



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

April 21, 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

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestones Testing
- 4/21 Purple-Up Day in Honor of our Military Families
 - 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
- 4/26 4th Quarter Federal Programs SBO Board Room 9-12 Noon
 - School Nutrition Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-1:30 pm
- 4/27 Communications Work Group Meeting SBO Parade Room 2:00 pm
- 4/28 District Strategic Plan Superintendent's Office Goal 1 8:00 am
 - District Strategic Plan Superintendent's Office Goal 2 9:00 am
 - District Strategic Plan Superintendent's Office Goal 3 10:00 am
 - Budget Planning Meeting SBO Parade Room 10-12 am
 - 1997 State Championship Baseball Team Celebration Ivey-Watson Field 6:30 pm
- 4/29 Class of 1997 – 20th Year Reunion
- 5/1 School Board Work Session SBO Board Room 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 4/25 Grade Level Meetings
- 4/26 Italian Ice Money Due
 - Family Day During IN
 - Grade 1 Field Trip Elachee
 - Progress Reports
 - PBIS Reward

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 4/25 Staff Meeting 3:00 pm
- 4/30 Enota Heritage Celebration 1:30-3:30 pm
- 4/30 Brick and Plant Sale 1:30 -3:30 pm

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 4/28 Progress Reports

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 4/24 Administrative Meeting
- 4/25 Leadership Meeting
 - PBIS Meeting
- 4/26 GANS Meeting

429 Art Honors Trip to High Museum

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
4/24 Administrative Meeting 12:30
4/25 Faculty Meeting Media Center 3:00 pm
4/26 PLC Grades K, 2, 2 during Planning
4/27 PLC Grades 3, 4, 5 during Planning
Math March Madness Winners Party
4/28 4th Grade Environmental Field Day

GMS

4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
4/17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 Hall County Baseball Tournament
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
4/24 PBIS Monday Morning Drawing
Professional Learning
4/26 Collaborative Planning
Faculty Meeting/Vertical Alignment Cafeteria 4-5
4/27 Science Field Trip Six Flags
4/28 8th Grade Dance Gainesville Civic Center

GHS

4/21 & 22 Pajama Drama Pam Ware Performing Arts Center (See Below)
Boys Golf The Invite @ Chattahoochee Golf Club
4/21 Varsity Soccer Berkmar @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
Girls Lacrosse @ Duluth 5:30 pm
Boys Lacrosse @ Duluth 7:00 pm
4/25 Girls Golf Habersham Central @ Apple Mountain 4:00 pm
4/26 Girls Lacrosse @ Mill Creek 5:30 pm
Boys Lacrosse @ Mill Creek 7:30 pm
4/27 Girls Lacrosse MLK @ Home 6:00 pm
4/28 & 29 Baseball State Tournament Round 1
4/28 1997 State Championship Baseball Team Celebration Ivey-Watson Field 6:30 pm
4/29 Junior/Senior Prom Gainesville Civic Center 8-11
Junior Senior Prom Walk-out Gainesville Civic Center Front Lawn 9:30 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.

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 .

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.

Mill Creek High School-Go I-985 S. to Exit 4 (Hwy. 20). Go left on Hwy. 20 past the Mall of Georgia. Take I-85 North to Exit 120 (Hamilton Mill Road). Go right to first red light. Take a left on Braselton Highway . Go 2 1/2 miles. School is on the left.

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 Theatre presents **42nd STREET**

May 3 - 5 (Wed - Fri) 7:30 pm

\$5 student/senior 65+ \$8 adults

The quintessential backstage musical comedy classic 42ND STREET is the song and dance fable of Broadway with an American dream story and includes some of the greatest songs ever written: "We're In The Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shuffle Off To Buffalo," "Dames," "I Only Have Eyes For You," and, of course, "42nd Street". Based on a novel by Bradford Ropes and Busby Berkeley's 1933 movie, 42ND STREET tells the story of a starry-eyed young dancer named Peggy Sawyer, who leaves her Allentown home and comes to New York to audition for the new Broadway musical PRETTY LADY. As the story unfolds, circumstances change that will have you cheering for the underdog. We assure you that the music and message will have you dancing as you exit the theatre.

Tickets can ONLY be requested ahead of time by emailing the following to:

ghstheatre@bellsouth.net

1. Date & Day of tickets
2. How many student, senior 65+ or adult tickets.
3. Name (first and last) you want tickets held under.

Tickets can be picked up the night of the show, the box office opens at 6:30pm.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE FRONT OFFICE OR MRS. WARE FOR TICKETS.

NOTE TO GHS STUDENTS-VERY FEW yearbooks are left for purchase. Please visit www.bigredyearbook.com to purchase .

GHS Prom Informationge 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.

Enota Heritage Celebration- April 30, 2017 from 1:30 -3:30 pm Remembering 63 years of rich Enota heritage. The school will be open for guests, alumni, and community members to walk through and reminisce together.. Help us celebrate Enota's rich heritage as they prepare for the new chapter of the Enota story.

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 and will be on sale for \$25.00 each. Also certain plants from the Enota campus will be available for anyone who would like to sponsor plants for the new Enota Garden. More information on how you can become an Enota Plant Sponsor will be available soon. <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/123037/>

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.

The GHS Art Department has two new tee shirt designs. Please visit their links to the order forms and check out the new designs! Any questions please feel free to contact sarah.claussen@gcssk12.net.

Price \$15 each

GHS Mural Project Limited Edition "Frida Kahlo" short sleeve tee

<https://goo.gl/forms/WN5R3WWjor48XApZ2>

GHS "Be Different" baseball tee designer Cammy Nguyen

<https://goo.gl/forms/ubqsUElsn2BGN88T2>

All proceeds support arts program and student design awards!

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..

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 was well represented yesterday (April 13) at UNG Dahlonega's 41st Modern Language Day. We had 26 students in attendance, representing Chinese, French, Latin, and Spanish. Among the 8 area schools in attendance, we were the **ONLY** school with four languages and the **ONLY** school with Performing Arts & Art submissions and Language Bowl team members in languages other than Spanish. Not only did our students bring home awards, they were excellent representatives of our school throughout the entire day. Each school was allowed multiple submissions in every category, so this is a very large event.

Chinese:

*Apple song and dance in Chinese: Alondra Alarcon, Elaine Co, Stephanie Co, Victoria Luna, Daniela Olalde, Qualisha Poole, Taylor Sturdivant, Perla Villatoro, Kelly Phan

*Song in Chinese: Alyssa Williams (**1st place Performing Arts**)

*Art: Stephanie Co (**1st place Art**), Hiram Martinez

*Language Bowl team members: Alyssa Williams and An Pham

French:

*Papaoutai (hiphop song and dance in French): Jean de Dieu Gitinyiro and Dante Wilson (**Honorable Mention Performing Arts**)

*Creative writing (poem in French): Jean de Dieu Gitinyiro (**Honorable Mention in Creative Writing**)

*Art: Ethan Truong, Gladis Jaimes, Beth Kinsey, Josie Boyd, Esme Paez

*Language Bowl team members: Janu Patel and Itzel Moreno

Latin:

*Skit in Latin: Quinn Stanley, Daniela Olalde, Ana Cisneros, Ingrid Islas (3rd place Skit)

*Language Bowl team members: Quinn Stanley

Spanish:

*Art: Hesler Cardenas (3rd place Art)

*Guitar and song in Spanish: Hesler Cardenas

*Language Bowl team members: Jayla Williams and Blake Rogers

Congratulations to GMS teacher Mrs. Rebecca Oliver! She received a \$4000 grant to develop an aquaponics lab sponsored by Kohls. Her application was one of 73 funded out of 420 applicants! Our 6th grade students will have the opportunity to study sustainability and the impact that it has on our community and environment. Way to go Mrs. Oliver!

The GHS boys soccer team secured the region title over Apalachee 7-1. Congrats to the boys and Coach Viviant on being the #1 seed. for the region tournament

The JV baseball team won the Hall County Championship over West Hall.

Gainesville High School recently lost a wonderful graduate. Trinh Huynh, was our first Asian-American Student Council president, GHS class of '94. The AJC has announced a scholarship fund in her memory; the hyperlink in the article takes one to the North GA Community Foundation here.

<http://www.ajc.com/news/crime--law/scholarship-fund-created-honor-attorney-slain-midtown/gPxIMYGrjVsZ6ZkKNc5uGP/>

Boys track secured 1st place at the region track meet. Great work Coach Jones, Coach Mallard, Coach Corbett, Coach Davis and Coach Rosetti and all the team members.

GHS Boys Soccer Takes Region Tennis Title

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/123052/>

GHS Girls Golf Loses to Habersham Central 145-149

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/123052/>

GHS Girls Tennis Falls to Allatoona in First Round of State

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/123048/>

GHS Boys Golf Strolls to 8-AAAAAA Championship

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/123029/>

Collier Scott Has Grand Slam in GHS Baseball's Win Over Apalachee

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/123035/>

GCSS To Buy Three New School Buses

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/123034/preview/>

GCSS Expenses Expected to Rise

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122950/>

Schools Use Many Different Methods to Improve Atmosphere During Testing

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122953/>

Gainesville Baseball Fails to Sweep Dacula

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122997/>