



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

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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

- 3/17 Cross Functional Monitoring SBO Board Room 7-5 pm
District Strategic Improvement Plan SBO Board Room 9-11
Family & Community Engagement SBO Parade Room 10-12
- 3/17-4/8 Gainesville's Visual Arts Showcase Quinlan Arts Center (See Below)
- 3/18 Elachee Nature Center Raptor Fest 10-3 (See Below)
Classified Advisory Committee SBO Parade Room 8-9 am
Playbook Planning SBO Board Room 9-4:30
Jarod Anderson SBO Parade Room 9-11
Regular School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm
- 3/21 Discipline Referral Online Form SBO Parade Room 1-2
- 3/24 Executive Cabinet Superintendent's Office 8-9:30 am
Supportive Learning Environment SBO Parade Room 10-12
District Strategic Plan Initiative Owners SBO Parade Room 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- 4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 3/17 Awards Assemblies 4th & 5th 8:30; 2nd & 3rd 10:15 K/1st 12:45
- 3/20-24 Book Fair
- 3/21 Committee Meetings
- 3/22 PLC with Administration about Math Strategies
Leadership Meeting 3-4
- 3/23 Grade Level PLC's
- 3/24 Book Fair Ends at Noon

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 3/21 Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 pm

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 3/17 Honors Day
- 3/21 ABC's
- 3/22 ABC's
- 3/24 Stone Soup

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 3/20 Administrative Meeting
- 3/21 Leadership Meeting
PBIS Meeting
- 3/22 GANS Meeting

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

- 3/20 Administrative Meeting 12:30 pm
- 3/21 Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm
- 3/22 PLC Grades K,1, 2 during Planning/
- 3/23 PLC Grades 3, 4, 5 during Planning
- 3/24 Governance Council Meeting Conference Room 1:00 pm

GMS

- 3/17 Hoops for Hearts
 - Grade Level Meetings During Planning
- 3/20 & 21 Girls & Boys Golf Hall Co. Championship @ Chattahoochee GC
- 3/20 Soccer vs. West Hall @ Home Girls 4:30 Boys 5:45 pm
- 3/21 District ABC Visit
 - Track vs. Dawson Co. @ GHS 4:30 pm
 - Baseball vs. North Hall 6:30 pm @ Laurel 1
- 3/22 Collaborative Planning During Planning Periods
 - District ABC Visit
 - Golf vs. White County Middle School @ Chattahoochee GC 4:00
- 3/23 Tennis vs. Pickens County @ Home 4:00 pm
 - Soccer @ East Hall Girls 4:30 pm Boys 5:45 pm
- 3/24 NJHS/NBC Inductions Gymnasium 9-10:30 am
 - Tennis @ Buford 3:30 pm
 - Baseball vs. East Hall @ Home 4:30 pm
- 3/25 Baseball vs. East Hall @ Laurel 1 11:00 am

GHS

- 3/17 Varsity Soccer @ Lanier Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
 - Girls Lacrosse @ Forsyth Central 5:55 pm
 - Boys Lacrosse @ Mountain View 7:00 pm
- 3/18 & 19 Varsity Golf Georgia-So. Carolina Cup River Falls Plantation Spartanburg, SC.
- 3/18 Girls Golf Bronco Invitational @ Summit Chase CC 12:00 noon
 - Varsity Baseball @ Flowery Branch 4:00 pm
 - JV Soccer @ Mountain View Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm

- 3/20 & 21 Girls & Boys Golf Hall Co. Championship @ Chattahoochee GC
 3/20 Tennis @ Lanier 3:30 pm
 Girls Lacrosse vs. North Forsyth @ Home 5:30 pm
 Varsity Baseball @ Winder Barrow 5:55 pm
 3/21 Administrative Meeting Principal's Conference Room 7:30-8:30 am
 Tennis @ Habersham Central 4:00 pm
 JV Baseball Flowery Branch @ Home 5:30 pm
 Varsity Soccer @ Apalachee Girls 5:30 Boys 7:30
 Boys Lacrosse vs. Northgate @ Home 7:00 pm
 Choral Concert Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7-9 pm FREE
 3/22 Leadership Meeting Principal's Conference Room 3:30-4:30
 Tennis vs. Riverside Military @ Home 4:00 pm
 Varsity Baseball Winder-Barrow @ Home 5:55 pm
 3/23-26 Choreography Weekend for 42nd Street
 3/23 JV Soccer @ Dawson County Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm
 JV Baseball vs. East Hall @ Home 5:55 pm
 Girls Lacrosse @ Meadowcreek 6:00 pm
 Boys Golf @ Meadowcreek 7:00 pm
 3/24 Varsity Soccer vs. Habersham @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
 Varsity Baseball @ Winder-Barrow 5:55 pm
 3/25 Boys Golf Warrior Invitational @ Mossy Creek GC
 Girls Golf Athens Classic @ The Landing @ Reynolds Plantation 10:00 am
 JV Baseball vs. North Hall @ Home 11:00 am

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 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.

C.W. Davis Middle School – Go 985 S. Take Exit 17. Take ramp right for GA 53 toward

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.

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.

Forsyth Central High School-Go Highway 53 to Highway 306 East. Go South on Highway 400 and take Exit 15 (Bald Ridge Marina Road). Drive west (right turn) into Cumming and turn right on Tribble Gap Road (just past courthouse). Forsyth Central is about one mile on the left.

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

Landing-Reynolds Plantation-Go 129 East to Athens (35.25 miles). Merge onto GA 10 Loop S/N Athens/ Perimeter Highway West. Go 8.52 miles. Take US 129 S/US441, exit 4 towards Watkinsville/Madison. Go 2.55 miles. Turn left onto Macon Highway/US 441. Continue to follow GA 15. Go 26.20 miles. Turn left onto W. Broad Street. Go 0.32miles and turn right onto S. Main/GA 44. Go 8.92 miles-Landing-Reynolds Plantation is on right. 5741 Lake Oconee Parkway, Greensboro, GA.

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.

Mossy Creek Golf Course - Go 129 N. (Cleveland Highway). Go approximately 15 miles. Turn right at GA 254 (Old Cleveland Road. Go 1.3 miles. Turn right to stay on GA 254. Golf course will be on the left.

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.

River Falls Plantation Golf Club- Go I-85 north 120 miles to SC 290 Exit 63 Duncan SC. Continue on SC 290 and Go 2.3 miles. Turn right onto Player Boulevard. 100 Player Boulevard, Duncan, SC

Summit Chase Country Club, Grayson, GA-I-85 south to Sugarloaf Pkwy. Approx. 10 miles, Turn right on Grayson Highway. Go Approximately, 1 mile. Turn right on Rosebud Rd, Go approximately 4 miles and take right on Classic Dr. Golf course is on the left. Approx. drive time is 1 hour

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

The opening exhibition of the **Charles J. Thurmond Youth Art Scholarship Awards Kiwanis Club of Gainesville's Visual Arts Showcase** in honor of *Youth Art Month is Friday, March 17th- beginning at 5:30pm* at the Quinlan Gallery on Green Street. GHS art students contributed to the event by entering over **70 works of art**. *Awards will be give between 6:00 and 6:30pm. Show Closes April 8th Quinlan Art Center*

GHS CRIMSON CHORUS NEWS

Tuesday, March 21st...Crimson Chorus Concert, 7 pm...PAC Auditorium, free admission

Pajama Drama At GHS Pam Ware Performing Art Center

Friday, April 21-22 Open to 2nd-6th grade \$50 per child

The kids will get to work with the amazing Pam Ware and her talented troupe of theatre students. Activities include improvisation, learning songs from musicals, theatre games, choreography and more. Registration forms will be sent home from school the week of March 20th or you can request a form at ghspajamadrama@gmail.com.

GEA we will be celebrating March as Youth Art Month (YAM)!! Each week they will highlight Artist of the Week from each grade. Their Celebration Week will be March 13th - 17th. (more info. coming on what each day of the week will be)
YAM Reception at The Quinlan to highlight student artwork from grades 3-5 Friday, March 17th 5:30 -7 pm

GHS Honorary Diploma Nominations

Gainesville High School is currently accepting nominations for Honorary Diploma nominations. This honor is bestowed to individuals who are part of the GHS community but who are not GHS graduates but whose achievements and strong support of GHS traditions are reflective of the true Red Elephant pride and spirit. Nominations are due by April 15th.

[Please click here for additional information](#)

<http://www2.gcssk12.net/schoolsites/GHSweb/assets/ghs-honorary-diploma.pdf>

The 1997 Gainesville High School State Championship Baseball Team will be honored on April 28, 2017, the 20th Anniversary of their second state championship title. The ceremony will be at Ivey-Watson Baseball Field at 6:00 pm..

Gainesville Ballet Company will present *Into Grimm's Woods*, bringing to life Grimm's Fairytales and other repertory works. The performances will be Friday, March 24 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 pm. Many of our Gainesville City Schools students will be performing. For tickets and additional information: www.gainesvilleballet.org..

Elachee Nature Science Center will have a Raptor Fest on March 18 from 10-3. Live bird demonstrations, live animal exhibits, scavenger hunts, bird watching, crafts and games. \$5.00 per person. Ages 2 years and older.

RESULTS OF MR. GHS CONTEST:

Mr. Gainesville High School 2017.....	WILSON ROBERTS
Mr. Congeniality.....	DANTE WILSON
1st. Runner Up.....	RENTAVIOUS BUFFINGTON
2nd. Runner Up.....	RAMIRO SALINAS
3rd. Runner Up.....	GUS KAUFMAN
INTERVIEW WINNER.....	GUS KAUFMAN
TALENT WINNER.....	RAMIRO SALINAS
MODELING WINNER.....	RENTAVIOUS BUFFINGTON.

Students representing Gainesville Middle School and Gainesville High School participated in their first regional science fair on Jan. 27 with 30 students attending.

The students did several months of research, experimenting, analyzing results, logging data and creating presentations for their projects.

Gainesville High School had several students who received awards.

Mary Nelson Bell and Anne Marie Dye earned a silver medal for their research on "E. coli's resistance to common antiseptics and disinfectants." Ianah Checo earned a silver medal for her research on "Testing Bias in a Photo Lineup." Mary Peterson and Molly McLeod earned a gold medal for their research on "Dream Vacation," and Mark Toth earned a gold medal for his research on "Helios orbital relation to the climatic events on the Earth."

Peterson, McLeod and Toth qualified for the state competition by earning gold medals. These top winners from Gainesville High School will participate in the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair March 30-April 1 at the Classic Center in Athens.

Several Gainesville Middle School students also received awards. Ansley Nolan and Danny Pechano earned a bronze medal for their research on "How does nitinol wire work in mouth braces?" Sebastian Martinez and Pablo Tamayo earned a bronze medal for their research on "Can you measure the speed of light in Jello?"

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/307/article/122384/>

The Charles J. Thurmond Youth Art Scholarship Recipients Included GHS Sophomore Delaney Benson and GHS Senior Jazmine Ellison

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122418/>

Gainesville Changes Deshaun Watson Way Sign to Green

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122409/>

GHS, GMS Students Compete in Tome Student Literacy Society Meet

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122411/>

GHS Boys Soccer Team Downs Winder-Barrow 2-1 in Crucial Game

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122417/>

Feds Say Deshaun Watson Way Sign Can't Be Red

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122338/>

GHS Baseball Wins a Doubleheader with Murphy, NC

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122373/>

GHS Baseball Wins Doubleheader Over Jefferson

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122358/>