



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

*CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS*

February 10, 2017

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## **ALL SCHOOLS**

- 2/1-2/28 Black History Month
- 2/12 NEGA History Center Family Day 1-4 (See Below)
- 2/13 Fingerprinting for New Hires SBO Parade Room 10-11  
Middle School Scheduling Meeting SBO Board Room 10-12
- 2/14 NEGA History Center Forum on *The Ghosts of Bobby Gruhn Field* 7:00 pm
- 2/15 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Federal Programs Meeting SBO Board Room 9-12
- 2/16 Read 180/Reading Inventory School Meeting SBO Board Room 8-10  
Hall Co. Family Connections SBO Board Room 11:30-2
- 2/17 Executive Cabinet Dr. Creel's Office 8-9:30 am
- 2/20 Teacher Workday –Weather Make-Up Day No School for Students  
Regular School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm

## **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 2/10 GCSS District Spelling Bee @ GMS 10:00 am
- 2/14 Grade Level Meetings
- 2/15 District ZOOM Conference During Planning  
Governance Council Meeting 3-4
- 2/16 Grade Level PLC's  
PTA Meeting/Talent Show 6:00 pm
- 2/17 PBIS Reward
- 2/20 Teacher Workday –Weather Make-Up Day No School for Students

## **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 2/14 Auxiliary Meetings 3:00 pm
- 2/20 Teacher Workday –Weather Make-Up Day No School for Students

## **FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

- 2/15 Science & Social Study Standards Zoom
- 2/20 Teacher Workday –Weather Make-Up Day No School for Students

## **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

- 2/13 Administrative Meeting
- 2/14 Leadership Meeting
- 2/15 GANS Meeting
- 2/16 Art Honor's Meeting
- 2/20 Teacher Workday –Weather Make-Up Day No School for Students

### **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY**

2/7-10 Elachee Week

2/13 Administrative Meeting 12:30

2/ 14 Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm

2/15 PLC Grades K,1, 2 during Planning

2/16 PLC Grades 3, 4, 5 during Planning

2/17 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Historical Atlanta Sites

2/20 Teacher Workday –Weather Make-Up Day No School for Students

### **GMS**

2/6-10 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Healthy Relationship Week

2/10 System Spelling Bee @ GMS Elementary 10:00 MS 1:00

Tennis Try-outs End

2/13 School Leadership Team Meeting 4:15-5:00

2/14 Soccer @ North Hall Girls 4:30 pm Boys 5:45 pm

2/15 Collaborative Planning during Planning

2/17 Grade Level Meetings

2/18 Baseball 100 Innings Scrimmage Ivey-Watson Field 9-5 pm

2/20 Teacher Workday –Weather Make-Up Day No School for Students

### **GHS**

2/9-11 Georgia Thespian Conference Columbus, GA

2/9-11 Wrestling Traditional State Tournament Macon Centreplex

2/10 Region 8 AAAAAA Basketball Tournament Semifinal Games @ Apalachee

Girls 4:00 pm Winner of Dacula/Apalachee Boys 8:30 pm

Varsity Soccer @ Wesleyan Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

2/11 Region 8 AAAAAA Basketball Tournament Final Games @ Apalachee

2/13 JV Soccer @ Johnson Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm

2/14 Administrators' Meeting Conference Room 7:30-8:30 am

Fire Drill 1:30 pm

Soccer @ Bobby Gruhn Field vs. Oconee County Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

2/16 Tennis vs. Loganville @ Longwood Park 4:00 pm

2/17-18 Basketball First Round of State

2/17 Soccer @ Bobby Gruhn Field vs. Mill Creek Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

2/18 Baseball 100 Innings Scrimmage Ivey-Watson Field 9-5 pm

Men's Golf Spring Hill Ryder Cup Tifton, GA

2/20 Teacher Workday –Weather Make-Up Day No School for Students

## **DIRECTIONS TO SCHOOLS**

*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](mailto:beverly.n3ordholz@gcssk12.net) so corrections can be made.*

**Apalachee High School** : Highway 53 thru Winder. At McDonalds, go straight. This road becomes Hwy. 81. Follow 81 across Hwy 316 (BP station on left). Follow the highway until the 1st stop sign & turn right onto Carl-Bethlehem Road . Go 1/4 mile and take 1st left onto Haymon-Morris Road . Go 1 1/4 mile. Apalachee High School is on the left. 1st drive is for sports activities.

**Johnson High School**-Go 985 South to Exit 16 (Oakwood). Go left when you get off the Interstate. Go approximately 1/2 mile to big intersection and take left onto Atlanta Highway .Entrance to school will be just past the old South Hall Middle School on your right. 3305 Poplar Springs Road, Gainesville, GA

**Macon Centreplex Coliseum and Convention Center**-Go I-985 to I-85 to I-75 in Atlanta From Atlanta : I-75 South to I-16 East, Exit 2. Turn left onto Coliseum Drive/US 80. Turn left onto Main Street. 200 Coliseum Drive.

**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

**Springhill Golf & Country Club**-Go I-985 S. to 85 S. Take 285 E. and go 18.74 miles. Merge onto I 675 S. Then take I 75 S. Go 49.23 miles. Take Exit 62 toward Sylvester-Moultrie. Turn left onto U.S. Highway 82 W. Turn right on Springhill Drive. 5 Springhill Drive, E. Tifton, GA.

**Wesleyan**-From northeast Georgia , take I-85 South to the Beaver Ruin Exit and turn right on Beaver Ruin Road . Continue 2-3 miles to Buford Highway and turn right. At next light, turn left on Langford Road (Texaco Station on left). Continue on Langford (it will merge with Medlock Bridge Rd. before crossing Peachtree Industrial) to Spalding Drive . Turn left on Spalding (passing the new Norcross High School on the left) and continue until you see Wesleyan's football stadium on the right. Turn right at the light just past the stadium into the school property.

Gainesville City School System will conduct a second round of Kindergarten registration during the week of February 6-10, 2017 from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the elementary school in which students are zoned. This kindergarten roundup is for families who did not register during the January 3-20, 2017 Kindergarten Roundup. Parents zoned for Mundy Mill Academy should register at the district office located at 508 Oak Street.

Parents should bring the following documents: birth certificate, immunization form #3231, ears, eyes and dental certificate #3300, social security card (if available), and 2 proofs of residency documents which include one of the following: current lease/mortgage/purchase agreement, current warranty or quit claim deed, current paycheck stub/IRS Form 1099, current homeowner's insurance policy **AND** a copy of a current (within 30 days) utility (gas, water, electric, cable/internet bill with service address), and photo ID of parent/guardian.

**Centennial Arts Academy 852 Century Place 770 287- 2044**

**Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy 1340 Enota Ave NE 770 532- 7711**

**Fair Street IB Academy 695 Fair Street 770 536- 5295**

**Gainesville Exploration Academy 1145 McEver Road 770 287- 1223**

**New Holland Knowledge Academy 170 Barn Street 770 287- 1095**

**Mundy Mill Academy 508 Oak Street 770 536- 5275**

For additional information, please contact Priscilla Collins, Chief Professional Services Officer, at [priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net](mailto:priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net) or 770-536-5275.

Mark your calendar for the next GHS Theatre production. FAME the musical starring 40 very talented singers, actors, and dancers will open Feb 28 with additional performances March 1 and 2.

GHS-FBLA (Future Business Leaders) has 2017 Chick-Fil-A Calendars with Rewards Card attached for sale for \$10. Reward cards are now loadable to your phone using the Chick-Fil-A One app. Contact Patricia Pratt, FBLA Advisor at [Patricia.pratt@gcssk12.net](mailto:Patricia.pratt@gcssk12.net) for delivery to your school location.

SAVE THE DATE-Gainesville City School System will host a celebration of the 125 year anniversary of the establishment of the system on Sunday, February 26 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Gainesville High School Campus. All alumni, current and former faculty and staff, friends and family are invited. To submit pictures for slideshow: [125years@gcssk12.net](mailto:125years@gcssk12.net). For info: [beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net](mailto:beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net)

Northeast Georgia History Center will have Family Day on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 1-4 pm. The subject will be the French & Indian War. This will be an afternoon of living history interpretation, hands on activities, and performance showcasing both civilian and military life. Experience the past with cannon firings, musket drills, dancing, and open fire cooking. Admission is free.

**Northeast Georgia History Center**  
**Forum: The Ghosts of Bobby Gruhn Field**  
**February 14th, 2017 7:00 PM**

Gainesville native Sammy Smith presents some stories from his new book of sports-related heroism and achievement of the past.

"The Ghosts of Bobby Gruhn Field" is a nostalgic collection of stories tied to City Park and the famed football stadium throughout the GHS years. Its editor, Sammy Smith, compiles stories from writers such as Phil Jackson, Johnny Vardeman, Heyward Gnann, Phil Hudgins and much more.

"These are the people and their stories on whose shoulders this community stands today. Giants of their day, it is an honor to chronicle these stories, and we should all learn from this enjoyable read."

**Just published and available locally for \$20.**

Admission is \$3, Members get in free!

7 p.m. at the History Center.

For information call [770-297-5900](tel:770-297-5900)

Gainesville placed 5 wrestlers in the GHSA Class 6A Sectionals held Friday 2/3 and Saturday 2/4 at Lanier. In the final rounds Gainesville's Malique Johnson placed second at 145, Keith Harris placed third at 285. Johnson and Harris will now compete at the State Tournament 2/8, 2/9, and 2/10. Kilmer Caldern placed ninth at 138 and will go as an alternate. Anthony Garcia at 113 and Jonathan Hicks at 152 did not place. Congratulations gentlemen on qualifying for sectionals and to Johnson and Harris for your State qualifying. Go Big Red!!!

The 8th grade boys basketball team defeated Buford 55 to 29 to claim the 8th grade tournament championship. This team this year posted an 18 and 1 overall record. In 3 years representing GMS, this group of boys won a total of 33 games with only 4 losses.

Congratulations

Jimmie Jackson

Robert Reisman

Truett Keener

Montavious Tabor

Zion Moon

Cedric Nicely

Jahmeil Cantrell

Cameron Cantrell

Shad Dabney

Jackson Still

Dylan Bobga

Marry Lanier

Olando Mayweather

*Deshaun Watson Gets Street Named for Him Near GHS*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121787/>

*GHS Student Jayla Williams Named Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year for 3<sup>rd</sup> Time*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121782/>

*New Mundy Mill School Accounts for Most of Transfer Requests in City*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121784/>

*GHS Grad Ashley Bell has been appointed a special assistant to US Secretary of State*

*Rex Tillerson* <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121766/>

*30 Applicants Seek Job as GCSS Superintendent*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121774/>

*GHS Basketball Teams Ready for Region Tournament*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/121767/>

*Fair Street School Celebrates Progress Report with a Parade & Ice Cream*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121717/>