



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

November 16, 2018

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

- 11/16 Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12 Noon
- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 11/27 Secondary & Elementary Programs & Services SBO Board Rooms 10:30-12:30
Secondary & Elementary Programs & Services SBO Parade Room 10:30-12:30
- 11/29 SPED Interrelated Meeting SBO Board Room 1-4
- 11/30 Pay Day
- 12/3 Time Sheets Due to Central Office
School Board Work Session & Regular Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 11/16 Spanish Spelling Bee
Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 11/26-30 Book Fair
- 11/27 Support Committees
- 11/28 PLC w/ Administration
Italian Ice
- 11/29 Severe Weather Drill
ESOL Team Meeting 2:30 pm

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 11/27 Fire Drill 9:00 am
Staff Meeting 3:00 pm
- 11/29 New Kindergartener Reception 11:30 am & 6:00 pm
Math Family Night 5:00-7:00

FAIR STREET

- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 11/28 Literacy PLC
- 11/30 Testing Team Training

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 11/16 Progress Reports
- 11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

MUNDY MILL

- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
Kindergarten Thanksgiving 1-2
- 11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 11/26 PBIS Team Meeting 2:50
- 11/27 Sunshine Committee Meeting 3:00-4:00

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

GMS

- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/17 Wrestling East Hall Invitational 8:00 am
- 11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 11/27 Girls Basketball @ Riverwatch 5:00 pm
Boys Basketball Riverwatch @ Home 5:00
- 11/29 Girls Basketball @ Lakeside 5:00 pm
Boys Basketball Lakeside @ Home 5:00 pm
- 12/1 Wrestling Madison Mustang Classic
Girls & Boys Basketball vs. Banks County @ Home 10:00 am

GHS

- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/17 Wrestling Cherokee Duals 9:00 am
- 11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 11/19 & 20 Girls Basketball North Hall Thanksgiving Tournament
- 11/26 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10:00 am
- 11/27 ASVAB Testing Media Center 8:30-11:30
JV Basketball @ Clark Central 4:30 pm
Varsity Basketball @ Clark Central Girls 6:00 pm Boys 7:30 pm
- 11/29 NJROTC Annual Military Inspection
- 11/30 JV Basketball @ Marietta High School Girls 4:00 pm Boys 5:30 pm
Wrestling Panther Invitational 5:00 pm
Varsity Basketball @ Marietta Girls 7:00 pm Boys 8:30 pm
- 12/1 Wrestling Panther Invitational 8:00 am
Swimming North Hall Invitational @ Frances Meadows 8:00 am
Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Morgan County @ N. GA. College Dahlonega 6:30 pm

DIRECTIONS TO SCHOOLS:

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction on 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.

Cherokee High School-Go Hwy 53 West and turn left onto McEver Road by Publix. Go 2.1 miles. Go Brown's Bridge Road (Hwy 369) for 29.3 miles. Turn slight right onto Cumming Highway, GA. 20. Go 8.7 miles. Merge onto I 575 South. Go 2.1 miles and merge onto GA 140 (Exit 16 A. Go 0.8 miles. Turn right onto Marietta Highway. Go 0.7 miles. 930 Marietta Highway, Canton, GA

Clarke Central High School- Go 129 East toward Athens. Go approximate 40 miles. US 129 becomes Prince Avenue. Go 1.2 miles and turn right onto N. Milledge Avenue. Go .7 miles and school will be on your right. 350 S. Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA.

East Hall High School - Go Jesse Jewel Parkway . Go under I-985. Road changes into Old Cornelia Highway . School will be approximately 2 miles on your right. Baseball, soccer, and football fields are approximately on mile down Old Cornelia Highway on the opposite side of the road as the school.

Lakeside High School-Dekalb County-Go 985 South to I85 South. Merge onto I 285 East toward Augusta/Macon. Go Exit 37 toward Tucker. Turn right onto Henderson Mill Road, NE. Turn right onto Briarcliff Road. 3801 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, GA

Madison Co. High School – Go 129 East to I-85 North. Go 12.5 miles. Take the US-441/Ga-15 exit (Exit 149). Turn right onto GA15/US441/US441S. Go 4.6 miles. Turn left onto GA-98. Go 13.6 miles. Turn right onto N. General Daniels Ave/US-29 S. Go .4 miles. Enter next roundabout and take 5th exit onto Madison St. Go .6 miles. School will be on your right – 600 Madison St.

Marietta High School-Go I-985 South to I-85 South to I-285 East. Take I-75 North. At I-75 Exit 265, turn off onto ramp. Turn left onto SR-120 Loop (North Marietta Parkway, N.E.). Turn right (West) onto SR. 120 (Whitlock Avenue, N.W.) in front of Marietta United Methodist Church . Marietta High School is approximately 5 miles on the left.

North Georgia College- Go Hwy. 60 North 19.7 miles. Stay straight to go onto S. Chestatee St. Go .3 miles. Turn left onto Church St., SW. Go .2 miles and turn left onto College Circle. 82 College Circle, Dahlonega,

North Hall-Go Highway 60 North to Mt. Vernon Road (Hwy. 283). Turn right. Go approximately 2-3 miles. School will be on left on Mt. Vernon Road. 4885 Mt. Vernon Road, Gainesville, GA

Riverwatch Middle School-Go 985 S. Go 16.2 miles to Exit 4. Turn right onto GA 20/Buford Drive. Go 1.3 miles. Keep straight on GA 20 at Nelson Brogdon Boulevard, NE. Go 5.7 miles. Turn left onto James Burgess Road. Go 1 mile. Turn right onto Grand Reserve Drive. 610 James Burgess Road Suwanee, GA.

Pay dates for the next three months:

November 30, 2018

December 20, 2018

January 24, 2019 (modification from previous announcement)

February through June pay dates will return to the regular cycle of the last working day of the month.

Winter Student Spirit Night Date

Basketball : 12/14

Students wearing the “We ARE G”

Tee-shirt will get into these events for FREE

GHS French Teacher, Mme. Finelli will be leading a tour of Paris, the Loire Valley, Brittany and Normandy from March 28 - April 6, 2019. More information can be found on the website www.explorica.com/Finelli-8717 , stacy.finelli@gcssk12.net) , and the Facebook page @GoBigRedFrench and on the Facebook page Go Big Red French 2019 Spring Break in France. Sign up by the end of March for the best price. This is for all GHS students, faculty and staff who would like to visit France. You do not have to be enrolled in French to go on the trip and parents and staff are welcome as well. Here is the link to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GoBigRedFrench/>

Fair Street will be hosting a series of parenting classes on the first Monday of each month. They will be presented by Dr. Hall and Mrs. Hernandez. Times are 9-10 am and 3-4 pm.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting

Dec. 3 Understanding Beliefs and Feelings

Jan. 7 Encouraging Your Child and Yourself

Feb. 4 Listening and Talking to Your Child

Mar. 4 Helping Children Cooperate

April 8 Discipline That Makes Sense

May 6 Choosing Your Approach

Gainesville High School Athletic Director Adam Lindsey is pleased to announce that starting in 2019, the Gainesville City School System will begin honoring both individual and team athletic achievements, along with long-standing traditions, by introducing a Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame, and inducting an inaugural class.

The designed intention of the Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame is to further accentuate the outstanding contributions of the many gifted and dedicated athletes and teams not just from Gainesville High, but also the former E.E. Butler and Fair Street high schools, while aiding in the support and constant growth of athletics in the City of Gainesville.

Nominations to the Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame must be submitted in writing and received by January 1. A standard form established by the Hall of Fame Committee will be used in all nominations and can be found at www.gainesvilleredephantathletics.com.

Nominations are being accepted.

Any former student who participated in at least one year of varsity competition, and graduated from a Gainesville City high school no fewer than 10 years ago, is eligible to be selected into the Hall of Fame. All athletes considered must have made significant contributions while representing their school in varsity competition

A second category will allow for the election of an individual who has given outstanding service to athletics in Gainesville. A third category will be for individual teams that have achieved and performed at the highest level of competition.

Each inductee class will be comprised of one team, an athlete that graduated in the last 10-25 years, an athlete that graduated in the last 26-50 years, an athlete that graduated in the last 50 or more years, and an athletic supporter (i.e. coaching staff or administrative staff, media member, supporters or sponsors, volunteers, etc.).

The inaugural class, however, will hold eight inductees (two from each category listed above except for team and athletic supporter), with five members being inducted in each class that follows. Each inductee's likeness will be immortalized on a plaque permanently displayed at Gainesville High School. Further efforts will be made to include additional memorabilia belonging to the members of the Hall of Fame.

A committee comprised of eight members will govern the Hall of Fame and be responsible for the selection of inductees. The Gainesville City School System Superintendent, Athletic Director, and Gainesville Athletic Club President will be permanent fixtures on the Hall of Fame committee, with the other five members serving three-year terms. The first committee includes:

GCSS Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams

GHS Athletic Director Adam Lindsey

GAC President Kris Nordholz

GHS faculty representatives Wayne Vickery & Katie B. Davis

GHS alumni appointees Jerome Yarborough & Wesley Martin

GHS coaching staff member Kendall Gruhn.

For more information on the Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame, including by-laws and nomination information log on to the Gainesville City School's athletic website:

www.gainesvilleredephantathletics.com. Under the "MORE" tab

The Gainesville Ballet Company would like to offer a 30% discount to all employees, staff, family and friends of the Gainesville City School System to see any of this year's performances of The Nutcracker.

People can just go to <https://gainesvilleballet.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=5311> and use the couple code (*TEACH30*) for tickets to any of the four Nutcracker performances. If anyone has any questions or if there is anything that I can do, please let me know

What an honor to be recognized by colleagues for nurturing, inspiring, challenging, and preparing our students. GCSS is proud to announce the System Teacher of the Year is Amanda Studer of Mundy Mill Academy . Her stiff competition was:

Centennial - Heather Weiser

Enota - Carolyn Stribling

Fair Street - Adondra Little

Gainesville Exploration Academy - Charity Manomano

New Holland - Brianna Caldwell

Gainesville Middle - Steven London

Gainesville High - Chandra Karnati

LAST WEEK SPORTS

Cheerleading

GHS Competition Cheerleading completed their season by competing at the GHSA State Sectionals in Columbus

Swimming

Fall Frenzy Results:

Wade Cochran 1st in 200 Free

Annika Nguyen—3rd in 100 Fly

Jacob Nguyen- 3rd in 100 Free & 100 Fly

Basketball

The Lady Red Elephants played a very energized scrimmage at West Forsyth and beat the Wolverines 64-50. Tia Shelton led all scorers with 28 and Tijah Blackwell had 18.

The Boys Varsity Team also beat West Forsyth in their scrimmage.

GMS girls beat Otwell Middle 41-28

GMS boys beat Otwell Middle 58-16 and 52-35 and Beat Lumpkin Co. 48-14.

GHS Football Falls to Creekside in First Round of State Playoffs

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-falls-creekside-47-12-open-class-6a-state-fotball-playoffs/>