



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

March 23, 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

- 3/21-23 Power Scheduler Training SBO Board Room 8-4:30 pm
- 3/27 Annual Discipline Focus Group Meeting SBO Board Room 9:30-11
- 3/28 & 29 Professional Learning w/Jane Hill SBO Board Room 8-4:30
- 3/30 Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
 - Elementary Social Studies Teachers Reviewing Learning Progressions SBO Board Room 8-4
 - School Nutrition Meeting SBO Parade Room 8:45-12
- 4/2-6 Spring Break No School for Students or Faculty
- 4/7 Last Day of Pay Period
- 4/9 Timesheets Due to Payroll

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 3/23 Italian Ice Day
 - Field Trip 4th Grade
- 3/27 Sunshine Event
- 3/28 PLC Meetings with Administration
 - Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 pm
- 3/29 PBIS Bus Award
- 3/30 Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
- 4/2-6 Spring Break No School for Students or Faculty

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 3/30 Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
- 4/2-6 Spring Break No School for Students or Faculty

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 3/21-23 Tybee Island Trip for 8th Graders
- 3/27 SIP Workgroups
- 3/28 School Governance Council Meeting 9:00 am
- 3/30 Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
- 4/2-6 Spring Break No School for Students or Faculty

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- Youth Art Month Spirit Week (See Below)**
- 3/23 Dress Like Art or as Favorite Artist Day
- 3/28 GAN During Planning
 - Art Honors Class
- 3/30 Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
- 4/2-6 Spring Break No School for Students or Faculty

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

3/19- 3/23 Spirit Week
3/27 2nd grade field trip to Zoo Atlanta
3/30 Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
4/2-6 Spring Break No School for Students or Faculty

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

3/30 Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
4/2-6 Spring Break No School for Students or Faculty

GMS

3/23 Tennis @ Buford Tournament 4:00 pm
3/26-28 Cheerleading Spirit & Competition Tryouts GMS Gym 4:00pm
3/26 Baseball 1st Round Playoffs
 Soccer @ North Hall Girls 4:30 Boys 5:45
3/28 Baseball 2nd Round Playoffs
3/29 Soccer @ Chestatee Girls 4:30 Boys 5:45
3/30 Baseball 3rd Round Playoffs
3/30 Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
4/2-6 Spring Break No School for Students or Faculty

GHS

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 11:00 am & 1:30 pm
3/26 JV Soccer vs. Johnson @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm
 Varsity Baseball vs. Habersham @ Home 5:55 pm
3/27 Tennis vs. Lanier @ Home 4:00 pm
 Girls Lacrosse vs. Mountain View @ Home 5:30 pm
 Varsity Soccer @ Dacula Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
3/28 Track Habersham Invite
 Girls Golf Lanier @ Chattahoochee 4:00 pm
 Boys Lacrosse @ River Ridge High School 5:55 pm
 Varsity Baseball @ Habersham 5:55 pm
 Girls Lacrosse vs. TL Hannah @ Home 6:00 pm
3/29 Tennis @ Home 4:00 pm
 Varsity Soccer Winder-Barrow @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

3/30 Teacher Work Day - No School for Students
Varsity Baseball vs. Habersham @ Home 5:55 pm
4/2-6 Spring Break No School for Students or Faculty

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.

Chestatee High School-Go Highway 60 N. over bridge. Go to first light past Ingles. Turn left on Ledan. Go to intersection of Sardis Road and go left again. School will be on right on Sardis Road.

Dacula High School- 316 East. Left on Highway 8. Go to the next traffic light. Turn left on Broad Street . Cross RR tracks and turn left on Hebron Church Road . School is 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.

North Hall High School-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

River Ridge High School-Go 369 W. to Hwy 400 South. Go 400 South 17.5 miles. Take GA 120 West (Exit # 10) toward Alpharetta. Merge onto Old Milton Parkway. Go 2.2 miles and Old Milton Parkway becomes Rucker Road. Go 2.6 miles. Turn right onto Houze Road/GA. 140. Go 3.8 miles. Turn left onto Arnold Mill Road. Go 4 miles to 400 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, GA.

The GHS “Crimson Chorus”

Presents **“Rockin’ Through the Decades”**

Singing – Dancing – Solos

March 27, 2018

Pam Ware Performing Arts Center

7:30 pm - Tickets \$5

Families pay no more than \$20 total

5 and under are FREE

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. 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...

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

GMS Cheer Tryouts

Spirit & Competition Tryouts 3/26-28/18 @ GMS Gym 4:00pm

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.

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/1FAIpQLSfZ7yZo85Y0S3w1j1nfmhEssMlFmxCJBgFcLpGzEJ2JJBpY6A/viewf>

For the month of April 2018, GCSS employees will be paid on April 30, 2018. The payroll dates are March 4 through April 7, 2018. Time sheets and leave request need to be signed/approved by April 9, 2018

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.

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.

In the State Literary Meet John Bush was State First Place Medalist for his humorous interpretation of HARVEY by Mary Chase. Bennett Burns was State Third Place in Argumentative Essay written on the subject of Social Media.

Jameson Murray was Fourth Place Male Soloist. Ella Tucker was Fourth Place International Speaking on the topic of the Taliban Others competing at state literary AAAAAA were Izzy Pate in Dramatic Interpt with "The Yellow Wallpaper." Delaney Benson and Sammy Nelson in Duo Interpt from MOON OVER BUFFALO. Balthazar Gradin, Gus Kaufman, Jameson Murray and Sammy Nelson in Boys Quartet. Grace O'Keefe in Rhetorical Essay and Sadie Abernathy in Personal Essay. Teresa Williams is the choral director. . The English Department and Lara Mallard assisted with the essayists that represent GHS in both Region and State Literary. Pam Ware is Literary Coordinator and Interpt Director

RESULTS OF MR. GHS CONTEST

INTERVIEW WINNER.....Spencer Sumner

MODELING WINNER.....Carlos Ojeda

TALENT WINNER...Rentavious Buffington

THIRD RUNNER UP.....Carlos Ojeda

SECOND RUNNER UP.....Spencer Sumner

FIRST RUNNER UP.....Rentavious Buffington

MR. CONGENIALITY.....John Bush Jr.

2018 MR. GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.....JOHN BUSH, JR.

LAST WEEK'S SPORTS RESULTS

Soccer

Boys Varsity beat Winder-Barrow 2-1, Lanier 3-0

Girls Varsity Beat Winder-Barrow 6-5, Lanier 2-1

JV Boys Beat Winder-Barrow 5-0, Lanier 3-0

Tennis

Varsity Boys beat Winder-Barrow 4-1

Varsity Girls Beat Winder-Barrow 5-0

JV Girls Tennis Beat Jefferson 4-1

Track

At the GAC Invitational, the 4 x 400 Relay Team Finished 3rd

Makius Scott got 3rd in shot put

Davonte Mize got 1st in 300 M Hurdles & 100 M Hurdles

Tyreke Watson got 2nd in Discus

Baseball

Varsity Beat Madison Co. 7-3 & ^-5 & Jefferson 5-4
JV Beat West Hall 7-5

Golf

Varsity Boys Won the 2018 Hall Co. Championship
Andrew Hughes was Low Medalist
Varsity Boys Won the Athens Classic-Ryan Hogan was the Low Scorer for the Team
Varsity Girls Won the 2018 Hall Co. Championship
Karina Collins was the Low Medalist

GHS Baseball Loses Region Opener to Winder-Parade 7-5

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-baseball-gainesville-drops-region-opener-against-winder-barrow/>

GHS Grad Spencer Ralston Finished Second Place In Linger Longer Invitational in Greensboro North Carolina

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesvilles-ralston-finishes-second-individually-georgia-mens-golf-team-linger-longer-invitational/>

GHS Girls Soccer Loses to Apalachee 4-1

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-soccer-scoreboard-north-hall-girls-use-balanced-attack-defeat-union-county/>

Gainesville Boys Golf Takes First Place at Athens Classic

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-scoreboard-gainesville-boys-take-first-place-athens-classic/>

Area Basketball Seniors Showcase Their Talent

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/area-seniors-showcase-skills-north-georgia-all-star-basketball-classic/>

GHS Girls Top Lanier 2-1

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-soccer-gainesville-high-girls-top-lanier-2-1-penalty-kicks/>

GHS Girls Golf Places 2nd<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-scoreboard-gainesville-girls-place-second-tri-match/>