



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

October 13, 2017

Elephant Tracks provides an up-to-date listing of the events and crucial reminders from the Gainesville City School district and each of our schools. Elephant Tracks can be accessed either in the weekly eNewsletter sidebar or on our district homepage. Subscribe to the Gainesville City School System eNewsletter - Have you "Herd?" by going to our website: www.gcssk12.net.

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Information on our students, faculty/staff, OR graduates and any information that would be beneficial to the GCSS family is always welcome for Elephant Tracks. Please e-mail to beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net.

ALL SCHOOLS

- 10/13PL for 4-6 Math Teacher 8:00-12 Noon
- 10/16-11/3 Employee Insurance Open Enrollment
- 10/16 School Board
 - Administrative Meeting SBO GMS/GHS 9-11 Elementary 10-12
- 10/17 Report Cards
 - Administrative Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11
 - Fingerprinting SBO Parade Room 10-11
- 10/18 Instructional Tech Committee SBO Board Room 3-4
- 10/19 Parent Coordinators Meeting SBO Parade Room 9:00
 - School Social Worker,s, Counselors, PBIS SBO Board Room 12-4:30
- 10/22 Old Timers' Basketball Game E Hall vs. GHS @ GHS 2:00 pm
 - Birthday Celebration for THE ROCK @ THE ROCK 4:30 pm
- 10/24 Executive Cabinet Meeting 9:00 am

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 10/17 Report Cards
 - Grade Level Meetings
 - 4th Grade Mock Milestones Test
- 10/18 PLC Meetings with Administration
 - Make-Up Pictures
 - 4th Grade Mock Milestones Test
 - School Governance Council 3:00 pm
- 10/19 PTA 4/5th Musical Pirates 6:00 pm
- 10/20 Awards Day K-1 12:45 pm 2-3 10:10 am 4-5 8:30 am

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 10/17 Report Cards

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 10/13 Fire Truck Coming for Kindergarten 12:30-1:30 pm
- 10/17 Report Cards
 - Administration Meeting 10-12
- 10/19 Math Night 6:00 pm
- 10/20 Pat Kelley from GASSP Supplemental Benefits Teachers' Lounge

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- On-Going The Kindness Rock Project
- 10/17 Report Cards
- 10/19 Third Grade Field Trip to Consolidated Gold Mine
- 10/26 Kindergarten Field Trip to Warbington Farms

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

10/13 United Way Soccer Kick @ 1:30
10/17 Report Cards
10/19 PTA meeting 6:45 in Community Room
10/20 Awards Assembly 8:00-9:00 K-2; 3-5 9:30-10:30
Blue Pop Day for United Way 1:00

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

10/17 Report Cards
10/19 2nd grade field trip to Don Carter Park - Habitat Program
10/23 Red Ribbon Week - Wise Choices
10/23 5th grade 4-H to Friendship Elementary
10/27 1st Grade Fall Performance - 10:00
Governance Council Meeting - 1:30

GMS

10/13 8th Grade Basketball Tryouts for Boys and Girls 4-5:30
10/14 Cross Country @ Roper Park 8:00 am
10/16 First Day of Girls Basketball 5:30-7 pm
10/17 Report Cards

GHS

10/13 Hispanic Food Tasting
Varsity Football @ Dacula 7:30 pm
10/17 Report Cards
10/20 Balfour Senior Class Meeting Gym 1:30
Varsity Football @ Winder-Barrow 7:30 pm
10/21 One Act Play Competition @ GHS 9:00 am
Competition Cheerleading @ South Forsyth

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from these results, and you should plan your route accordingly. If you find the directions, please e-mail beverly.n3ordholz@gcssk12.net so corrections can be made.

Dacula High School- 316 East. Left on Highway 8. Go to the next traffic light. Turn left on Broad Street . Cross RR tracks and turn left on Hebron Church Road . School is on the right.

South Forsyth High School-Take Hwy. 400 South to Exit 13(Peachtree Parkway/141). At the end of the exit ramp, make a left. You will be on 141. After crossing over 400, proceed approximately 1/3 mile and South Forsyth High School will be on your left.

Winder-Barrow High School- Go 985 S. to Exit 16. Go left on Winder Highway (Hwy. 53). Turn right just below Crystal Farms onto Hwy. 211. Go 211 to Winder. Stay on 211 for several more miles. When you pass Real Deal on your left, begin looking for McNeal Rd. on your right. Turn right onto McNeal Rd. and follow it until it dead ends. Turn right onto Candler St. This brings you in behind the stadium. Simply circle the block to get to the gym

The GHS Homecoming Parade is Thursday, October 26th at 5:30 p.m. on the square. GHS Homecoming Pep Rally is Friday, October 27th at 3:00 p.m. in the New Gym, and the Homecoming Dance is Saturday, October 28th from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

GHS yearbooks are on sale now through bigredyearbook.com
For a limited time they are \$70 for free name or monogram and 4 free icons.

ROCKIN' GOOD NEWS-To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the beloved GHS ROCK, our schools, under the direction of each school's art teachers, will be installing rock garden in the park near the big rock. The celebration will be Sunday, October 22 at 4:30 pm.

One of the of the longest and fiercest rivalries in Georgia is back GHS Basketball vs. East Hall Basketball!!! Join us October 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Gainesville Red Elephants vs. East Hall Vikings at Gainesville High School. You must be a graduate from Gainesville High School or East Hall High School..

Recognizing the sacrifice many of our veterans make in service to our country, the Gainesville City School System would like to recognize veterans who were unable to receive their high school diplomas because of military service. If you or someone you know meets the requirements below, please complete the form located at <http://www.gcssk12.net/assets/diploma-request-by-veterans.pdf> and submit to the Central Office by October 1st so that recognition can be arranged during the month of November. Candidates who wish to be awarded a diploma for services rendered in a recognized branch of our Armed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard) in lieu of graduation requirements in effect at the time of their assignment must be able to demonstrate proof of enrollment in the district and evidence of an honorable discharge from a branch of the Armed Services. Upon meeting requirements, the veteran will be recognized with a diploma bearing his/her name and the year of graduation corresponding to the year of anticipated graduation. The diploma will be signed by the current high school principal and current school board chairman. The diploma may be presented in a formal setting, if it is so desired by the recipient.

NOTE TO EMPLOYEES-Did you know that more than 32,000 people are living in poverty in Hall County? Please join us in our campaign to decrease the poverty rate by giving generously to United Way of Hall County. This year our school district's goal is to raise \$38,000 to help children and their families within our community who are facing poverty. Our campaign begins on October 2nd through October 31st. Donations in any amount are welcome. **A district-wide JEAN WEEK is designated during the week of October 30th - November 3rd for employees who contribute \$24 or more.** Jean Week passes will be distributed by your school's (or department's) United Way coordinators who are listed below. **Also, this year, free United Way shirts are available for those who donate \$60 or more. (A Jean Week pass is also included with this donation amount.)**

Your gift to United Way of Hall County creates a community-driven movement that provides resources and services that help create pathways out of poverty. Programs such as The Compass Center, Life Skills Classes, and the Read Learn Succeed Pediatric Program assist our low-income families by providing services that focus on health, education, and financial stability that empower families and transform their lives & their future.

If you have any questions or wish to provide a donation, please contact your school's (or department's) campaign coordinator listed below.

Centennial Arts Academy - Katherine (Sis) Whitaker
Enota MI Academy - Merrye Watts
Fair Street International Academy - Kerry-Ann Holmes
Gainesville Exploration Academy - Havilyn Towns
Mundy Mill Academy - Amy Buffington
New Holland Knowledge Academy - Jessica Chambers
Gainesville Middle School - Kim Stephens
Gainesville High School - Leslie Dorsey
M&O and Transportation - Lynn Jones
School Board Office - Lynn Jones

The GHS HOSA Breast Cancer 5k/Fun Run will be on 11//4//2017.. This whole event was planned by one student who took on the task by herself,. GHS FBLA and ROTC are helping and participating in this event.. Kids 10 and under are free. This is the link for information:
<https://sites.google.com/gcssk12.net/hosa5k/home>

Center Point will have a live auction on November 16, 2017 at the League Lodge 1547 Riverside Drive , Gainesville, GA from 6:30-9:00 pm. Everything from puppies to trips.

LAST WEEK IN SPORTS

Volleyball

Varsity beat Oconee Co. 2 -0 and E. Jackson 2-0
Area Tournament-Beat Habersham 2-1, Apalachee 2-0 and Apalachee 3-0
C Team Beat West Hall 2-0
GMS Beat Mill Creek 2-1

Cross Country

Varsity Boys Finished Second at the Mountain Invitational
MS Boys won 2017 Hall Co. Championship & Finished 5th in the Mountain Invitational
MS Girls Finished in 2nd Place at the Hall Co. Championship and the Mountain Invitational.
Marco Moreno –Wren was the overall Champion of both events

Football

Varsity Beat Habersham Central by Kicking a Last Second Field Goal to win 30-27

The Gainesville Middle School Boys Cross Country Team won the Hall County Championship at Lakeview Academy. GMS's Marcos Moreno-Wren placed 1st, Aiden Ayala was ninth, Daniel Gallagher was eighth, and David Islas was 6th. In the girls' meet, Allison Pineda was ninth, Ami Silva was seventh,, and Ashley Thompson was sixth.

GHS NJROTC attended an Orientation Tour of Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, GA on Tuesday, October 10th. The history and currently status of the College as well as scholarship opportunities were highlighted. Talisa Soto, a 2016 graduate of GHS NJROTC was awarded a full ride scholarship to GMC and is currently serving in the Georgia Army National Guard. Higher education is a strategic goal of the NJROTC program and these Orientation trips are instrumental in facilitating scholarships and degree programs.

GHS senior Ryan Hogan shot a 4-under-par 68 to finish first overall in the Georgia PGA Rome Junior Classic last weekend at Coosa Country Club in Rome. Classmate Brody Simmons carded a 75 to tie for ninth place in 16-18 age group and tie for 11th in the overall standings.. . Hogan and Simmons are among the top three point-earners on the Junior Tours Player of the Year list..

GHS grad Deshaun Watson threw for 5 touchdowns in the Houston Texans 42-34 loss to the undefeated Kansas City Chiefs.

Record Setting Roys Has Set the Bar High For GHS Volleyball

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/record-setting-roys-has-raised-bar-gainesville-high-volleyball-program/>

GHS Volleyball Program Captures Region Title

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-volleyball-program-claims-area-8-6a-championship/>

GHS Football Opens Region Play with Big Win Over Habersham

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-opens-region-play-wild-comeback-win-against-habersham-central/>