



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

March 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

- 3/16 Academic Coach's Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11
Quinlan Youth Art Month Reception 5:30-7:00
- 3/19 Regular School Board Meeting @ Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm
- 3/20 Cabinet Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room 9-12
- 3/21-23 Power Scheduler Training SBO Board Room 8-4:30 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 3/16 Awards Day 4-5 8:30 am 2-3 @ 10:10 am K-1 @ 12:45 am
- 3/19-23 Book Fair
- 3/20 Committee Meeting
- 3/21 PLC Meetings with Administration
Governance Council 3:00 pm
- 3/22 Pre-K Night 4:30-6:30
- 3/23 Italian Ice Day
Field Trip 4th Grade

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 3/16 Honors Day Program
- 3/20 Pre K Night
- 3/21 Fire Drill 9:00 am
Leadership 1:45-2:45
School Improvement/ABC Meetings w/District Support
- 3/21-23 Tybee Island Trip for 8th Graders

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 3/16 Quinlan Youth Art Month Reception 5:30-7:00
- 3/21 GAN during Planning
Art Honor's Class

Youth Art Month Spirit Week (See Below)

- 3/19 Primary Or Secondary Colors Day
- 3/20 Wear either all warm or all cool colors
- 3/21 Crazy Patterns Day (
- 3/22 STEAM Hat Day
- 3/23 Dress Like Art or as Favorite Artist Day

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

- 3/16 Awards Assembly K-2 8:00 am 3-5 9:30 am
- 3/19- 3/23 Spirit Week
- 3/20 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night: 5:00-8:00

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

- 3/16 Governance Council Meeting Conference Room 1:30 pm
- 3/19 New Holland Board Recognition and Faculty on Fire Presentation
- 3/21 Pre-K Night 4:30-6:30
- 3/22 School-Side Field Trip to *Frozen* at Pierce Auditorium Brenau

GMS

- 3/19 Soccer West Hall @ Home Girls 4:30 pm Boys 5:45
- 3/20 Track vs. Buford/Jefferson @ Buford 4:00
 - Tennis Pickens/Gilmer @ Pickens Co. HS 4:00
 - Baseball Habersham @ Home 5:30 pm
- 3/21 Baseball Jefferson @ Home 5:30 pm
- 3/22 Soccer East Hall @ Home Girls 4:30 Boys 5:45
 - Baseball @ Jefferson 5:30 pm
- 3/23 Tennis @ Buford Tournament 4:00 pm

GHS

- 3/16 Varsity Soccer vs. Lanier @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
 - Varsity Baseball vs. Madison County @ Home 5:55 pm
- 3/17 JV Baseball @ East Hall 11:00 am
 - Track GAC Invitational @ Greater Atlanta Christian 12:00 Noon
 - North Georgia All-Star Basketball Classic GHS Gym 12:30 pm (See Below)
 - JV Soccer @ Mountain View High School 12:00 Noon
- 3/19 Boys Golf Big Red Shootout @ Chattahoochee 3:30 pm
 - Girls Lacrosse @ Meadowcreek 5:30 pm
 - Varsity Baseball Winder @ Home 5:55 pm
 - Boys Lacrosse @ Meadowcreek 7:30 pm
- 3/20 Deadline for Signing Up for AP Exams
 - Tennis @ Home
 - Varsity Soccer vs. Apalachee @ Home Girls 5:30 Boys 7:30 pm
 - JV Baseball @ Habersham 5:55 pm
 - Mr. GHS Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:00 pm
- 3/21 Girls Golf White Co./ Flowery Branch @ Chattahoochee 4:00
 - Varsity Baseball @ Winder 5:55 pm
- 3/22 Track Hall Co. Championship
 - Girls Golf @ Habersham Central
 - Girls Lacrosse vs. Lanier @ Home 5:30 pm
 - JV Soccer @ Dawson Co. Girls 5:30 Boys 7:00 pm
 - JV Baseball vs Habersham @ Home 5:55
 - Boys Lacrosse vs. Lanier @ Home 7:30 pm

3/23 Varsity Soccer @ Habersham Central Girls 5:30 Boys 7:30 pm
Varsity Baseball Winder @ Home 5:55 pm
Boys Lacrosse vs.. Mays @ Home 6:00 pm

3/24 Track Apalachee Invitational
Girls Golf Athens Area Golf Tournament
Boys Golf Warrior Invitational
JV Baseball vs. Mountain View @ Home

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.

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.

Chattahoochee Golf Course-Go Highway 60 (Thompson Bridge Road) across the first bridge. Go to the second light (just before you get to Ingles Shopping Center). Turn left. Clubhouse will be on left.

Dawson County High School : Take Highway 53 past 400. Approximately 5 1/2 miles. 2nd red light past 400. Take right onto Perimeter Road . Go to 3rd drive.

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.

GAC – I-85 S. to Exit 101 (Indian Trail Road). Exit and turn left. GAC is located ¾ mile on the right.

Habersham Central High School-Go north on I-985. It will become Ga. 365. Continue north until you come to the Clarkesville/Mt Airy exit (Hwy. 197) which is just past mile marker #49. Exit there and at the end of the exit ramp, turn right. Habersham Central is 0.3 miles on the right.

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.

Meadowcreek High School – I 985 S. to I 85 S. to Beaver Ruin exit. Turn right. Travel to Steve Reynolds Boulevard . Turn right. School is on right.

Mountain View High School – Go. 985 S. 16.3 miles. Take Exit 4. Turn left. Stay straight on GA 20 E. Go 1.1 miles. Turn left onto Gravel Springs Road. Go 2.5 miles and turn right onto Morgan Road. Go .8 miles. Morgan Road becomes Sunny Hill Road. 2351 Sunny Hill Road, Lawrenceville, GA will be on left.

Pickens Co. High School-Take Hwy. 53 N. through Dawsonville and on to Tate. Turn right at the 4-way stop continuing on Hwy. 53. Pickens Co. High School is about a mile on the right.

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

Heroes of the Herd Nomination:

Through our recognition program, Gainesville City School System honors our employees for their outstanding work, dedication, and service to our students, parents, and community. The Heroes of the Herd award recognizes classified employees for their exceptional work performance, commendable service, and commitment to serving the needs of our students. The award acknowledges those outstanding individuals who work "above and beyond" in getting the job done and for being a true "HERO" using their **Hearts Everywhere** to **Reach Out** to others.

To nominate a **classified employee** as a HERO, please click the link below. **The deadline for submitting nominations is April 30, 2018.**

Heroes of the Herd Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4Y7EQMnhEzmUtSJrQiqu81CxYkUACRZ_edKjBAriGZ0EEBg/viewform

March is National Youth Art Month (YAM)!

GEA will have 3 students' artwork on display at the Quinlan YAM exhibit. The reception for the exhibit will be on Friday, March 16th, 5:30 till 7 PM!!

GEA will be having a YAM Spirit Week on the 19th - 23rd of March! Each day students will be able to answer Art Trivia Questions for prizes and dress up!

Gainesville Exploration Academy YAM Celebration Week Activities...

Monday --Primary Or Secondary Colors Day (Primary:Red/Yellow/Blue or Secondary:Orange/Green/Purples)

Tuesday--What are you Warm or Cool? (wear either all warm or all cool colors)

Wednesday -- Crazy Patterns Day (wear as many different patterns as possible)

Thursday -- STEAM Hat Day (create a one of a kind hat at home by either making one from scratch or add to existing hat)

Friday-- Dress Like Art or as Favorite Artist Day (Either wear multiple colors/patters or Dress like a Famous Artist)

2nd – 6th graders

Save the Date!

GHS Theatre Friends' Pajama Drama

Friday, April 13th – 14th

You are invited to join in a night of theatre and fun at the Gainesville High School Pam Ware Performing Art Center! You will get to work with the amazing Pam Ware and her talented troupe of theatre students (and adult chaperones). Activities include improvisation, learning songs from various musicals, theatre games, choreography and more. The cost is \$50 and space is limited so register early! Registration forms will be sent home from school the week of March 18th or you can request a form at ghspajamadrama@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

GMS Drama Department will perform The Lion King, Jr. April 23 and 24 @ 6 PM in the GMS cafeteria. GMS faculty and staff are admitted free and all other tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

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

The Gainesville City School System recognizes school and district administrators who display outstanding leadership qualities. These individuals motivate and inspire others around them, set high standards of integrity, delegate roles and responsibilities among all team members, listen attentively and communicate effectively with all stakeholders with a clear, concise vision of strategic goals.

The Mighty STOMP! Leader Award honors that remarkable leader who leads by Supporting Teachers and Others Modeling Positive-Performance (S.T.O.M.P.).

The deadline for submitting nominations is April 30, 2018.

Nomination Process:

Employees can click the link listed below to nominate a **school or district administrator** for the leadership award.

The award recipient will be recognized at the May 2018 Board Meeting.

Mighty STOMP! Leader Award Nomination Form Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZ7yZo85Y0S3w1j1nfmhEssMIFmxCJBgFcLpGzEJ2JJBpY6A/viewf>

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 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.

AP Exam ordering has begun. The information and forms were handed out by all AP teachers and is also available on our school website at <http://www2.gcssk12.net/schoolsites/GHSweb/index.html>. All orders are due by March 20th

Elache Nature Science Center will offer a Spring Break Camp for students Ages 3 years old through 5th Grade. For additional information elachee.org/camp/elachee or call 770-535-1976.

The North Georgia All-Star Basketball Classic will start at 12:30 pm on March 17 at the GHS Gym. It is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children 5 and under. Doors will open at noon. Chosen to play from GHS girls team is Jada Harrison. Chosen from the boys team are Bailey Minor, Jarred Rosser, Jarrel Rosser, Kajuan Hale, K.J. Buffin, and Xavier Bledson.

LAST WEEK'S SPORTS RESULTS

Basketball

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team 2018 GHSA AAAAAAA State Runner-ups

Soccer

Boys Varsity Beat Habersham 6-0 & Dacula 1-0

Girls Varsity Beat Habersham 6-1

JV Boys Beat Habersham 3-1 & Dacula 4-0

Tennis

Varsity Boys Beat Dacula 5-0

Varsity Girls Beat Dacula 4-1 & Loganville 5-0

Track

Boys Track Team Finished 2nd of 10 at the Archer Invitational

Kyra Buffen Finished 2nd in the High Jump

Jada Harrison Finished 2nd in the 300 M

Taylor Sturdivant Finished 2nd in the 800 M

Mens 4 x 400 Finished 3rd, the Boys swept the 3200 M Mugisha Beinvenu took 1st Place

Davonte Mize was 1st in the 110 hurdles, 2nd in the triple jump & 300 M Hurdles.

Baseball

Varsity Baseball Beat Jefferson 6-3 & 8-1

Freshmen Karina Collins and Andrew Hughes lead GHS Golf Teams to Team Championships in the Hall County Tournament

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-pair-freshmen-carry-gainesville-high-boys-girls-hall-county-titles/>

GHS Girls Soccer Beats Winder-Barrow 6-5

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-soccer-gainesville-girls-team-knocks-winder-barrow/>

GHS Boys and Girls Tennis Win Over Winder Barrow

GHS Girls & Boys Golf Lead After First Day in Hall County Championships

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-gainesville-boys-girls-build-commanding-leads-hall-county-championships/>

GHS Baseball Beats Madison County

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-baseball-scoreboard-walls-grand-slam-sends-gainesville-past-madison-county/>

GHS Students Hold Walk-out to Encourage Solutions to Gun Violence

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-high-students-hold-walkout-seeking-solutions-gun-violence/>

GHS Boys Basketball Team Made Us Proud

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/rodrigue-gainesville-boys-flowery-branch-girls-are-two-hall-county-basketball-programs-made-community-proud/>

GHS Girls & Boys Golf Lead After First Day in Hall County Championships

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-gainesville-boys-girls-build-commanding-leads-hall-county-championships/>

GHS Baseball Beats Madison County

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-baseball-scoreboard-walls-grand-slam-sends-gainesville-past-madison-county/>

GHS Grad D'Marcus Simonds Leads Georgia State Back to NCAA Tournament

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/simonds-georgia-state-hoping-pull-another-ncaa-tournament-upset/>

GHS Boys Basketball Out for Revenge Against Langston Hughes

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/class-6a-boys-basketball-championship-gainesville-out-revenge-against-langston-hughes/>

GHS Girls Place Fifth in Gwinnett Open

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-gainesville-girls-place-fifth-gwinnett-open/>

GHS Boys Basketball Team Falls Short in Finals of State Tournament

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/class-6a-boys-basketball-championship-gainesvilles-comeback-falls-short-85-78-loss-langston-hughes-high/>

Fair Street Principal Will Campbell Named Superintendent in Minnesota

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/fair-street-principal-leaving-superintendent-job-minnesota/>