



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

*CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS*

November 30, 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](http://www.gcssk12.net).

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## **ALL SCHOOLS**

- 11/30 Pay Day
- 11/30-12/2 Gainesville Ballet's *Nutcracker*
- 12/2 Various School Groups Performing at *Christmas on Green Street*
- 12/3 Time Sheets Due to Central Office
  - School Board Work Session & Regular Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm
- 12/4 Wraparound Academic & Career Development Board Room 9-10
- 12/5 Technology Meeting SBO Board Room 9-10 SBO

## **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 12/1 Robotics Competition in Union County
- 12/3 Grade Level Planning (2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>)
- 12/4 Grade Level Planning (3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>)
  - Faculty Meeting
- 12/5 Grade Level Planning (1<sup>st</sup>/K)
- 12/6 "A" ACCESS Practice Test
  - PLC w/Administration
  - Show Choir Caroling Field Trip 8:30-12
  - Skate Country 6:00 pm
- 12/7 "B" Access Practice Test

## **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 12/2 Show Choir Christmas on Green Street 5:30
- 12/3 Writing Bee Launch
- 12/6 Secret Santa Staff Lunch

## **FAIR STREET**

- 11/30 Testing Team Training
- 12/3-12 Assessment Week w/Testing Team
- 12/3 Parenting Class Understanding Beliefs and Feelings 9-10 am & 3-4 pm
- 12/4 School Governance Council
- 12/5 Other Content Area PLC
  - Leadership Meeting 2:45
- 12/7 Holidays Around the World 9:00 am

## **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

### **MUNDY MILL**

- 12/2...Choir Performing at "*Christmas on Green Street*" 5:15 pm -
- 12/4 PBIS Team 3-4
  - Staff Paint Party & Dinner 5:00 pm
- 12/5 Blue Pop Money Due
- 12/6 *Holiday Fine Arts Night* for 3-5 Choir & Drama 6:30 pm

12/7 Santa Visit 8:30-10:30  
Blue Pops Delivered 1-2

### **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

12/4 - Pictures with Santa  
12/6 -7 - Kindergarten Conference in Marietta  
12/13 - Special Needs Class to Stars and Strikes field trip  
12/18 - 1st grade field trip to Chick Fil A and movies  
5th grade to Middle School Band Concert

### **GMS**

12/1 Wrestling Madison Mustang Classic 9:00 am  
Girls Basketball vs. Banks County @ Home 10:00 am  
12/6 Girls Basketball @ Buford 5:30 pm  
Boys Basketball vs. Buford @ Home 5:30 pm  
12/7 Girls Basketball vs. Vickery Creek 5:00 pm  
Boys Basketball @ Vickery Creek 5:00 pm

### **GHS**

11/30 JV Basketball @ Marietta High School Girls 4:00 pm Boys 5:30 pm  
Wrestling Panther @ Jackson Co. Invitational 5:00 pm  
Varsity Basketball @ Marietta Girls 7:00 pm Boys 8:30 pm  
12/1 Wrestling Panther Invitational Jackson Co. 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  
12/3 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10 am  
12/4 JV Girls Basketball vs. GAC @ Home 4:30 pm  
Girls Basketball vs. GAC @ Home 6:00 pm  
12/7 JV & Varsity Wrestling Hall County Championships @ GHS 5:00 pm  
12/8 Varsity Wrestling Hall County Championships @ GHS 8:00 am  
Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Elite Scholars @ Home 2:00 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](mailto:beverly.n3ordholz@gcssk12.net) so corrections can be made.*

**Buford Middle School** – Go 985 South to the Friendship Road/Exit 8. Go Right. Go Left on Hwy 13. Go 1.6 miles and bear off to the right at Skate Country onto Sawnee Avenue. Go to red light and turn left. Buford Middle School will be on the left across from Buford High School. 2700 Robert Bell Parkway, Buford, GA

**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

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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,

**Victory Creek Middle School-**Go GA 369 W. Brown's Bridge Road. Go 15.3 Miles. Turn left onto GA.Go GA 369 W. Brown's Bridge Road. Go 15.3 Miles. Turn left onto GA. 306 W. Go 1.2 miles. Go left onto Hwy. 400 S. Go 7.9 miles. Take exit 13 toward Norcross. Turn right onto Hwy. 141. Continue onto Bethelview Road. Go 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Castleberry Road. Go 1.3 miles. Turn right onto Majors Road. Go 1.5 miles. Turn left onto GA. 371 S. 6240 Post Road.

#### **Mundy Mill Learning Academy Chorus**

**Sunday**, December 2nd...5:15 pm - performing at "*Christmas on Green Street*"

**Thursday**, December 6th...6:30 pm - *Holiday Fine Arts Night*", Drama Club, Grades 3-5 music classes and MMLA Chorus

**Tuesday**, December 11th...6:30 pm *Winter Concert*" Grades K - 2 music classes

For the month of December 2018, the pay date is December 20, 2018. The payroll dates are November 4 through December 1, 2018. Everything will be due on **December 3, 2018**. 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 3, 2018** since we are being paid earlier.*

**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.

The next production for the GH Troupe 2445 Theatre Season will be *Mama Mia*. It will be presented December 11-13 at 7:30 pm in the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center. *On the eve of her wedding Sophie is determined to find her birth father. Her search is revealed as the plot thickens! The ageless and elevating music of ABBA drives this tale of family, humor, and romance. Truly this is a musical that will excite all ages!*

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](http://www.explorica.com/Finelli-8717) , [stacy.finelli@gcssk12.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

## LAST WEEK SPORTS

### Basketball

Girls Basketball beat White Co. 61-60 and North Hall 76-67 in the North Hall Thanksgiving Showcase.

### Riflery

Congratulations to the GHS Riflery team for their 960-849 win over Lithonia.

With four shooters per team and a possible perfect score of 300 per shooter, a perfect team score is 1200. Our shooters were Alex Camacho (with a score of 248), Yahir Contreras (220), Jay Smith (248), Steven Jacome (235), and Abel Acosta (229).

### Wrestling

Competed at the Cherokee Duals

*School Holidays Offer Welcome Break, Causes Scheduling Problems*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/school-holidays-offer-welcome-breaks-crafting-school-calendars-no-easy-task/>

*2018 Grad Rentavious Buffington Gets First Class of 1964 Scholarship*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/school-holidays-offer-welcome-breaks-crafting-school-calendars-no-easy-task/>

*Former GHS French Teacher Myrtle Figueras Receives Pioneer in Education Award*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/our-community-figueras-receives-pioneer-education-award/>

*Gainesville grad Spencer Ralston finishes second in Sun Bowl Marathon All-American Classic*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-grad-spencer-ralston-finishes-second-sun-bowl-marathon-all-american-classic/>