



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

December 7, 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

- 12/11 Professional Services #3 Assessment & Accountability SBO Board Room 8:30-12
Fingerprinting for New Employees SBO Parade Room 10-11
- 12/12 Technology Cybersafety Committee SBO Board Room 8:30-11:30
- 12/14 Cabinet Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12
504 Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 12/7 "B" Access Practice Test
- 12/11 Grade Level Meetings
- 12/12 PLC w/Administration
Leadership 3:00 pm
- 12/13 Pajama Day for All Students
Musical & Show Choir Gr. 2/3 6:00 pm
- 12/14 Wear *We Are* Shirts

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 12/11 School Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 pm
- 12/14 Blue Pop Day (PBIS Fundraiser)

FAIR STREET

- 12/7 Holidays Around the World 9:00 am
- 12/11 Faculty Meeting
- 12/12 Literacy PLC
- 12/13 Winter Ball Gym 5:30-7:30

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 12/10 Hour of Code
- 12/11 Teacher of the Year Celebration 2:50
- 12/13 Music Fun Night 6:00 pm
- 12/14 Project Based Learning Day
Bruster's

MUNDY MILL

- 12/7 Santa Visit 8:30-10:30
Blue Pops Delivered 1-2
- 12/10- 12/12/ Gingerbread Holiday Store Open 12/10/18
- 12/11 Christmas Concert K-2nd Music Classes 6:30 pm
- 3:00 pm - 15 minute staff huddle
- 12/11/18 - 6:30 pm - K, 1st, 2nd Winter Performances
- 12/12/18 - 12:00 pm-1:00 pm - School Governance Council Meeting

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 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

- 12/7 Girls Basketball vs. Vickery Creek 5:00 pm
Boys Basketball @ Vickery Creek 5:00 pm
- 12/11 Girls Basketball vs. Lumpkin Co. @ Home 4:30 pm
Boys Basketball @ Lumpkin 4:30 pm
Wrestling Tri-Meet 5:00 pm Away
- 12/12 & 13 *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* GMS Cafeteria FREE 6:00 pm
- 12/14 Girls Basketball @ Liberty 5:00 pm
Boys Basketball vs. Liberty @ Home 5:00 pm
- 12/15 Wrestling Jr. Panther Invitational @ Jackson County

GHS

- 12/7 JV & Varsity Wrestling Hall County Championships @ GHS 5:00 pm
Varsity Basketball vs. SWAC @ **GMS** Girls 6:00 Boys 7:30
- 12/8 Varsity Wrestling Hall County Championships @ GHS 8:00 am
Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Elite Scholars @ Home 2:00 pm
- 12/11 JV & Varsity Wrestling @ Cherokee Bluff 5:00 pm
Mama Mia Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
- 12/12 *Mama Mia* Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
- 12/13 *Mama Mia* Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
- 12/14 Awesome Apple Day at Ninth Grade Center During Lunches
JV Basketball vs. Clarke Central @ Home Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30
Varsity Wrestling Coal Mountain Duals @ North Forsyth 5:00 pm
Varsity Basketball vs. Clarke Central @ Home Girls 7:00 Boys 8:30
JV Wrestling JV Titan
- 12/15 Swimming Riverside Invitational @ Riverside
Varsity Wrestling Coal Mountain Duals @ North Forsyth 8:00 am
JV Wrestling JV Titan
Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Brookwood @ Grayson 5:00 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 so corrections can be made.

Cherokee Bluff High School -Take 985 South to Spout Springs Road exit. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Go 2.5 miles. School is on left hand side of road. 6603 Spout Springs Road.

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.

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

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.

North Forsyth High School : Take 369 West. Cross over 400 and continue on 369. Continue through stoplight (Regions Bank and hardware store on corners) Coal Mountain Elementary is about ¼ mile on the right. North Forsyth High School is behind the elementary school.

Riverside Military Academy-Go Green Street (Highway 60/129 North). When road forks at Civic Center, go right (129 North). Take 2nd left past Rick's Smokin' Pig/Pasquale's onto Riverside Drive. School is at 2001 Riverside Drive.

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

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

Awesome Apple Day at 9th Grade Academy during lunches. "Try Days" provide edible educational opportunities for our students.

Tuesday, December 18th.

GMS Band Holiday Concert for all the 5th Graders in the District.

GMS Gym at 9am.

Pay dates for the next three months:

December 20, 2018. The payroll dates are November 4 through December 1, 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.

The next production for the GHS 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!*

Due to the popularity of this musical, for this show only, we will accept preorders of tickets.

Tickets may be ordered by emailing ghstroupe2445@gmail.com. Preordered tickets must be picked up by 7:00 pm at Will Call the night of the show or they will not be held. Ticket prices are \$5 for students/seniors, \$10 regular admission.

And don't forget to check out our **Creative Acts Giftware Boutique** before the show! **All** profits go toward supporting our drama program. Our actors, actresses and production team love to get a small gift from their fans and loved ones....anything from a glittery star at \$2.50 to bouquets of fresh flowers for \$7.00 to a range of other items. Thank you so much for your patronage!

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

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 Middle School Presents The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

December 12 & 13

6pm Free

Laughs abound in this bestselling Christmas classic by Barbara Robinson! The Best Christmas Pageant Ever follows the outrageous shenanigans of the Herdman siblings, or "the worst kids in the history of the world." The siblings take over the annual Christmas pageant in a hilarious yet heartwarming tale involving the Three Wise Men, a ham, scared shepherds, and six rowdy kids. Ralph, Imogene, Leroy, Claude, Ollie, and Gladys Herdman are an awful bunch. It all starts when the Herdmans show up at church for the free snacks and suddenly take over the Christmas pageant, the other kids are shocked. It's obvious that they're up to no good. But Christmas magic is all around and the Herdmans, who have never heard the Christmas story before, start to re-imagine it in their own way. This year's pageant is definitely like no other, but maybe that's exactly what makes it so special.

Artistic Director.....Tyra Wimpye

FATHER.....Joshua Rodriguez
MOTHER.....Caroline Bruner
BETH BRADLEY.....Olivia Nordholz
CHARLIE BRADLEY.....Braylon Randolph
RALPH HERDMAN.....Ebot Agborsangaya
IMOGENE HERDMAN.....Devynn Standridge
LEROY HERDMAN.....Reed Slack
CLAUDE HERDMAN.....Steven Rivera
OLLIE HERDMAN.....Ema Tolentino
GLADYS HERDMAN.....April Parra
ALICE WENDLEKEN.....Sydney Patton
MRS.ARMSTRONG.....Janae Willock
MRS.SLOCUM.....Ella Early
MRS.CLARK.....Lilie Evan Young
MRS. MCCARTHY.....Alexia Lewis
MAXINE.....Erica Agbortabi
ELMER HOPKINS.....Carlos Barraza
HOBIE.....William Baudin
DAVID.....Darion Allen
BABY ANGEL.....Madison Ming
REVEREND HOPKINS.....Ben Miller
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENSEMBLE: Coral Bacon, Shaundria Borders, Emely Hernandez-
Romero, Shamiya Ivory, Theresia Lukasi, Katelyn Martinez, Grace Mesidor, Molli Owens and
Makhia Vance-Clark

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/>

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

LAST WEEK SPORTS

Basketball

Girls Basketball beat Clarke Central 75-49.

Boys Basketball lost a triple overtime thriller to Clarke Central 81-83.

Swimming

Annika Nguyen finished 3rd in the 100 Free-style.

Jacob Nguyen finished 2nd in the 100 Butterfly.

Wrestling

Competed at the Cherokee Duals

You can catch Javier Vazquez, Social Studies teacher at GMS in a speaking role in the upcoming film "The Mule" starring Clint Eastwood, Bradley Cooper, and Michael Pena on December 14th. His last performance was the MRI Technician in the movie "Venom" starring Tom Hardy.

Tija Blackwell Sparks Win for Big Red Girls Basketball with 76-73 Win Over 76-73
<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/fun-time-blackwell-sinks-go-ahead-jumper-gainesville-girls-basketball-notches-thrilling-victory-over-no-7-gac/>

School Board Members Concerned About New Tax Districts
<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/new-tax-district-could-spur-redevelopment-some-gainesville-school-board-members-have-concerns/>

First Lady Makes 1000 Visit to Read in Georgia Schools Visits Mundy Mill
<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/sandra-deal-completes-1000th-statewide-school-visit-hall/>