



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

April 20, 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**

- 4/23 Individual Presentations A.P. Seminar & AP Research Classes SBO Board Room 8-4:30
- 4/23 PBIS District Connector Meeting #2 SBO Supt. Conference Room 10:30-12
- 4/24 Migrant PAC SBO Parade Room 9-12
- 4/26 Facility Review Team SBO Supt. Conference Room 7-2  
Department Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11
- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
- 4/30 Deadline for Heroes of the Herd Nominations (See Below)  
Deadline for Mighty Stomp Nominations (See Below)  
Payday for Employees

## **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 4/23 Kinder Field Trip to Jaemor
- 4/24 Sunshine Event  
Retirement Reception Honoring Vanessa Ellison Media Center 3:00 pm
- 4/25 Summative Conferences with Administration During Planning
- 4/26 Grade 1 Field Trip to Puppetry Arts
- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy  
Hawaiian Ice Day  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, Pep Rally GHS Track

## **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy

## **FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

- 4/9-4/27 Universal Screeners
- 4/24 SIP Workgroups
- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy  
Milestone Pep Rally

## **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

- 4/25 GAN During Planning
- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy

## **MUNDY MILL ACADEMY**

- 4/24 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night (Oakwood Chick-Fil-A) from 5:00-8:00
- 4/26 Wear purple in honor of the Military Child
- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy  
Milestones Pep Rally Grades 2nd-5th

## **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY**

- 4/20 - Governance Council Meeting - 1:30 - Conference Room
- 4/23 - 4th grade field trip to Hall County Courthouse  
3rd and 5th grade Mock Milestone
- 4/24 - 4th grade Mock Milestone
- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy

## **GMS**

- 4/23 *Lion King* GHS Cafeteria 6:00 pm
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- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
- 4/28 Coed Middle School Golf @ The Heritage Club in Tucker

## **GHS**

- 4/20 Varsity Baseball vs. Apalachee @ Home 5:55 pm  
Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Riverside @ Home 7:30 pm
- 4/21 Athletic Physicals New Gym A-L 9:00 am M-Z 10:00
- 4/23-27 Individual Presentations A.P. Seminar & AP Research Classes  
SBO Board Room 8-4:30  
Earth Week Sponsored by Environmental Club
- 4/23 Information Meeting For Rising Seniors and Parents 6-7:15pm
- 4/24 JV Golf vs. North Hall @ Chattahoochee  
Boys Lacrosse @ South Cobb High School 6:00 pm  
Girls Lacrosse vs. N. Oconee @ Home 6:00 pm
- 4/25 Leadership Meeting Media Center 3:40 pm
- 4/26 Baseball 1<sup>st</sup> Round State Playoffs  
Girls Lacrosse @ North Forsyth 5:30 pm  
Boys Lacrosse vs. MLK @ Home 6:30 pm
- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy  
Boys Varsity Golf The Invite Round 1
- 4/28 Boys Varsity Golf The invite Round 2
- 4/29 Track Sectionals Habersham Central High School

*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.*

**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.

**North Forsyth High School :** Take 369 West. Cross over 400 and continue on 369. Continue through stoplight (Regions Bank and hardware store on corners) Coal Mountain Elementary is about ¼ mile on the right. North Forsyth High School is behind the elementary school.

**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.

**South Cobb High School**-Go 985 S. to 85 S. Merge onto I-285 by Exit 95B toward Birmingham. Go 17.27 miles. Take Exit 16 S. Atlanta Road toward Smyrna. Keep right to take the ramp toward Nas Atlanta. Merge onto Atlanta Road. Go .43 miles. Turn left onto Cumberland Parkway. Go .59 miles. Cumberland Parkway becomes E. West Connector. Go 4.77 Miles. E. West Connector, SE becomes East-West Connector. Turn left onto Austell Road, GA. 5. Go 1.56 miles. Turn right on Clay Road. 1920 Clay Road, Austell, GA.

### **GMS Bands-6th and 7th grade Spring Concert and Awards**

Thursday, April 26th in the GMS Gym

6th Grade Concert at 6pm

7th Grade Concert at 7pm (with Special Guest-The GMS Jazz Band)

GCSS will be participating in Special Olympics on Friday, April 27th at Riverside Military Academy. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 10:00 a.m. and games will start around 10:30 a.m.. Events are for students in grades K-12 and include track and field events, soccer and flag football.

The location of the events are listed below:

Track & Field (tennis ball throw, 50 meter walk, shot put and 100 Meter dash): **Upper Field at the Stadium**

Soccer Skills, Team Soccer and Flag Football: **Lower Field at the Stadium**

Please drop by and support our teams if you get a chance!

The final presentation for our theatre department will be *The Addams Family* May 2, 3, 4 at 7:30 pm in the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center at GHS.

*In the kooky upside-down world of the Addams Family, to be sad is to be happy; to feel pain is to feel joy; death and suffering are the center of their dreams. Nonetheless, this quirky family still has to deal with many of the same challenges faced by any other family, and the spookiest nightmare faced by every family creates the focus in this musical: Addams kids are growing up. The Addams have lived by their unique values for hundreds of years. Wednesday now an 18 year old woman is ready for a life of her own. She has fallen in love with Lucas Beineke a*

*sweet smart young man from a respectable normal Ohio family. In one fateful, hilarious night, secrets are disclosed, relationships are tested, and the Addams family must face up to the one horrible thing they've managed to avoid for generations: change.*

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME BY EMAIL. [ghstheatre2445@gmail.com](mailto:ghstheatre2445@gmail.com) INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT INDIVIDUALLY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE SHOW.

**FRIDAY, MAY 4TH @ 6PM**

Front Lobby Main Building of the School

We will dedicate the THREE (3) Stars for the 2016-2017 Avenue of the Starts Thespians:

ALLY KIMPLING

CAMERON PEACOCK

MEG THORNTON

Athletic Physicals will be given on Saturday, April 21 from 9-10 am. In the New Gym. They are good for one year.. \$5.00. Paperwork can be found at [www.gainesvilleredelephantathletics.com](http://www.gainesvilleredelephantathletics.com) or in the GHS front office.

Centennial Arts Academy cordially invites you to attend a Retirement Party honoring Vanessa Ellison on Tuesday, April 24th, at 3:00 p.m. at Centennial's Media Center.

Fair Street invites you to join them May 15th at 3:30 in the FSIA cafeteria as they celebrate the retirement of Amy Hamilton, Cynthia Hendrix, and Charlyne Holland-three wonderful women who have made such an impact on our school and the lives of our students. Please RVSP to [veronica.portillo@gcssk12.net](mailto:veronica.portillo@gcssk12.net) by April 30th if you will be able to attend.

Fair Street invites you to join them May 21st at 3:30 in the FSIA cafeteria as they celebrate the work and dedication of Mr. William Campbell in our school and community. We wish him the best of luck as he moves onto the next chapter of his life as the new Rush City superintendent. Please RVSP to [veronica.portillo@gcssk12.net](mailto:veronica.portillo@gcssk12.net) by April 30th if you will be able to attend.

Northeast Georgia Sports Hall of Fame will honor GHS grads Morgan House, Tasha Humphries, Counte Cooley, and Micah Owings at their 2018 Induction Ceremony & Reception on Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 6-8 PM at the Brenau Downtown Center, 301 Main Street, SW. Tickets are \$35.00 each. Visit [www.negahc.org](http://www.negahc.org) for tickets and information or call 770-297-5900.

**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)

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&delayms=3000](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vS8n6EAmnpdeMquLetu-JYaUIthRCiSULaTab_U4EsVUuKjY49I4NcUBuv7n1fcRWMF6t0OWJgFo7Qm/pub?start=fal&loop=true&delayms=3000)

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](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.

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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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

Mrs. Sarah Bell has been named the Deputy Superintendent of Gainesville City School System! The Board approved the change in position as we reorganize our leadership structure to better serve our students and their families. As the Deputy Superintendent, Mrs. Bell will continue to lead our academic achievement while she works with the community to streamline Wraparound Services. Mrs. Bell brings a love for students, impressive interpersonal skills, and a wealth of academic and system knowledge.

### Past Week sin Sports

#### Tennis

The GHS Boys and Girls Tennis Teams Both Won the Region 8-6A Region Tournament on Wednesday, April 11 and will Enter the State Tournament this Week as #1 Seeds from our Region. Girls Beat Lanier 3-1 and Boys Beat Winder 3-1.

#### Soccer

Varsity Boys Beat Chestatee 5-1 & Lanier 5-0

#### Baseball

Varsity Beat Dacula 3-2, 7-0, & 17-11

#### Lacrosse

Varsity Boys Beat North Cobb 7-6

Varsity Girls Beat Meadowcreek 5-4

*GHS Girls Soccer Beats Lakeview 3-2*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-soccer-scoreboard-chestatee-girls-roll-region-victory/>

*GHS Boys Tennis Ousted in First Round of State*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-tennis-playoffs-gainesville-boys-ousted-opening-round/>

*Ryan Hogan Leads GHS to Region 8-6A Golf Championship*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-ryan-hogan-leads-gainesville-boys-golf-program-region-8-6a-championship/>

*GHS Tennis Teams Ready to Make Run in State*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-tennis-12-hall-county-programs-ready-begin-run-state-tournament/>

*GHS Baseball Wins Slugfest Against Dacula 17-11*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-baseball-scoreboard-gainesville-wins-17-11-slugfest-against-dacula/>