



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

March 9, 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](http://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](mailto:beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net).

## **ALL SCHOOLS**

- 3/9 Choice Enrollment Forms Due
  - Department Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11
- 3/12 Spring EPC & EOG Spring Training SBO Board Room 9-3
- 3/13 Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
  - Principals Meeting SBO Board Room 9-12
  - Fingerprinting SBO Parade Room 9-11
- 3/15 Parent Coordinators Meeting SBO Parade Room 9:00 -11
  - SSW, Counselors, PBIS SBO Board Room 12-4:30 pm
- 3/16 Academic Coach's Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11
- 3/19 Regular School Board Meeting @ Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm

## **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 3/9 PBIS Classroom Award
  - GKIDS Data Check
- 3/12 Priority Standard Alignment 3-5 pm
- 3/13 Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
  - Grade Level Meetings
  - TOME CON
- 3/14 PLC Meetings with Administration
  - Family Day
  - Leadership Team 300
- 3/15 PTA Grade 2/3 Go Fish Musical
- 3/16 Awards Day 4-5 8:30 am 2-3 @ 10:10 am K-1 @ 12:45 am

## **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 3/13 Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home

## **FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

- 3/8 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 3/12 Spring Pictures in the Den
- 3/13 Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
  - SIP Meeting
- 3/14 School Governance Council Meeting 9:00 am
  - Student Council Meeting Library 1:00
- 3/16 Honors Day Program

## **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

- 3/13 Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
- 3/14 GAN During Planning
  - Art Honor's Class

### **MUNDY MILL ACADEMY**

- 3/10 PTA Pancake Breakfast @ Applebees
- 3/13 Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home  
Math & Science Night 6-7
- 3/14 School Governance Council 12-1
- 3/16 Awards Assembly K-2 8:00 am 3-5 9:30 am

### **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY**

- 3/13 Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home  
TOMECON @ University of North Georgia  
Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night @ New Holland Chick-Fil-A
- 3/14 GMS Band Meeting Media Center 1:00
- 3/15 ABC Meeting 9:00 am
- 3/16 Governance Council Meeting Conference Room 1:30 pm

### **GMS**

- 3/12 Baseball @ Jackson County DH 4:00  
Track vs. North Hall & West Hall Middle Schools @ Home  
Soccer World Language Academy @ Home Girls 4:30 Boys 5:45  
Track @ Habersham County
- 3/13 Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home  
Tennis Commerce @ Home 4:30
- 3/14 Cheerleader Parents Meeting 6:00-7:00
- 3/15 Tennis @ Lakeview 4:00 pm  
Soccer Davis Middle School @ Home Girls 4:30 Boys 5:45

### **GHS**

- 3/9 Varsity Soccer Dacula @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm  
Varsity Baseball @ Jefferson 5:55 pm  
Varsity Basketball State Tournament FINALS vs. Langston Hughes @ GA Tech 8:00
- 3/10 SAT 8:00 am  
Girls' Golf Gwinnett Open @ Chateau Elan 10:00 am  
JV Baseball @ West Hall 11:00  
Varsity Baseball vs. Heritage (DH) @ Home 1 & 4
- 3/12 JV Soccer Winder-Barrow @ Home Girls 5:30 Boys 7:00  
Varsity Baseball vs. Madison Co. @ Home 5:55 pm
- 3/13 Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home  
Golf Hall County Championships  
Boys Track vs. Buford/South Gwinnett @ Buford  
Girls Track vs. Buford/South Gwinnett @ Home  
Girls Lacrosse Pinecrest Academy @ Home 5:30 pm  
Varsity Soccer @ Winder Barrow Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm  
JV Baseball vs. West Hall @ Home 5:55 pm

Boys Lacrosse vs. Duluth @ Home 6:00 pm  
3/14 Leadership Meeting Media Center 3:40  
Tennis vs. Jefferson @ Home 4:00 pm  
JV Soccer @ Lanier HS Girls 5:30 pm 7:00 pm  
3/15 Girls Golf White County  
Tennis vs. Flowery Branch @ Home 4:00 pm  
JV Baseball vs. East Hall @ Home 5:55 pm  
3/16 Varsity Soccer vs. Lanier @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm  
Varsity Baseball vs. Madison County 5:55 pm  
3/17 JV Baseball @ East Hall 11:00 am  
Track GAC Invitational @ Greater Atlanta Christian 12:00 Noon  
JV Soccer@ Mountain View High School 12:00 Noon

*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](mailto:beverly.n3ordholz@gcssk12.net) so corrections can be made.*

**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.

**Chateau Elan Golf Course** – Go I-985 South to Exit 16. Take Winder Highway/Hwy 53 south. At Crystal Farms, take a right onto Hwy 211 (Old Winder Highway). Chateau Elan will be on your right just before you get to I-85.

**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.

**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 .

**Jackson Co. Middle School** –Go 985 S. to Exit 20. Take GA-60 S. toward Candler. Go 13.2 miles. Turn left onto GA 124. Go 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Gum Springs Church Road (Gum Springs Church Road is .3 miles past Traditions Way. School will be .2 miles on right. 400 Gum Springs Church Road, Jefferson, GA.

**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.

**Lakeview Academy** - Go 129 N. (Green Street). When the road forks at the Civic Center, go right staying on 129 N. Take the first right past the CVS Pharmacy at Enota and 129 N (Cleveland Highway at that point). School will be approximately 1/2 mile on left. 796 Lakeview Drive, Gainesville, 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.

### **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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4Y7EQMnhEzmUtSJrQiqu81CxYkUACRZ_edKjBAriGZ0EEBg/viewform)

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Save the Date!**

**GHS Theatre Friends' Pajama Drama**

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

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/1FAIpQLSfZ7yZo85Y0S3w1j1nfmhEssMlFmxCJBgFcLpGzEJ2JJBpY6A/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](http://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.

Elachee Nature Science Center will offer a Spring Break Camp for students Ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. For additional information [elachee.org/camp/elachee](http://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.

We are so very proud of our success today with Region 8 AAAAAA Literary. We have all heard the saying that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it takes a faculty and administration to support Literary students who give time and talents to make GHS even stronger as was evidenced by the results today. Every student who participated brought "home the bacon." Advancing to State AAAAAA on Saturday, March 17th, are the following first place medal winners: Argumentative Essay Bennett Burns, Rhetorical Essay Grace O'Keefe,

Extemporaneous Speaking International Ella Tucker, Oral Interpretation Humorous John Bush, Oral Interpretation Dramatic Izzy Pate, Duo Oral Interpretation Delaney Benson and Sammy Nelson, Boys Solo Jameson Murray, Boys Quartet Balthazar Gradin, Gus Kaufman, Jameson Murray and Sammy Nelson. Still adding to our total points were Sadie Abernathy placing 2nd. in Personal Essay, Abigail Mowbray in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, Girls Trio Ali Auffarth, Delaney Benson and Isabel Owens and placing third in Girls Solo was Abigail Mowbray. As you can tell, the overall entries from GHS all placed which gave us a total of 77 points to be awarded the Region 8 AAAAAA Literary Cup . We would like to thank Lara Mallard and the entire English Department for their faculty recommendations and preparation of Grace, Bennett and Sadie. Also kudos to Teresa Williams, our new director of Choral Music and team teacher with Pam Ware for Musical Theatre, for preparing our Trio, Quartet, and solos for all of our music events and to Pam Ware for coaching and preparing the three interpt events: Solo Humorous, Solo Dramatic and Duo Interpt. Gainesville is alive and well in all areas of our school life and participation. Now please join me in congratulating all of our students who continue to work tirelessly for GHS.

### LAST WEEK'S SPORTS RESULTS

#### Basketball

Boys Varsity Beat Lakeside, Evans 111-66 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the State Tournament .

Boys Varsity Beat Heritage High 102-86 in the Semifinals of the State Tournament.

Will play in the Finals at Georgia Tech on Friday, March 9 at 8:00 pm.

#### Soccer

Boys Varsity Beat Flowery Branch 2-0 & Apalachee 4-0.

#### Tennis

Varsity Boys Beat Apalachee 4-1

Varsity Girls Beat Apalachee 5-0

#### Track

Davonte Mize won the 300 Hurdles & Triple Jump & 2<sup>nd</sup> in 110 Hurdles.

Mugisha Bienvenu Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 3200 M & 1600 M.

The 4x200 M Relay Team Placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tyreke Watson was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Discus

#### Baseball

Varsity Beat Flowery Branch 6-2 & Dunwoody 13-3.

#### Golf

Varsity Boys finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Apple Mountain Inv. By shooting a -7.

Low scorers were Ryan Hogan & Davis Weaver shooting a 69.



*Dominican Republic Transfer Finds Niche on GHS Basketball Team*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/rafael-rubel-finds-niche-gainesville-boys-basketball-team-despite-youth-language-barrier/>

*GCSS Teacher of the Year Sissy Elliott Will Speak At Program for Parents*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/program-seeks-help-parents-navigate-digital-world/>

*GHS Boys Basketball to Face a Stiff Challenge*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-boys-basketball-program-preparing-long-and-athletic-langston-hughes-6a-championship-game/>

*Banks Griffin Leads Gainesville Baseball to 6-3 Win Over Jefferson*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-baseball-griffith-leads-gainesville-win-over-jefferson-non-region-play/>

*GHS Grad D'Marcus Simonds is Sun Belt Player of the Year*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-grad-simonds-named-sun-belt-mens-basketball-player-year/>

*GHS Boys Take Second Place at Apple Mountain*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-gainesville-boys-take-second-apple-mountain/>

*GHS Boys Basketball Beats Heritage to Reach State Finals*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-basketball-gainesville-boys-hold-heritage-102-86-reach-class-6a-state-finals/>

*GHS Baseball Tops Flowery Branch 6-2*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-baseball-scoreboard-gainesville-tops-flowery-branch-6-2/>