



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

February 16, 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

- 2/16 Bookkeepers' Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-12
- 2/19-22 Winter Break
- 2/23 Teacher Work Day-No School for Students
 - School Nutrition Meeting Parade Room 9-1
 - Elementary Science Teachers Meeting SBO Board Room 8-4
- 2/26-3/9 Kindergarten Enrollment @ Each School for 2018-19 School Year
 - Pre-K Lottery Sign-up at Central Office Registration Center
- 2/27 Team Multimedia Presentations for AP Seminar Class SBO Board Room 8-4
- Administrative Team Meeting 9-12
 - Rising Kindergarten Meeting Fair Street Den 6:00-7:30 pm
(For Special Needs Students)
- 2/28 Joint City of Gainesville & BOE Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm
- 3/2 Summer Leadership Planning Superintendent's Conference Room 1:30-3:00
- 3/3 End of Period
- 3/5 Timesheets Due to Central Office
 - School Board Work Session SBO Board Room 6:00 pm
- 3/8 Pre-K Lottery Drawing
- 3/9 Choice Enrollment Forms Due

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 2/19-22 Winter Break
- 2/23 Teacher Work Day-No School for Students
- 2/27 Committee Meetings
- 2/28 PLC Meetings w/administration
 - Leadership Team 3:00

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 2/19-22 Winter Break
- 2/23 Teacher Work Day-No School for Students

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 2/19-22 Winter Break
- 2/23 Teacher Work Day-No School for Students
- 2/26 PBIS Reteach
- 2/27 Spring Pictures in Den
 - SIP Workgroups
- 2/28 Elementary Zoom-Social Studies
 - School Governance Council Meeting 9:00 am
 - Heritage Luncheon and Celebration *The Harlem Renaissance*

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

2/19-22 Winter Break

2/23 Teacher Work Day-No School for Students

2/28 GAN During Planning
Art Honor's Class

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

2/19-22 Winter Break

2/23 Teacher Work Day-No School for Students

2/28 Spring and Class Pictures

First Day of New Pre-K Class

3/1 Blood Drive in Honor of Assistant Principal Daryl White

3/2 Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss Literacy Event

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

2/19-22 Winter Break

2/23 Teacher Work Day-No School for Students

GMS

2/19-22 Winter Break

2/22 Baseball Chestatee @ Home 5:30

2/23 Teacher Work Day-No School for Students

2/26 Soccer North Hall @ Home Girls 4:30 pm Boys 5:45 pm

2/27 Baseball @ East Jackson Double Header 4:30

Track @ CW Davis MS 4:00 pm

3/1 Soccer @ East Hall Girls 4:30 pm Boys 5:45 pm

Soup Stomp and Fine Arts Night 6-8 pm (See Below)

3/2 Baseball @ Jefferson 5:30

GHS

2/16 Varsity Soccer vs. Dawson Co. HS @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

Girls Basketball First Round of State @Northview 7:00 pm

2/17 Baseball 100 Inning Game @ Home

Boys Basketball First Round of State vs. Pope @ Home 6:00 pm

2/19-22 Winter Break

2/20 JV & Varsity Tennis vs. North Hall @ Home 4:00 pm

Varsity Soccer @ Jackson County Girls 5:30 Boys 7:30

2/21 Basketball State Tournament Sweet 16

2/22 Varsity Tennis @ Jefferson 4:00

Varsity Baseball @ West Laurens 4:00 pm & 6:30 pm

2/23 Teacher Work Day-No School for Students

Track West Hall Relays 3:00 pm

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

2/23 & 24 Baseball at the Beach in Brunswick
2/26 JV Soccer @ Flowery Branch Girls 5:30 Boys 7:00 pm
Girls Lacrosse vs. North Gwinnett @ Home 5:30 pm
Boys Lacrosse @ Riverside 5:30 pm
2/27 Team Multimedia Presentations for AP Seminar Class SBO Board Room 8-4
Tennis @ Apalachee 4:00
Varsity Varsity Soccer Flowery Branch @ Home Girls 5:30 Boys 7:30
Varsity Baseball vs. Flowery Branch @ Home 5:55
2/28 Varsity & JV Tennis @ Buford 4:00
Girls Golf Lady Wolves Invitational
Girls Lacrosse vs. Duluth @ Home 5:30 pm
Girls Varsity Lacrosse Duluth @ Home 5:30
3/1 JV Soccer Vs. Apalachee @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm
3/2 Track Milton Showcase @ Milton
Soccer @ Apalachee Girls 5:30 Boys 7:30 pm
Girls Lacrosse Northview @ Home 5:30 pm
3/3 Varsity Baseball vs. North Forsyth @ Home 11:00 am
Varsity Baseball vs. Dunwoody @ Home 4:00 pm

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.

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.

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.

C.W. Davis Middle School – Go 985 S. Take Exit 17. Take ramp right for GA 53 toward Dawsonville/Oakwood. Go 1.2 miles. Turn left onto GA 53 Mundy Mill Road. Go 0.4 miles. Turn right on GA 13 S. Atlanta Highway. Go Straight. Atlanta Highway turns into Falcon Parkway. 4335 Falcon Parkway, Flowery Branch, 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.

Northview High School- Go 985 S. 20.2 miles. Merge onto I-85 S. Take exit 111 toward Suwanee. Turn right onto GA 317 Lawrenceville Suwanee Road. Go .6 miles and turn left onto Satellite Blvd. Go 1 mile and turn right onto McGinnis Ferry Goad. Go 4.3 miles and turn left onto Bell Road/Sheltonville Alpha Road. Go 2.2 miles and continue onto Boles Road. Go .9 miles and turn right onto Abbots Bridge Road. Go .3 miles and turn left onto Parsons Road. 10625 Parsons Road, Duluth will be on the right.

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.

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 .

West Laurens High School- Go I 985 South 20.3 miles. Merge onto I-85 South. Go 16.9 miles. Go I285 East toward Augusta/Macon. Go 18.8 miles. . At Exit 52, take ramp right for I-675 South toward Macon. Go 11.3 miles. Keep straight onto I-75 South. Go 62.1 miles. At Exit 165, take ramp for I-16 East toward Savannah. Go 48 miles. At exit 49, take ramp right for GA 257 toward Dublin. Turn right onto GA 257. Go 4.2 miles. Arrive at 3692 Highway 257, Dexter, GA.

Rising Kinder Meeting (for parents of children with special needs)
Fair Street International Academy - The Den
Feb. 27 from 6 - 7:30

GMS will be hosting its third annual Soup Stomp on March 1st from 6:00-8:00 PM. For a donation of \$5 an individual will select a handmade ceramic bowl and enjoy a soup dinner. All proceeds will benefit the Gateway Domestic Violence Center in Gainesville, GA

Band
(in Gym)

5:30 Intermediate
6:00 7th Advanced/Jazz
6:30 9-10th High School
7:00 Jazz Band/8th Adv.anced
7:30 11-12th High School

Chorus
(in Trophy Hallway)

8th Grade Chorus
6th Grade Chorus
7th Grade Chorus

Art
(in Cafeteria)

Soup Stomp
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Drama
(in Art Room)

6:15 HS Credit Vignette
6:45 HS Credit Vignette
7:15 6th/7th Vignettes

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

*Choice enrollment forms will go home with students on February 26, 2018 and are to be returned by March 9, 2018.

*Kindergarten Registration will take place at each elementary school on February 26 - March 9, 2018.

*Pre - k Lottery Sign Up will take place at the Registration Center February 26 - March 7th.

*Lottery Drawing will be held on March 8th.

Please come to Mundy Mill Learning Academy on **Thursday, March 1st, 2018** to donate blood in honor of our assistant principal, Daryl White. He is battling stage 4 cancer and although he is doing well, he has needed several blood transfusions. Let's show our support by donating blood on March 1 from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

at Mundy Mill Learning Academy. Use the link below to sign up for a time.

www.tinyurl.com/mundymillblooddrive

GMS Cheer Tryouts will be March 5-7

Next production of the GHS Musical Theatre Department will be *Thoroughly Modern Millie* on March 6-8 at 7:30 pm in the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center.

Mr. GHS Contest will be March 20 at 7:00 pm in the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center.

UNG is coming to Gainesville City Schools to tell you all about our GRADUATE PROGRAMS! If you have thought about a Master's degree, or if you hold a Masters or Specialist and you are thinking about going into Educational Leadership, now is the time to come out and see what UNG has to offer! Our courses are convenient for the busy professional with our campus in Gainesville and some offerings online or hybrid. Come out and see what we have to offer you!

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATE PROGRAMS INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Monday, FEBRUARY 26th 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Gainesville City Schools BOE OFFICE
Educational Leadership Add-On- TIER I Educational Leadership EDS- TIER II

Again GHS did extremely well at the State Thespian Conference. Our juniors received multiple callbacks from colleges throughout the country as did our seniors. Rentavious Buffington was awarded the Pam Ware Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000, and Ramiro Salinas was awarded the \$2,000 Linda Wise Performance Scholarship. GODSPELL played to sellout audiences both performances with over 700 in their audiences each time. Both performances received immediate standing ovations. The students involved in individual events judged by professionals throughout the industry well represented GHS with Three Superiors in group musical theatre for "Ya'll Got It!" from the WIZ and "I Can't Keep It Cool" in Solo Musical Theatre performed by Ramiro Salinas. Our duet acting IE from MOON.

OVER BUFFALO received two superiors and one excellent rating with Delaney Benson and Sammy Nelson as well as our group IE "O Bless The Lord" from GODSPELL with soloist Isabel Owens. Abigail Mowbray received two excellent ratings with her stage management portfolio for THE LITTLE MERMAID

Rentavious Buffington completed his service as one of seven state student officers as John Bush was introduced as one of seven state student officers to serve the 2018-2019 school year. You would have been exceedingly proud of both and their service given to our organization

LAST WEEK'S SPORTS RESULTS

Basketball

The girls basketball team qualified for the State Tournament

The boy basketball team won the Region 8-6A Tournament

The Varsity Girls Beat Habersham Central 33-28 to earn their way into State Playoffs.

Tijah Blackwell was named to the region All-Tournament Team.

Boys beat Apalachee 83-56 and Dacula 83-69 to claim the Region 8-6A Championship and a trip to the State Tournament as #1 seed.

Xavier Bledson, Kajuan Hale, Bailey Minor & Jared Rosser were all named to the Region All-Tournament Team

K.J. Buffen was named the Tournament MVP

Soccer

Varsity Girls beat Meadowcreek 11-1.

Varsity Boys Beat East Hall 4-1.

Wrestling

Malique Johnson Finished 4th at the GHSA State Wrestling Meet.

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GHS Closer to New Scoreboards

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-high-one-step-closer-new-scoreboards/>

Intrigue Builds As State Basketball Tournament Begins

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/intrigue-builds-high-school-basketball-playoffs-get-underway-week/>

GHS Boys Basketball Team Wins Region

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-scoreboard-gainesville-boys-repeat-region-8-6a-basketball-champions/>

GCSS Working To Retain and Recruit Quality Teachers

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-schools-struggle-retain-teachers/>

Seventh Grader and Fifth Grader Win GCSS Spelling Bee

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/seventh-grader-fifth-grader-win-gainesville-schools-district-spelling-bees/>