



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

November 9, 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

11/9 9th Super Sweet Potato Day @ Centennial @ Lunchtime
11/12-14 Mental Health 1st Aid Training SBO Board Room 8-4:30
11/12 Fingerprinting for New Staff SBO Parade Room 10-11
11/13 -14 Mental Health 1st Aid Training SBO Parade Room 8-4:30
11/15 Equitable Services Collaborative Meeting 8:30-10:30
District Parent Coordinators Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11
11/16 Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12 Noon
11/19-23 Thanksgiving Break No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
11/16 Progress Reports Go Home

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

11/9 9th Super Sweet Potato Day @ Lunchtime
11/13 Wear *We Are* Shirts and Jeans
Academic Committees
11/14 PLC w/ Administration
Leadership 3:00 pm
11/16 Spanish Spelling Bee
Progress Reports Go Home

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

11/13 School Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 pm
11/15 School Governance Council Meeting 4:00 pm
11/16 Progress Reports Go Home

FAIR STREET

11/13 Picture Make-up Day
11/14 No PLC Due to Coaches Being at PLC Workshop
11/16 Progress Reports Go Home

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

11/1-13 Doughnut Sale
11/9 . Brusters
11/13 Community Helpers' Day
11/14 Career Lessons Day
Vertical Planning Meeting 4th/5th
11/15 Career Day
11/16 Progress Reports

MUNDY MILL

11/9 Literacy Help Session for Parents 8-9 am
Blue Pops Delivered 1-2

- 11/12 Veteran's Day Program 8-9
RTI During PLC 9-10
Heroes in History Reading/SS Day 9:30-1
- 11/13 Mrs. Brown w/Connections U Paras 7:30-8:30
Cadres 2:55-4:00
- 11/14 Student Government Council 12-1
- 11.15 Media Specialists in Community Room 10-12
Thanksgiving Potluck for Staff 10:30-11:30
K-2 Club Day 1:15-2:30
- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
Kindergarten Thanksgiving 1-2

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home

GMS

- 11/9 Girls Basketball vs. White County @ Home 4:30 pm
Boys Basketball @ White County 4:30 pm
- 11/10 Wrestling Burnt Mountain Classic 8:00 am
Swimming Fall Frenzy @ Frances Meadows Hosted by Cherokee Bluff 8:00
- 11/13 Wrestling Tri-Meet @ GHS 5:00 pm
Girls Basketball vs. Liberty @ Home 5:00 pm
Boys Basketball @ Liberty 5:00 pm
- 11/15 7th Grade Girls & Boys Basketball vs. Pinecrest @ Home 5:00 pm
Winter Band Concert Gym 7th Grade 6:15 8th Grade 7:30 pm
- 11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/17 Wrestling East Hall Invitational 8:00 am

GHS

- 11/9 Deadline for Senior Ads for Yearbook (See Below)
First Round of State Football Tournament @ Creekside 7:30 pm
- 11/10 Varsity Competitive Cheerleading State Sectionals
Swimming Fall Frenzy @ Frances Meadows Hosted by Cherokee Bluff 8:00
Varsity Wrestling River Ridge Duals 8:00 am
JV Wrestling Lumpkin JV Invitational 8:00 am
Basketball Scrimmage @ W. Forsyth Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm
- 11/12 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10:00 am
- 11/13 Varsity & JV Wrestling Home Tri-meet 5:00 pm
(Student Spirit Night For Wrestling)
Basketball @ Grayson Girls 6:00 pm Boys 7:30 pm
Spitfire Grill Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm

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11/16 Progress Reports Go Home
Football Second Round of State
11/17 Wrestling Cherokee Duals 9:00 am

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

Creekside High School-Go 985 S. 20.3 miles to I 85 South through Atlanta. At exit 242, take ramp right for I-85 South toward Montgomery. At exit 61, take ramp right for GA 74 toward Fairburn/Peachtree City. Turn right onto GA 74N/Senoia Road. Keep left to stay on GA 74 N. Road name changes to Virlyn B. Smith Road. Take ramp left. Turn right onto US-29/Roosevelt Hwy. Turn right onto John Rivers Road. Turn left onto Herndon Road. Destination is 7405 Herndon Road, Fairburn, 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.

Grayson High School – 316 E. to Sugarloaf Parkway exit. Turn right. Travel to Grayson Highway / GA 20. Turn right. Go 4.5 miles. Turn hard right onto Hope Hollow Road .

Liberty Middle School-Go GA-53 Dawsonville Highway . Turn left onto GA 306 W. Turn right onto GA 369 W. Go 6.8 miles and Turn slight left onto Wallace Tatum Road. 7465 Wallace Tatum Road, Cumming, GA

Lumpkin Co. High School-Take Highway 60 N. to Dahlonega. In Dahlonega, go part of way around Square. Take Highway 19 North. School will be approximately 1 mile on left past middle school on right.

Lumpkin Co. Middle School – Go Highway 60 North 20.1 miles. Turn slight right on US 19. Turn left onto US. 19 – Grove St. Go .9 miles. Turn right onto School Drive. 44 School Street.

River Ridge High School-Go 369 W. to Hwy 400 South. Go 400 South 17.5 miles. Take GA 120 West (Exit # 10) toward Alpharetta. Merge onto Old Milton Parkway. Go 2.2 miles and Old Milton Parkway becomes Rucker Road. Go 2.6 miles. Turn right onto Houze Road/GA. 140. Go 3.8 miles. Turn left onto Arnold Mill Road. Go 4 miles to 400 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, GA.

West Forsyth High School – Go Brown’s Bridge Road to GA-400. Go south on GA-400. Take the GA-141 exit - exit number 13. Turn right onto Peachtree Parkway/Ga-141. This road changes to Bethelview, stay straight. Go north @ 3.5 miles, turn left onto Kelly Mill Road. Stay on Kelly Mill Rd. for approximately one and a half miles. Turn right onto Drew Court. Turn right onto Drew Road. School is immediately on the right at 4155 Drew Road. Address: 4155 Drew Road, Cumming, GA Phone: 770-888-3470.

White Co. High School-Go I-129 N. through Cleveland . Keep straight on 129 N. School will be approximately 3 miles North of the Square.

White Co. High School (Alternative Route 1) – Go north on 129 toward Cleveland. After you cross the White Co. line, you will see Friendship Baptist Church. At the light, take a left on Westmoreland Road. This deadends into 284. Go right. Go less than 1 mile to right on Hwy. 115. Go approximately 5 miles and turn left onto Tesnatee Gap Valley Road. This deadends on Hwy. 129 in front of White Co. Highway. **2600 Highway 129 N.**

White Co. High School (Alternative Route 2) – Go north on 129 toward Cleveland for approximately 13 miles. Go left on Hwy. 284 into Clermont. When you come to the stop sign, go straight. Go approximately ¼ mile and take a slight left onto GA. 115. Go 5 miles, then turn left onto Tesnatee Gap Valley Road. Go to the end of Tesnatee Gap Valley Road. High School is right across the street. 2600 Highway 129 N.

GMS BANDS WINTER CONCERT
NOVEMBER 15TH IN THE GMS GYM
7TH GRADE BAND AT 6:15PM
8TH GRADE BAND AT 7:30PM

For the month of NOVEMBER 2018, we will be paid on November 30, 2018. The payroll dates are October 7, 2018 through November 3, 2018.

The deadline for senior ads for the GHS yearbook the Radiator is November 9th. These MUST be done online at BigRedYearbook.com

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our United Way Campaign drive. You are truly dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our students and families living in poverty in Gainesville/Hall County. We are so grateful for each donation in any amount given!! Also, a special thanks to each of our amazing school campaign coordinators for their tremendous efforts: Katherine (Sis) Whitaker (Centennial), Merrye Watts (Enota), Kerry-Ann Holmes (Fair Street), Havilyn Towns (GEA), Amy Buffington (Mundy Mill), Jessica Chambers (New Holland), Faith Simpson (GMS), and Leslie Dorsey (GHS).

The next production of the GHS Theatre Department will be *Spitfire Grill*. on November 13-15 at 7:00 pm. in the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center. *After 5 years in prison, Percy Talbot launches her life in the small town of Gilead. She lands a job at the only restaurant Spitfire Grill. Its owner Hannah and her secrets held for years cause intrigue and mystery in this inspiring musical. A beautiful story with warmth, humor and heartfelt surprises. It will enchant the entire family..*

Winter Student Spirit Night Dates

Wrestling : 11/13

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

LAST WEEK SPORTS

Cross Country

The GHS Cross Country teams had a great finish to their seasons at the GHSA State Cross Country Meet on Thursday, November 1 in Carrollton. The boys finished in 7th Place and the girls finished in 12th. Congratulations on an awesome season.

Cheerleading

GHS Competition Cheerleading continued to improve their scores at the Region Meet and finished in 3rd place qualifying for State Sectionals

Wrestling

Congratulations to our GMS wrestling team for getting off to a great state at Lumpkin County.

1st Place-Omar Piedra (102)

2nd Place-Mauricio Gonzalez (118)

2nd Place-KJ Merritt (275)

4th Place-Kevin Garcia (210)

4th Place Angel Benitez (139)

Football

Will play in first round of state tournament on Friday, November 9 at Creekside High School at 7:30 pm.

Class AAAAAA Cross Country State Results

Gainesville's boys team got a top 20 finish from Miguel Lopez — who came in 17th — and finished seventh as a team. The girls were led by Ashley Thompson's 23rd individual finish, coming in 12th place as a team.

GCSS Officials Have Two Big Priorities

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-school-officials-have-2-big-priorities-state-legislators-come-2019/>

Two GHS Students are Selected Questbridge Scholarship Finalists

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/two-gainesville-high-seniors-named-questbridge-scholar-finalists/>

GHS Basketball Star Shaquan Cantrell Now Playing Professionally in Germany

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/see-which-gainesville-high-graduate-enjoying-professional-basketball-success-rookie-germany/>

New Round of SPLOST May Fund New Middle, High School

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/why-new-round-splost-might-fund-new-middle-high-school-gainesville>

GHS Loses Last Game 6-2 But is Going to Play-offs

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-squanders-away-region-game-extends-football-playoff-streak>