) implementation.



### Points of Pride

During the 2016-17 school year, we had several students and staff from across the district receive local, regional and state awards. Below is a list of some of these achievements.

- Greene County High School senior Sterling Billingsley was named the 2016 Youth of the Year for the Pete Nance Boys and Girls Club.
- Union Point STEAM Academy seventh-grader John Luke Lacey placed second in the districtwide Science Fair.
- The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl team from Greene County High School placed third in the Regional Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl.
- Greensboro Elementary School was selected as a 2016-17 National Beta School of Merit.
- Anita White Carson Middle School Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) won 27 awards at the annual Georgia FBLA Middle Level State Leadership Conference. All members placed in the top 10 in their events.
- Fifteen Business Communications students at Greene County High School passed the Microsoft Office Specialist Exam. These students are now certified in Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, Word and Outlook.
- Greene County FFA member Guerin Brown placed second in the Area 2 FFA General Agriculture Discussion meet.
- Greene County High School senior Essence Randolph won the Class A State Championship for the High Jump.
- Anita White Carson Middle School eighth-grader Paulina Macias and Lake Oconee Academy eighth-grader Stuart Baker were selected by Superintendent Richard Woods to serve on his 2016-17 Student Advisory Council. The two students were among the 108 Georgia middle and high school students selected to serve on the council.
- Greene County High School senior Kenyatta Hutchinson was named the 2017 High School Student of the Year by the Greene County Chamber of Commerce.

## You're Invited

The Greene County Board of Education conducts Work Sessions on the first Thursday of each month in the Board Meeting Room located at the CBJ Educational Complex, 101 E. Third St., Greensboro. Regular Business Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the Board Meeting Room as well. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Additional meetings as well as cancellations are announced on the school system website: [www.greene.k12.ga.us](http://www.greene.k12.ga.us). You are invited to attend these meetings.

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