



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

December 8, 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

- 12/8 Mindset Training SBO Board Room 8:30-3:30
- 12/11 FBA Training SBO Board Room 1-3
 - Fingerprinting for New Hires SBO Parade Room 10-11
- 12/12 Executive Cabinet Meeting 9:00 am-12 Noon
 - Academic Coaches Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-4:30 pm
- 12/13 Migrant Department Meeting SBO Parade Room 8-12
- 12/15 Pay Day
 - Early Release Day School Ends 2 Hours Early
 - First Semester Ends
- 12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
- 1/2 Teacher Planning Day
- 1/3 Second Semester Begins

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 12/8 Italian Ice Day
- 12/11 Meet Your Principal Day for Upcoming Kindergarten Students
- 12/12 Sunshine Event
 - Spelling Bee 2nd/5th 11:55 3rd/4th 12:40
 - PTA Gr. K/1 Holiday Musical 6:00 pm
- 12/13 PLC Meetings with Administration
 - Family Day 8-8:30
- 12/14 Picture Retake Day
- 12/15 End of 2nd Quarter
 - Holiday Parties 8:00 am
 - Early Release Day School Ends 2 Hours Early
 - First Semester Ends
- 12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
- 1/2 Teacher Planning Day
- 1/3 Second Semester Begins

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 12/15 Early Release Day School Ends 2 Hours Early
 - First Semester Ends
- 12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
- 1/2 Teacher Planning Day
- 1/3 Second Semester Begins

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 12/8 Holidays Around the World Concert Gym 1:00 pm
- 12/11 Elachee 3rd Grade
- 12/12 Chorus to Senior life Center 9:00 am

12/13 School Governance Council Meeting 9:00 am
Student Council Meeting 1:00 pm
12/14 PBIS Popcorn & Movie
12/15 Early Release Day School Ends 2 Hours Early
First Semester Ends
12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
1/2 Teacher Planning Day
1/3 Second Semester Begins

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

12/12 Art Honors Class Christmas Party
12/13 GAN During Planning
12/15 Early Release Day School Ends 2 Hours Early
First Semester Ends
12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
1/2 Teacher Planning Day
1/3 Second Semester Begins

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

12/4 - 12/8 Food Drive
12/12 Winter Concert 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade 6:15 pm
12/14 PTA Meeting Community Room 6:30-7:30
12/15 Early Release Day School Ends 2 Hours Early
First Semester Ends
12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
1/2 Teacher Planning Day
1/3 Second Semester Begins

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

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
12/15 Early Release Day School Ends 2 Hours Early
First Semester Ends
12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
1/2 Teacher Planning Day
1/3 Second Semester Begins

GMS

- 12/8 Girls Basketball @ Victory Creek 5:00 pm
- 12/9 Girls Basketball @ Buford 10:00
- 12/11 Basketball vs. Bear Creek @ Home Girls 4:30 pm Boys 5:30 pm
- 12/12 Wrestling @ Flowery Branch High School 5:00 pm
- 12/13 Girls Basketball vs. Jefferson @ Home 4:30 pm
Boys Basketball @ Jefferson High School
- 12/14 Girls Basketball Bear Creek Christmas Tournament
- 12/15 Middle School Wrestling Hall County Championships
Early Release Day School Ends 2 Hours Early
First Semester Ends
- 12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
- 1/2 Teacher Planning Day
- 1/3 Second Semester Begins

GHS

- 12/8 & 9 Varsity Boys Basketball Memphis Showcase Times TBA
Varsity & JV Wrestling Hall County Championships
- 12/11 JV Basketball East Hall @ Home 5:30
- 12/12 Varsity & JV Wrestling @ Flowery Branch High School 5:00 pm
Christmas Concert Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
- 12/14 Fire Drill 1:00
- 12/15 Early Release Day School Ends 2 Hours Early
First Semester Ends 8:00 pm
- 12/16 Wrestling Big Red Rumble Duals @ Home 9:00 am
Varsity Boys Basketball Gwinnett Showcase @ Lanier
vs. Central Gwinnett 4:30 pm vs. Grayson 8:00 pm
- 12/18 – 1/21 Winter Break
- 1/2 Teacher Planning Day
- 1/3 Second Semester Begins

GHS Spirit Week

- 12/11 Christmas Hats & Socks
- 12/12 Christmas P.J.'s
- 12/13 Elves vs. Reindeer
- 12/14 Ugly Christmas Sweaters
- 12/15 Mr. & Mrs. Claus

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.

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.

Flowery Branch 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.

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.

Lanier High School- Go 985 S. to exit 4. Turn right on Highway 20. Go 1.3 miles. Turn left on Buford Hwy. US 23. Go 1.4 miles. 918 Buford Highway, Sugar Hill, GA will be on your right.

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.

Can't Catch a basketball Game in Person???

You can now watch our home basketball Games LIVE online at nfhsnetwork.com

Mundy Mill Learning Academy

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

The Gainesville High School Christmas Concert, "Christmas Celebration", will be Tuesday night, December 12th at 7:30pm in the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center. Admission is free but donations will be taken for one of our choir students who just lost his sister in a car accident.

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>

Yearbooks are on sale now through bigredyearbook.com
For a limited time they are \$70 for free name or monogram and 4 free icons.

LAST WEEK IN SPORTS

Swimming

The Red Elephant Swim Team Competed In The North Hall Invitational On Saturday At Frances Meadows

Wrestling

Malique Johnson Placed 3rd At The Panther Invitational On Saturday

Basketball

Varsity Girls Beat Duluth 41-42

JV Boys Beat East Hall 72-70

JV Girls Beat East Hall 57-35

GHS Athletes Signing Scholarships

Xavier Bledson-Basketball-Lincoln Memorial

K.J. Buffen-Basketball-Middle Tennessee State

Banks Griffin-Baseball-Furman University

Marley Quigley-Jones-North Greenville University

Bailey Minor-Basketball-University of North Georgia

Schools Work To Help Students During Breaks

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/schools-work-aid-students-during-breaks/>

GHS Annual for 1933 Dedicated to Great Depression-Johnny Vardeman's Column

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/columnists/johnny-varde-man-gainesville-highs-annual-1933-was-dedicated-depression/>