



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

November 10, 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

11/10 Progress Reports

 Last Day to Sign Up for Employee Sick Leave Bank

 Attendance Zone Meeting SBO Board Room 11-1

11/13 Fingerprinting SBO Parade Room 10-11

11/14 Executive Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 9-12

11/15 School Nutrition Meeting SBO Parade Room 8:45-11 pm

11/16 Parent Coordinators Meeting @ SBO 9:--

 Parent Coordinators/School Counselor Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11

11/17 Pay Day

11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

11/27 School Board Regular Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

11/10 Progress Reports

 Italian Ice Day

 Picture Day

11/14 Grade Level Meetings

 Meet w/S. Peppers 3-5

11/15 PLC Meetings with Administration

11/17 PBIS Lunchroom Reward

11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

11/10 Progress Reports

11/14 District ABC Team Meets w/ Enota Leadership Meeting

 School Leadership Team Meeting 3:00

11/16 School Governance Council Meeting 4:00

11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

11/10 Progress Reports

11/13-17 Book Fair

11/14 Severe Weather Drill 9:00 am

 SIP Meeting

11/15 Celebration Parade 1:30 pm

 Leadership Team School Improvement/ABC Meetings w/District Support 1:45-2:45

 School-Wide School Improvement/ABC Meetings w/District Support 2:45-3:45

11/17 Picture Day Makeup

11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

11/10 Progress Reports
11/15 GAN Meeting During Planning
Arts Honor Class
11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

11/10 Progress Reports
Veteran's Day Celebration
11/13: Amici Night 5:30-8:00
11/14: PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30 in Community Room
11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

11/10 Progress Reports
11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

GMS

11/10 Progress Reports
11/13 Boys & Girls Basketball @ East Jackson
11/14 Boys Basketball White County @ Home
Wrestling vs. South Hall/West Hall @ 9th Grade Center 5:00 pm
11/16 Band Winter Concert Gym 7th Grade 6:15 pm 8th Grade 7:30 pm
11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

GHS

11/10 Progress Reports
Competition Cheerleading Sectionals Columbus, GA
Football First Round State @ Alpharetta High School 7:30 pm
11/11 Competition Cheerleading Sectionals Columbus, GA
Varsity & JV Wrestling @ Jackson Co. Panther Scramble
Varsity Swim Meet @ Frances Meadows
Godspell Competes in State One Act Veterans High School 12:00 Noon
11/13 Presidents Relay for Life Planning Media Center 1:28-2:00 pm
11/14 *Harvey* Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
11/15 *Harvey* Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
11/16 *Harvey* Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
11/17 Deadline for Senior Ads (See Below)
Football State Play-offs Second Round

11/18 Wrestling Buford Invitational 9:00 am
Swimming Lakeview Invitational 10:00 am
Varsity Girls Basketball Pre-Thanksgiving Tourney @ GHS
Varsity Boys Basketball Norcross "On the Radar" Tournament
11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

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.

Alpharetta High School-Go Dawsonville Highway (Hwy. 53) west. Go 9.6 miles. Turn left on Keith Bridge Road (GA. 306.) Go 8 miles. Go Ga. 400 South for 15 miles. Take the Windward Parkway exit (Exit # 11) toward Alpharetta. Go .4 miles and turn left onto Windward Parkway . Go .3 miles and turn right onto North Point Parkway . Go .9 miles and turn left onto Webb Bridge Road . Go .3 miles to 3595 Webb Bridge Road .

Buford High School-I-985 South to Exit 8. Turn right at the end of ramp. After turning right, go to the third traffic light, and turn left onto Buford Highway . Just before Buford Highway turns into a four lane, turn right onto Sawnee Ave. - should be a sign saying Buford High School . School is up the hill (about 1/4 mile) on the right. 2750 Sawnee Ave.

East Jackson High - Go Highway 129 East 16.4 miles to 85 North. Go 12.5 miles and take the US 441 exit (#149. Turn right onto GA 15/Us 441. Continue to follow GA 15 eight miles. Turn right onto Hoods Mill Road/County Road 427. Go 1.5 miles. School is on left. 1435 Hoods Mill Road. 1 Hr. 19 minutes

Jackson County High School- Go 129/GA 11 East toward Athens . Go approximately 22 miles. Turn right on Highway 11 (Winder Highway). School will be on right 1668 Winder Highway in Jefferson .

Norcross High School - Go I-985 South. Take Exit 4 toward Buford/Cumming. Turn right onto Buford Dr/US-23/GA-20. Stay straight on GA. 20 for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Go 14.9 miles. Turn right onto Old Peachtree Road. Go .8 miles. Old Peachtree Road, NW becomes Spalding Drive, N.W. School is at 5300 Spalding Drive.

Veterans' High School (Houston County, GA)-Go 985 S to 85 S to 285 E. Go I-75 s to I 475 S. to I 75 S. Take exit 142 from I-75 S. 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, GA 2 Hours 33 Minutes.

Gainesville Middle School Band Winter Concert
Thursday November 16th, 2017 GMS Gym
7th grade at 6:15pm 8th grade at 7:30pm

Annual Stomp & Chomp Fundraiser-You can now purchase a Reverse Raffle ticket for a chance to win \$7,500. Stomp N Chomp will be held at the Gainesville Civic Center On Saturday February 3rd Purchasing a raffle ticket gets you dinner for 2 and 1 entry into the reverse raffle. You can also purchase 5 raffle tickets for \$500. To Purchase <http://gainesvilleredephantathletics.com/hq/stomp-n-chomp-raffle-tix/>

Gainesville Middle School will present Elf The Musical JR on November 29 and 30 at 6:30 in the GMS cafeteria. Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity. \$5.00 admission, children under 2 free, faculty and staff free.

It is time for the annual membership enrollment to the Catastrophic Leave Bank. If you are currently a member, your contribution will be a half day leave. If you were not a member last year or a new hire and you want to be a member, enrollment is a full day of leave. Enrollment is done through the employee self service portal. The Catastrophic Leave Bank policy is attached. Also directions to employee self portal. The date to use for your contribution is **November 4, 2017**. This is a Saturday date.

DIRECTIONS TO ENTER SICK BANK CONTRIBUTIONS – EMPLOYEE

*****ELECTION MUST BE DONE BY NOVEMBER 10, 2017 NO EXCEPTIONS*****

GODSPELL goes to state AAAAAA to compete at Veterans High School at noon on Nov.11th. "

HARVEY opens at GHS PAC Tuesday,Nov. 14, Wednesday, Nov. 15, and closes on Thursday, Nov. 16th, at 7:30 PM. Tickets are only \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for adults.

Senior ads for the GHS Yearbook are due no later than November 17th. See bigredyearbook.com to order

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.

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.

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.

This Week in Sports

FOOTBALL

Will Play At Alpharetta In The First Round Of The Playoffs On Friday Night

CROSS COUNTRY

The Boys Team Finished 9th In The State At The State Xc Meet On Saturday. Mugisha Bienvenu Finished In 10th Place Overall

SWIMMING

The Ghs Swim Team Got Off To A Fast Start On Wednesday Night. They Had Multiple Members Already Qualify For The State Meet. Qualifiers: 200m Freestyle & 200 M Medley Relay, Spencer Sumner 100m Back, Brian Monogahan 100 Fly, And Tanner Doan 200 Free/100 Breast

COMP CHEER

Finished In 3rd Place At The Region Competition And Qualified For The State Comp on Saturday

BASKETBALL

GMS Boys Beat North Hall 69-34

GHS's Kaufman Named Commended Student

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesvilles-kaufman-named-commended-student/>

Deshaun Watson Will Not Let Injury Defeat Him

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/murphy-qb-deshaun-watson-embrace-role-comeback-kid/>

Gainesville Schools Work To Improve Minority Students Performance

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-schools-seek-answers-bridge-achievement-gap/>

GHS Football Prepares for 1st Round Rematch With Alpharetta

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-begins-preparation-first-round-football-playoffs-against-alpharetta/>

Why We Should All Thank a Teacher

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/columnists/harris-blackwood-why-all-us-should-thank-teacher/>

GHS Finishes Ninth, Mugisha Bienvenu Finishes 10th in State Cross Country

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/north-halls-devan-crow-wins-state-championship-cross-country/>

GHS Football Falls to Lanier in Season Finale

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-falls-lanier-27-14-regular-season-finale/>

Gainesville School System Asks State College Tuition for All Grads

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-school-system-asks-state-college-tuition-all-grads-regardless-immigration-status/>

GHS Football Opens With Rematch With Alpharetta

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-begins-preparation-first-round-football-playoffs-against-alpharetta/>

Editorial-Get Well Quick Deshaun-Your Hometown is Behind You.

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/opinion/editorial-gell-well-quickly-deshaun-your-hometown-behind-you/>

GCSS Shows Improvement on College & Career Readiness Performance Index Test

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-hall-schools-show-improvement-college-and-career-ready-performance-index-test/>

GHS Grad Deshaun Watson Out for Season With ACL Tear

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/report-gainesville-native-texans-qb-deshaun-watson-feared-have-suffered-torn-acl/>