



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

March 24, 2017

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

- 3/17-4/8 Gainesville's Visual Arts Showcase Quinlan Arts Center (See Below)
- 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
Gainesville Ballet's *Into Grimm's Woods* Pierce Auditorium 7:30 pm
- 3/25 Gainesville Ballet's *Into Grimm's Woods* Pierce Auditorium 2:00 & 7:30 pm
- 3/26 Gainesville Ballet's *Into Grimm's Woods* Pierce Auditorium 2:00 pm
- 3/27 Discipline Matrix Refinement 1-3 pm
Department Meeting SBO Parade Room 1-4:30 pm
- 3/28 PBIS Booster Session with GADOE @ Civic Center
Cross Functional Monitoring SBO Parade Room, Board Room, Superintendent's
Conference Room 7-5
- 3/31 District Strategic Planning Goal 1 8:00 am Goal 2 9:00 am Goal 3 10:00
GKIDS Readiness Check Planning SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 9-10:30
Identifying Need: Root Causes, Drawing Conclusions & Prioritizing SBO Parade
Room 10-12
- 4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff
- 4/8 Last Day of Pay Period
- 4/10 Timesheets Due to Central Office
School Board Work Session SBO Board Room 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 3/24 Book Fair Ends at Noon
- 3/27 GTA AIS Program K & 1 1:10 – 1:50
- 3/28 Grade Level Meetings
- 3/29 Italian Ice Money Due
Family Day during WIN
District ZOOM Conference during Planning
- 3/31 Italian Ice Delivered
PBIS Reward-Bus Arty Party
- 4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 3/28 Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm
- 4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 3/24 Stone Soup
- 3/28 School Governance Council Meeting 9:00 am
- 4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

3/27 Administrative Meeting

3/28 Leadership Meeting

3/29 GANS Meeting

3/30 Art Honors Meeting

4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

3/27 School Governance Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at GEA

3/28 Meeting for Prospective Parents at 6:00 p.m. at Mundy Mill Academy

4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

3/24 Governance Council Meeting Conference Room 1:00 pm

3/27 Administrative Meeting 12:30

3/28 Slime the Coaches-Hoops for Hearts

Faculty Meeting Media Center 3:00 pm

3/29 PLC Grades K, 2, 2 during Planning

4th Grade Performance of Wizard of Oz 9:00 am

3/30 PLC Grades 3, 4, 5 during Planning

Quinlan Arty Party for Highest Attendance

4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

GMS

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

3/27 Baseball First Round of Playoffs Jackson Co.

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

3/28 Track vs. CMS/SHMS @ GHS

3/29 Collaborative Planning

PBIS Meeting 4:00 pm

Baseball Playoff Semi-Finals Jackson Co.

Tennis vs. Commerce @ Home 4:00 pm

3/30 Golf Tri-Match vs. North Hall/Hab. Co. @ Chattahoochee 3:45

Tennis vs. Lakeview @ Home 4:00 pm

Soccer Chestatee @ Home Girls 4:30 Boys 5:45 pm

3/31 PBIS Fantastic Friday Celebration

Pep Rally for Spring Sports Gym

GS Baseball Championship @ Jackson County

4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

GHS

3/24 NJROTC Annual Military Inspection

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

JV Baseball vs. North Hall @ Home 11:00 am

3/27 Boys Golf Atlanta Athletic Club Invitational Highlands, Johns Creek

JV Soccer @ Winder-Barrow Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm

Varsity Baseball @ Habersham Central 5:55 pm

3/28 & 29 Region Tennis Tournament @ Longwood Park

3/28 Administration Meeting Principal's Conference Room 7:30-8:30 am

Boys Golf Habersham Central @ Chattahoochee

Varsity Soccer Dacula @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

JV Baseball @ Habersham Central 5:55 pm

3/29 Girls Golf vs. Lanier @ Chattahoochee GC 4:00 pm

Girls Lacrosse Lanier @ Home 5:30

Varsity Baseball Habersham Central @ Home 5:55 pm

3/30 Varsity Soccer @ Winder-Barrow Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

JV Baseball vs. West Hall @ Home 5:55 pm

3/31 Student Council 2:30-3:30

Varsity Baseball @ Habersham Central 5:55 pm

4/1 JV Baseball @ Mountain View 12:00 pm

4/3-7 Spring Break Holidays –No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

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.

Atlanta Athletic Club Highlands Golf Course-Go 985 S. 20.3 miles. Merge onto I-85 South. Go 2.8 miles and take exit 109 for Sugarloaf Parkway. Go 2.0 miles. Turn right onto Sugarloaf Parkway. Go 3.2 miles. Turn left onto Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Go 3.7 miles. Turn right onto Pleasant Hill Road. Go 0.7 miles. Continue onto State Bridge Road. Go 0.9 miles. Turn left onto GA-141 S/Medlock Bridge Road. Go 0.9 miles. Turn Left onto Bobby Jones Drive. Go 0.2 miles. Destination will be on the right.

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.

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

Jackson County High School- Go 129/GA 11 East toward Athens . Go approximately 22 miles. Turn right on Highway 11 (Winder Highway). School will be on right 1668 Winder Highway in Jefferson .

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.

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.

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

A ribbon-cutting and morning tour of the new Mundy Mill Academy Elementary School will be held on May 23, 2017.

There will be a brick and plant sale at the Enota Heritage Celebration on April 30 from 1:30-3:30 pm. About 1500 bricks will be salvaged from the back of the old school, cleaned, and engraved with the school's name and dates.

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**

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.

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..

Frances Meadows is hosting an Autism Awareness and Celebration Day (*Light It Up Blue*) on April 15, 2017. It will be from 11 am -1 pm. All students and their families will get in for \$4.28 a ticket. The pools will be open and there will be Autism Awareness games and crafts

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.

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Shannon Lewis Crook, a social worker in the Gainesville City School System, is the recipient of the 2017 Philip Wright Award. Crook along with other award recipients within the northeast Georgia region were recognized at the 16th Annual Philip Wright Awards Ceremony sponsored by North Georgia Learning Resources System.

<http://accesswdun.com/article/2017/3/514880/gainesville-schools-social-worker-receives-special-award>

As a service project the GHS JNROTC cleaned up Longwood Park, Wilshire Trails, and Holly Park. Here are the totals,

Totals: 20 Tires
2555 pounds of Debris/Trash
2 Recliners
2 Shopping carts
644 Man Hours of Service

Thank you for this wonderful service for our community.

GHS teacher Nancy Wine was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, international honor society for teachers. She will graduate from Thomas University, May 6, 2017 with her M. Ed. in curriculum and instruction.

The following GCSS Students Received Grady Young Scholarships

Julian Andres	Alexyss Smith
Yasmine Russell	T'Asia Robinson
Kaylen Parson	LaQuincy Cox
Alexis Rucker	Solomaan Riley
Trinity Seegars	Dadriana Osborne
Trinity Thornton	Bryanna Saddler
Myron Dabney	Jayla Williams

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122500/>

GCSS Teachers Kim Igleheart of Centennial Arts Academy and Jordan Holcombe of Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy were selected as Masters in Teaching at an event at the Brenau East Campus of Featherbone Communiversity. Nine teachers in all were selected for the honor through the region.

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122546/>

GHS Girls and Boys Golf Teams Both Win Hall County Championships

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122543/>

Officials OK Price for New Enota School

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122529/>

Ribbon Cutting Set for New Mundy Mill School

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122530/>

GHS Dedicates Their First Habitat House

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122479/preview/>

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

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122524/>

Hunt for New GCSS Superintendent Continues

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122440/preview/>

New GHSA Rules on Pitch Count Has Coaches Scrambling

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122492/>

Results of the North Georgia All-Star Basketball Classic

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122495/>