



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

November 17, 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

- 11/17 Pay Day
- 11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 11/27 Wraparound Services Planning SBO Board Room 9-10
 - SPED Meeting SBO Board Room 2-3:30 pm
 - School Board Regular Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm
- 11/28 Testing Meeting-Shea Ray SBO Board Room 8-11
 - Administrative Meeting SBO Board Room 6th-12 9-11 am K-5 10-12
- 11/29 Executive Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 9:00-12
- 11/30 School Social Workers, Counselors, PBIS SBO Board Room 12-4:30 pm
- 12/1 Mindset Training SBO Board Room 8:30-3:30
- 12/2 End of Pay Period
- 12/4 Timesheets Due to Payroll
 - Reception for Outgoing School Board Members Public Safety Complex 5:00 pm
 - School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 11/17 PBIS Lunchroom Reward
- 11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 11/27-12/1 Book Fair
- 11/28 Weather Drill
 - Committee Meetings
- 11/29 PLC Meetings with Administration
 - Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 pm
- 11/30 2nd Semester Field Trip Deadline
- 12/1 Third Grade to Nutcracker @ Brenau University 9:00 am

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 11/17 Picture Day Makeup
- 11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 11/28 Administrative Meeting 10-12
 - SIP Workgroups
- 12/1 School Walks to Brenau for Nutcracker 11:00 am

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
11/29 GAN During Planning
Art Honors Class

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
11/27-12/1: Food Drive
11/30: Reading/SS Night 6:00-7:00

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

GMS

11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
11/25 Wrestling Winder Middle School Invitational 9:00 am
11/28 Wrestling West Hall/North Hall Away 5:00 pm
11/29 Boys Basketball vs. Jefferson @ Home
Girls Basketball @ Jefferson 4:30 pm
ELF, JR GMS Cafeteria 6:30 pm
11/30 *ELF, JR* GMS Cafeteria 6:30 pm
12/1 Wrestling @ Banks County High School

GHS

11/17 Deadline for Senior Ads (See Below)
11/18 Wrestling Buford Invitational 9:00 am
Swimming Lakeview Invitational @ Frances Meadows 10:00 am
Varsity Girls Basketball Pre-Thanksgiving Tourney @ GHS
Varsity Boys Basketball Norcross "On the Radar" Tournament
11/20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
11/24-25 Varsity Boys Basketball Wesleyan Christian/Meadowcreek Holiday Hoopsgiving
11/28 Varsity & JV Wrestling Habersham Central/Stephens County 5:00
11/30 JV Boys Basketball Duluth @ Home 4:00 pm
Varsity Basketball Duluth @ Home Girls 6:00 pm Boys 7:30 pm
12/1 & 2 Wrestling Panther Invitational
12/2 SAT 3rd Floor 8-1
JV Basketball @ East Hall Girls 10:00 pm Boys 11:30 pm
Swimming North Hall Invitational @ Frances Meadows 10 am

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.

Banks Co. High School- I-85 N. Exit 149. Go left. 441 North. New Intersection (Hwy. 164) Go Left on Historic Homer Highway . Go three miles. On left 1486 A- Historic Homer Highway.

Banks Co. Middle School – Go Jesse Jewell Parkway US 129 N. Go 2.5 miles. Merge onto US 23, GA 369 North. Gainesville Connector. Go 8 miles and turn right onto Lula Road/ GA 52. Go 1.4 miles and turn sharp left onto Old Cornelia Highway/ GA 51. Go 1.1 miles Turn right onto Homer Highway/ GA 51. Continue to follow GA 51. Go 11 miles. Turn right onto Historic Homer Highway/ GA 164/ Main Street. Go 1.0 miles. Turn left onto Thomson St. Go 1.2 miles. 712 Thomson St. is on right.

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 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.

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 .

Jefferson High School-Take US-129 South towards Jefferson . After you cross over I-85 continue on US-129. Go until you see a Kroger on the right-hand side of the road. Turn left at that light onto Old Pendergrass Road. Go to dead-end and school will be in front of you.

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.

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

West Hall-Go Brown's Bridge Road West to McEver Road (@ Hall County Government Offices. Turn left onto McEver Road . Go 4-5 miles. School will be on right on McEver Road .

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

November is National Parent Involvement Month and Families. GHS invites all parents to visit us on November 17, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. We will meet in the lobby on the first floor. The principal and assistant principals, as well as the counselors and the social worker will be present for any questions you may have. We will take a tour of the buildings of the technical career classes and then we will pass through the 9th grade center. We'll have coffee and donuts in the lobby on the first floor. We hope to see you on Friday, November 17 at 8: a.m. in GHS. If you need more information, please contact Yolanda Gomez Parent Coordinator at [770-536-4441 Ext 5464](tel:770-536-4441)

Employees- For the month of December 2017, the pay date is December 15, 2017. The payroll dates are November 5 through December 3, 2017. Everything will be due on **December 4, 2017**. Please do not delay in approving leave and turning in time sheets. *It is very important that time sheets and all leave request have been signed/approved and turned in on **December 4, 2017** since we are being paid earlier.*

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>

GHS will present *The Wiz* December 5,6, 7 at the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center at 7:30 pm.

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.

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.

On Friday November 10, GHS had 8 students competed in the University of North Georgia Math Tournament. The team was comprised of the following students: Guillermo Beltran, Hiram Martinez, Spencer Sumner, Grayson Wagner, Grace O'Keefe, Ben Burns, Anne Marie Dye, and Mary Nelson Bell.

This tournament consists of 4 parts and students could compete as a group and as an individual.

GHS students won the following awards:

2nd Place - Multiple Choice Test - Mary Nelson Bell (she missed first place by 1 question)

2nd Place - Problem Solving Team - Guillermo Beltran, Hiram Martinez, Mary Nelson Bell, and Grace O'Keefe

2nd Place - Mathematics & Logic Strategy Games - Spencer Sumner and Ben Burns

1st Place Overall for the Team Award.

This Week in Sports

SWIMMING

At The Lakeview Invitational:

Boys 200 Medley Took 1st Place

Tanner Doan 1st In The Free 2nd In The Fly

Brian Monaghan 2nd In 200 IM & 3rd In Free

WRESTLING

In The Panther Scramble On Saturday:

Leandro Chavez Took 1st Place At 132lb

Ras Boone Took 4th At 195lb

Nick Gonzalez Took 4th At 220lb

BASKETBALL

Ms Girls Beat Otwell 26-24

Ms Boys Beat Otwell 68-35 & 58-45

Varisty Boys Basketball Beat St. Pius In Their Scrimmage On Thursday Night

FOOTBALL

Varsity Lost to Alpharetta 40-24 in First Round of State

GHS Football Falls to Alpharetta In Opening Round of State

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-falls-alpharetta-40-24-opening-round-playoffs/>

GCSS Nutrition Department Receives National Award

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/city-school-system-earns-national-nutrition-awards-programs/>

GHS Receives Award for 125 Celebration

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-high-receives-award-125th-anniversary-celebration/>