



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

October 20, 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

- 10/2-31 United Way Campaign
- 10/16-11/3 Employee Insurance Open Enrollment
- 10/16 Regular School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 am
- 10/22 Old Timers' Basketball Game E Hall vs. GHS @ GHS 2:00 pm
Birthday Celebration for THE ROCK @ THE ROCK 4:30 pm
- 10/23 Sub Training SBO Board Room 9-11
- 10/24 Executive Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 9:00 am
- 10/26 District Parent Coordinators Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-12

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 10/20 Awards Day K-1 12:45 pm 2-3 10:10 am 4-5 8:30 am
- 10/24 Committee Meeting
- 10/25 Family Day 8-8:30 am
PLC Meetings with Administration
Leadership Team 3:00 pm
- 10/27 Italian Ice Day

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 10/23 Parent University -3rd Grade 5:45-7:00
- 10/24 School Leadership Team Meeting 3:00
Parent University-4th Grade 5:45-7:00
Parent University-5th Grade 5:45-7:00

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 10/20 Pat Kelley from GASSP Supplemental Benefits Teachers' Lounge
Honor's Day 8:30 am
- 10/23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24 SIP Workgroups
- 10/26 Code Red Drill 10:00 am

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- On-Going The Kindness Rock Project
- 10/23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/23-11/11 Georgia Mountain Food Bank Canned Food Drive
- 10/25 Art Honors Class
- 10/26 Kindergarten Field Trip to Warbington Farms

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

10/20 Awards Assembly 8:00-9:00 K-2; 3-5 9:30-10:30
Blue Pop Day for United Way 1:00
10/23-27t Red Ribbon Week
10/26 Fall Festival 5:30-7:00

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

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

10/26 6th Grade Band Premier Concert GMS Gymnasium 6:30 pm

GHS

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
10/24 Miss GHS Pageant Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:00 pm
10/25 Leadership Meeting Media Center 3:40-4:40
10/26 Homecoming Parade on the Square 5:30 pm
10/27 Homecoming Pep Rally New Gym 2:55 pm
Varsity Football vs. Apalachee @ Bobby Gruhn Field Homecoming 7:30
10/28 Homecoming Dance GHS New Gym 8-11 pm

Football Homecoming Spirit Week

Monday-Backward Day
Tuesday-Tourist Day
Wednesday-Who Am I?
Thursday-Jersey Thursday
Friday-Red Out

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.

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

Please go to gainesvilleredephantathletics.com to vote for the SEPT Athlete of the Month .

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.

Miss GHS Contestants and their talent

CATIE COOK singing and playing the guitar : "TRUE COLORS"

CRYSTAL FLORES tumbling

NICOLLE PIERCE singing "I Speak Six Languages" from PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

KATHRYN SMITH presenting two contrasting monologues from BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS and THE DIVINERS

ABIGAIL MOWBRAY singing "KINDERGARTEN BOYFRIEND"

BRIANNA CARRERA presenting BURRITO ROLLING;

LEXIE RICHEMOND singing "BEFORE I LET GO";

IZZY PATE dancing HIP HOP COMPILATION;

SADIE ROACH singing, playing the piano and the guitar RISE UP;

DELANEY BENSON singing and tapping "I GOT RHYTHM" from the musical CRAZY FOR YOU

JANU PATEL singing "REMEDY"

JEILIANNE VAZQUEZ singing "VIVIR MI VIDA".

Region 8 AAAAAA One Act Play Competition is Oct 21 GHS performs their one act cutting of GODSPELL at 9 AM. There is no charge for this day of celebrating theatre with six schools participating.

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.

Everyone is invited to attend the Rockin' 50th Paint Party to celebrate the 50th birthday of "The Rock" on Sunday, October 22nd, at 4:30 p.m. at "The Rock" located off of Pearl Nix Highway. There will be fun painting activities as well as a guest appearance from Cherry-O the Clown. Families are encouraged to attend. Free shuttle service will be provided from the Gainesville High School parking lot to "The Rock" due to parking restrictions. Buses will pick up riders from the GHS horseshoe (front entrance area).

Please bring a rock to paint at the party!

Also, if you have old photos of the Rock taken over the past 50 years, please share them with us via email at rock50@gcssk12.net.

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>

Fielddale Farms 1540 Monroe Drive, Gainesville, Ga. United Way Fundraiser, Saturday, Oct. 28 8-12 Truckload Sale.

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.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

Varsity volleyball beat River Ridge High School in the first round of the GHSA state playoffs in straight sets.

CROSS COUNTRY

The GMS Cross Country team finished their season with the boys taking first place and the girls taking second.

COMPETITION CHEERLEADING

In their first competition , they took third place

Football

Lost to Dacula 28-0

GHS grad Deshaun Watson threw for 225 yards and three touchdowns, becoming the first rookie in NFL history with at least three TD passes in three straight games, helping give the Houston Texans a 33-17 win over the Cleveland Browns on Sunday. Watson has thrown 15 touchdown passes this season, the most in NFL history by a rookie in a team's first six games.

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-native-watson-has-record-setting-day-texans-win/>

GHS Volleyball Falls to Pope in Second Round of State

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-volleyball-team-falls-pope-second-round-playoffs/>

GMS Principal Rose Prejean-Harris to Leave to go to Atlanta Public Schools

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-middle-principal-takes-atlanta-job/>

GHS Grad Damon Evans Named Interim AD at Maryland

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/evans-named-interim-athletic-director-maryland/>

GHS Volleyball Team Getting Ready for Second Round of State

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/area-volleyball-programs-gearing-second-round-state-playoffs/>

GHS Volleyball Advances to Round Two of State

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-volleyball-advances-class-6a-tourney-sweep-river-ridge/>

GHS Football Loses to Dacula 28-0

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-drops-first-region-game-28-0-loss-dacula/>

GHS Looking To Remain Undefeated in Region Football

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/game-week-gainesville-looking-remain-unbeaten-region-play-against-dacula/>