



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

April 13, 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

- 4/16 Social Workers Meeting SBO Parade Room 9:00 -11 am
School Board Work Session & Regular Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm
- 4/17 Technology Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11
School Nutrition Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-10:30
- 4/18 Fingerprinting for New Hires SBO Parade Room 10-11
Foreign Transcript Evaluation Meeting SBO Supt. Conf. Room 10-11:30
- 4/19 Progress Reports Sent Home
RTL/MTSS SBO Board Room 8:45-11
Parent Coordinators Meeting SBO Parade Room 9:00 -11:00 am
Academic Coaches Meeting SBO Board Room 1-3
Center Point 50th Anniversary and Honor's Night First Bapt. Banquet Hall

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 4/16 Grade 2 Field Trip
- 4/17 Grade Level Meetings
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- 4/18 PLC Meetings with Administration
Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 pm
- 4/19 Progress Reports Sent Home

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 4/19 Progress Reports Sent Home

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 4/9-4/27 Universal Screeners
- 4/18 2nd Grade to Elachee
- 4/19 Progress Reports Sent Home

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 4/18 GAN During Planning
Art Honors Class
- 4/19 Progress Reports Sent Home

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

4/13 Blue Pop Day

Student Council Meeting at 1:30

4/17 Leadership Meeting 2:55

4/18 Coy Bowles Reads to Pre-K Students

4/19 Progress Reports Sent Home

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

4/19 Progress Reports Sent Home

GMS

4/17 Soccer Hall County Tournament @ Allen Creek

4/19/20/21 Track Hall County Championships 4:30 pm

4/19 Progress Reports Sent Home

GHS

4/13 & 14 Pajama Drama

White Columns Golf Club Milton, GA

4/13 Varsity Soccer @ Lanier Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

Varsity Baseball @ Dacula 5:55 pm

4/14 Girls Golf Bronco Invitational 12 Noon

4/15 Block Party Honoring Basketball Team GHS Horseshoe 3-5 pm

4/16 Boys Golf Region 8-6A Championship

Girls Varsity Golf vs. Habersham Central HS

Boys Lacrosse @ Mays 5:30 pm

Varsity Baseball vs. Apalachee @ Home 5:55 pm

4/17 Region Track @ Winder

JV Golf @ Chattahoochee

Girls Lacrosse @ Collins Hill 5:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Lakeview @ Home 6:00 pm

4/18 Boys Baseball @ Apalachee 5:55 pm

4/19 Progress Reports Sent Home

Voter Registration in Cafeteria 11:30-1 pm

Boys JV Golf @ Chattahoochee

Girls Varsity Golf @ Union County

Boys Lacrosse @ Lanier High School 5:30 pm

4/20 Varsity Baseball vs. Apalachee @ Home 5:55 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Riverside @ Home

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.

Allen Creek Soccer Complex-Go 129 S. past Burger King & Cargill. Cross I-985. Go to second light after you cross the bridge. Turn right on Monroe Drive . Complex will be approximately one mile on left.

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.

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.

Collins Hill High School-985 S. to Exit 4 (Buford, Hwy. 20). Take a left and go past the Mall of Georgia. After several miles, take a right on Old Peachtree. Then take a left on Collins Hill. Take a right on Taylor . The school is on the left.

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.

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.

Mays High School-Go I-985 S. to I-85 South. Take Exit 95B right for I-285 West toward Birmingham. At Exit 9, take ramp right for GA 139 toward Adamsville. Turn left onto GA 139/Martin Luther King Drive SW. Turn right onto Lynhurst Drive, SW. Turn right onto Rabun Drive. Turn left on Brownlee Road, NW. Turn right onto Cedar Island Drive. Turn right on Benjamin Mays Drive. Location is 3450 Benjamin Mays Drive.

Union County High School- Take Hwy. 19/129 North. Just before entering the Blairsville City Limits, turn right onto Truck Route North 129 (Glenn Gooch Bypass). Travel approximately one mile to the main entrance of Union County High. Turn right into the school parking lot to reach the gym or left onto C.R. Collins Dr. to reach the football stadium. (Buses transporting football players and band members will turn left off of C.R. Collins Drive onto Elementary Way to park and unload.)

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

GHS will host a block party to celebrate the men of GHS's Basketball Team and their amazing season. It will be on April 15, 2018 at the GHS Horseshoe from 3-5 pm. There will be games, food, and food for the whole family. Bring lawn chairs and quilts.

Please support our Gainesville Middle School Special Olympics Team by purchasing team spirit shirts for \$10 each. Payments can be sent to Gainesville Middle School c/o **Christine Durkin**. The deadline to order is April 13th with delivery of the shirts by April 27th. If you have any questions regarding shirt orders, please email: christine.durkin@gcssk12.net. This year, the Special Olympics for students with disabilities will be held on Friday, April 27th at Riverside Military Academy. Thank you in advance for your support.

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

April 19 is the 50th Anniversary of Center Point. They will be having a double celebration, celebrating this historic milestone while recognizing special recipients at the annual Honor's Night. **April 19-6:00 pm-First Baptist Church Banquet Hall**

\$35 Ticket or \$240 for a table of 8 RSVP by March 30 770-535-1050

GHS Juniors and their parents are invited to attend the Rising Senior Students & Parents Meeting – 4/23 /18 6-7:15 pm
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vS8n6EAmnpdeMquLetu-JYaUIthRCiSULaTab_U4EsVUuKjY49I4NcUBuv7n1fcRWMF6t0OWJgFo7Qm/pub?start=fal&loop=true&delays=3000

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/1FAIpQLSfZ7yZo85Y0S3w1j1nfmhEssMIFmxCJBgFcLpGzEJ2JJBpY6A/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.

Once again it is time for the Boys and Girls Club Duck Derby! Hard to believe, but this will be Duck Derby #20! We are planning to release 21,000 rubber ducks this year at Clarks Bridge Park on May 5th. This year's Derby will be from 12:00 to 3:00, followed by a Cinco de Mayo Duck Fest celebration from 6:00 to 10:00, including live music, a variety of food trucks, and drinks. The Duck Derby is a critical fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs in helping us continue to serve hundreds of kids per day in our afterschool programs, offering opportunities in education, arts, recreation, and leadership. Our average daily attendance at the Clubs continues to increase each year, and we need your help to push that number even higher. Please consider the purchase of a Grand Pack. Note that we have raised the price slightly this year to keep pace with our growing program demands - 125 bucks gets you 25 ducks – that's 20 at \$5 each, plus 5 free ducks. The grand prize again this year is **\$10,000 cash**. Other prizes include a diamond solitaire valued at \$5,000 from Gainesville Jewelry, Canopy Tours getaway, free Chick-Fil-A for a year, craft brewery experience, and Yeti products. For information, contact Abb Hayes @ (770) 532-6312

Here is a link to an article about Cris Carpenter, GHS alum and teacher:
<https://uga.rivals.com/news/catching-up-with-cris-carpenter>

The GCSS Board of Education approved the following personnel:

GHS Principal: Mr. Jamie P. Green, current Principal/Dean of Instruction at Riverside
GMS Principal: Mrs. Misty Freeman
GHS Boys Basketball (announced): Coach Chuck Graham

Past Week in Sports

Soccer

Varsity Girls Beat Winder-Barrow 6-1
Varsity Boys Beat Apalachee 2-1

Baseball

Varsity Beat Winder-Barrow 6-4, Habersham 8-0, 12-0, & 9-4
Varsity Beat Lanier 11-0 & 5-4
JV Beat Habersham 11-0 & Buford 1-0

Tennis

Both Varsity Tennis Teams Claimed the #1 Seeds in the Region Tournament

Girls Varsity Beat Lanier 4-1

Boys Varsity Beat Lanier 5-1

Track

Cook Holiday Rotary Invite at WBHS

1st Place Finishers-T. Sturdivant 400 M, D. Reyes 800 M, Boys 4 x 400 M, M. Beinvenu 1600 M , C. Sturdivant 200 M

2nd Place Finishers- Boys 4 x 100 M, Donangelo Marshall 800 M, Davonte Mize in the TJ, Girls 4 x 800 M, A. Sosa 1600 M, Boys 4 x 800 M.

3rd Place Finishers-J. Harrison 100 M & 200 M, T Sturdivant 800 M. Girls 4 x 100 M & 4 x 400 M, M Dabney 200 M. J. Cavazos HJ, D. Mize LJ, M. Lopez 1600 M, J. Pierce 110 MH, K. Buffen LJ, T. Watson SP

Center Point Director David Smith Given John Jacobs Award

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/life/center-point-executive-director-given-john-w-jacobs-youth-service-award/>

GHS Girls and Boys Tennis Teams Advance to Region Finals

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-boys-girls-tennis-teams-advance-region-championship-matches/>

GHS Boys Golf Wins Big Red Shootout

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-gainesville-boys-win-big-red-shootout-chattahoochee/>

GHS Baseball Beats Dacula

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-baseball-scoreboard-charlie-wall-goes-yard-gainesville-defeats-dacula-region-play/>

GHS Boys Tennis Wins

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-tennis-scoreboard-no-2-doubles-team-clinches-win-gainesville-boys-tennis-regular-season-finale/>

GHS Baseball Has Big Win Over Lanier

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-baseball-gainesville-grabs-share-lead-region-8-6a-win-over-lanier/>

GHS grad Simonds Returning to Georgia State for Junior Season

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-high-grad-simonds-putting-turning-pro-return-ga-state-junior-season/>