



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

4/14 PBIS SBO Board Room 9-10

4/15 Autism Awareness & Celebration Frances Meadows Aquatic Center 11-1 (See Below)
Our Neighbor Car Wash Westminster Church Parking Lot 11-3

4/17-21 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing

4/17 Fingerprinting for New Hires SBO Parade Room 10-11

School Board Meeting @ Publix Safety Complex 701 Queen City Parkway 6:00 pm

4/18 & 19 AP Seminars Presentations SBO Board Room 8-4

4/18 Progress Reports

Migrant Meeting Parade Room 9-12

Federal Programs Manuel Superintendent's Conference Room 1-3

4/19-20 Versstran Training Parade Room 8-4:30 pm

4/20 Hall County Family Connections SBO Board Room 11:30-2

4/21 Executive Cabinet Superintendent's Office 8-9:30 am

Improvement Planning SBO Parade Room 10-12

AP Seminars Presentations SBO Board Room Alternative Day 8-4

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

4/17-21 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing

4/18 Progress Reports

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

4/14 Milestones Pep Rally 1:35 pm

4/17-21 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing

4/18 School Leadership Team 3:00 pm

Progress Reports

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

4/17-21 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing

4/18 Progress Reports

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

4/17-21 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing

4/17 Administrative Meeting

4/18 Leadership Meeting

Faculty Meeting

Progress Reports

4/19 GANS Meeting

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

- 4/14 Field Trip to Disney on Ice
- 4/17-21 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 4/17 Administrative Meeting 12:30
- 4/18 Progress Reports
 - Faculty Meeting Media Center 3:00 pm
- 4/19 PLC Grades K, 2, 2 during Planning
- 4/20 PLC Grades 3, 4, 5 during Planning

GMS

- 4/14 Teachers Post Grades
- 4/17-21 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 4/17, 18, 19, 20 Hall County Soccer League @ Allen Creek
- 4/17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 Hall County Baseball Tournament
- 4/18 Progress Reports
- 4/19 Golf vs. Buford Bear's Best Atlanta
- 4/20, 21, 22 Track Hall County Championships @ Chestatee
- 4/21 Grade Level Meetings
- 4/22 Golf The Sutton Championship TC of Alpharetta 1:30

GHS

- 4/13, 14, 15 JV Baseball Hall County Tournament
- 4/14 Varsity Baseball Dacula High School @ Home 5:55 pm
- 4/15 Deadline for Nominations for GHS Honorary Diploma (See Below)
- 4/17 Boys Varsity Golf 6A Region Championship @ Chattahoochee
 - Girls Varsity Golf vs. Habersham Central @ Apple Mountain
 - Theatre Friends Board Meeting Pam Ware's Office 4:30-6:00
 - Boys JV Soccer @ Riverside Military Academy 5:00 pm
 - Varsity Baseball @ Apalachee High School 5:55 pm
 - Thespian Meeting 6-7:30 pm
 - Boys Lacrosse Meadowcreek @ Home 6:00 pm
- 4/18 Progress Reports
 - Administrators Meeting Principal's Conference Room 7:30 -8:30 am
 - PBIS Team Principal's Conference Room 10-11
 - Girls Lacrosse Pace Academy @ Home 5:00 pm
- 4/19 JV Golf vs. Buford JV Bear's Best Atlanta 4:00 pm
 - Girls Varsity & JV Golf Bear's Best 4:00 pm
 - Varsity Baseball Apalachee @ Home 5:55 pm
- 4/20 Girls Lacrosse SW Dekalb @ Home 6:00 pm
- 4/21 & 22 Pajama Drama Pam Ware Performing Arts Center (See Below)
 - Boys Golf The Invite @ Chattahoochee Golf Club
- 4/21 Girls Lacrosse @ Duluth 5:30 pm

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

Varsity Baseball @ Apalachee 5:55 pm

Boys Lacrosse @ Duluth 7:00 pm

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.

Apple Mountain Golf Course-Go Highway 985 to 365. Go 441 N. in Cornelia. Go 2.5 miles north of the Tom Arrendale interchange (where 365 & 17 go to Toccoa). Take left on Hollywood Hills Road . Follow the signs to Apple Mountain .

Bear's Best Golf Course- Take 985 S. to Exit 4. Go right on Hwy. 20 and go 5.51 miles. Turn left onto Suwanee Dam Road. Go 1.29 miles and turn right onto Johnson Road. Johnson Road becomes Aldeburg Drive. 5342 Aldeburg Drive will be on your right.

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.

Duluth High School – I-85 N. Exit at Highway 120 and travel west. At Buford Highway (U.S. 23) turn right. Next traffic light is Brock Road . Turn left. Cross railroad tracks. School will be on the left.

Riverside Military Academy-Go Green Street (Highway 60/129 North). When road forks at Civic Center, go right (129 North). Take 2nd left past Rick's Smokin' Pig/Pasquale's onto Riverside Drive. School is at 2001 Riverside Drive.

Trophy Club of Atlanta/Alpharetta-Go Highway 53 West to Georgia 400 South. Go 400 South to Exit 12. Go right. Continue on McFarland Parkway to 15135 Hopewell Road, Alpharetta. 30004.

GHS Prom Information

4/29/17 8:00 pm-11:00 pm Gainesville Civic Center
Tickets available online thru mypaymentplus until 4/27/17
Tickets will be sold during lunch and after school 4/24-4/28
Platinum seniors \$25.00 per ticket All others \$35.00 per person
Senior walk-out will begin at 9:30 pm

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.

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.

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 BEULAH RUCKER MUSEUM AND THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA HISTORY CENTER *PRESENT:*

Dr. E.E. Butler~Medical Pioneer of Gainesville and Hall County

Featuring Jonathan S.E. Perkins as Dr. Emmett E. Butler

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM in The Burd Center at The Housch Theatre on the campus of Brenau University

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

The residents of Our Neighbor, Inc. will be hosting a Car Wash fundraiser.

When: Saturday, April 15th, 11:00am to 3:00pm

Where: Westminster Church Parking Lot on Thompson Bridge Road

All proceeds to benefit Our Neighbor, Inc.

Suggested \$10.00 donation

It's Duck Derby time! This is the 19th annual Derby, and 20,000 rubber ducks will be paddling across the lake at Clarks Bridge Park on May 5th. This year's race will start at 5:00, followed by a Duck Fest at 6:00, including live music from the Fly Betty Band, a variety of food trucks, and drinks from Tap It. The Duck Derby is a critical fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs in helping continue to serve hundreds of kids per day in the afterschool programs, offering opportunities in education, arts, recreation, and leadership. The average daily attendance at the Clubs continues to increase each year, and your help is needed to push that number even higher.

Please consider the purchase of a Grand Pack. 100 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 Lake Lanier Islands getaway, tool set, Disney tickets, and Yeti products.

For additional information or to purchase tickets: ash@homlaw.com.

GHS senior Hunter Mallard cleared 16 feet on the pole vault to win the Bojangles Track and Field Classic at spring Valley High School in Columbia, SC. The Red Elephant vaulter won out of a field of 74 athletes from seven states.

Centennial Elementary Makes Great Strides

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122928>

Jeremy Williams of Union County Chosen New GCSS Superintendent

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122904/>

GHS's Collier Scott Has Walk-Off Homer to Beat Dacula

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122910/>

Schools Struggle to Find Hispanics Teachers

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122741/>