



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

December 1, 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

- 12/1 Mindset Training SBO Board Room 8:30-3:30
- 12/2 End of Pay Period
- 12/3 Christmas on Green Street 4:30 pm
- 12/4 Timesheets Due to Payroll
 - Test Coordinator's Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11
 - Wraparound Services Planning SBO Board Room 9-12
 - Reception for Outgoing School Board Members Public Safety Complex 5:00 pm
 - School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm
- 12/5 Principals' Meeting SBO Board Room GMS/GHS 9-11 Elementary 10-12
- 12/7 RTL/MTSS SBO Board Room 8:45-11
 - STC Edirect Online Training for ACCESS SBO Board Room 1-3
- 12/8 Mindset Training SBO Board Room 8:30-3:30
- 12/12 Executive Cabinet Meeting 9:00 am
- 12/15 Pay Day
 - First Semester Ends
- 12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
- 1/2 Teacher Planning Day

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 12/1 Third Grade to Nutcracker @ Brenau University 9:00 am
- 12/5 Faculty Meeting
- 12/6 PLC Meetings with Administration
 - Leadership Team 3:00 pm
- 12/7 Drama Club Performance Gym 6:00 pm
- 12/8 Italian Ice Day

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 12/1 School Walks to Brenau for Nutcracker 11:00 am
- 12/6 Fire Drill 9:00 am
- 12/8 Holidays Around the World Concert Gym 1:00 pm

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 12/8 GAN During Planning
 - GEA Art Honors Class

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

12/4 - 12/8 Food Drive

12/7 Winter Concert Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd Grade 6:15 pm

12/12 Winter Concert 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade 6:15 pm

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

12/7 - Chick Fil A Spirit Day @ New Holland Friday,

12/8 - 5th grade to GMS for Holiday Concert - 9:00

Kindergarten field trip to Mall of Georgia

Santa visits New Holland

12/11 - Cookies, Crafts and Carols with Pre-K - 9:00

12/12 - First Grade field trip to Center for Puppetry Arts

Chick Fil A Night - 5:00 to 6:00 @ New Holland Chick Fil A

12/13 - 2nd grade Christmas Musical - 11:00

12/14 - Read All Day activities

GMS

12/1 Wrestling @ Banks County High School

12/2 Girls Basketball Banks County @ Home 9:00 am

12/5 Wrestling @ East Hall High School 5:00 pm

12/7 Girls Basketball East Jackson Middle School @ Home

12/8 Girls Basketball Victory Creek 5:00 pm

12/9 Girls Basketball @ Buford 10:00

GHS

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

12/4 -15 Milestone Testing

12/4 JV Basketball vs. Cedar Shoals @ Home 5:30 pm

12/5 Balfour Ring Delivery 1st Floor Lobby 11:25-1

Varsity & JV Wrestling Madison County/Flowery Branch @ Home 5:00 pm

The Wiz Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm

12/6 ABC/SI Quality Assurance Meeting Media Center 3:40-5:40 pm

The Wiz Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm

12/7 *The Wiz* Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm

12/8 & 9 Varsity Boys Basketball Memphis Showcase Times TBA

Varsity & JV Wrestling Hall County Championships

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 .

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

Thursday, December 7th...6:15 pm..."Winter Concert" Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade

Tuesday, December 12th...6:15 pm..."Winter Concert" 3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade

Free Admission

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

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. The box office opens at 6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and seniors (cash or check only) at the door. No presales.

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.

GHS Grad Shaquan Cantrell Sets School Scoring Record at North Georgia College
<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-high-graduate-shaquan-cantrell-sets-ncaa-era-school-scoring-record-university-north-georgia/>

Georgia Expanding Hope-Career-Grant Program to Construction and Other Trades
<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/georgia-expanding-hope-career-grant-program-construction-other-trades/>

High School Boys Basketball Preview-GHS Has High Hopes
<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-boys-basketball-gainesville-east-hall-have-high-expectations-2017-18/>

School Sales Tax Nets 142 million in 5 years for Hall/Gainesville Schools
<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/school-sales-tax-netted-142m-5-years-hall-gainesville-schools/>

Fair Street Recognized with Counseling Honor
<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/fair-street-international-academy-recognized-counseling-honor/>