



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

April 27, 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

- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
- 4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing
- 4/30 Deadline for Heroes of the Herd Nominations (See Below)
 - Deadline for Mighty Stomp Nominations (See Below)
 - Payday for Employees
- 5/1 Cabinet Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room 9-12
- 5/3 School Nutrition Meeting SBO Parade Room 8:45-11
 - School Social Workers, Counselors, PBIS SBO Board Room 12-4:30 pm
- 5/4 GEC District Meeting SBO Board Room 8-4
- 5/5 Boys & Girls Club Rubber Duck Derby (See Below)
 - Last Day of Pay Period
- 5/7 Time Sheets Due to Central Office
 - School Board Work Session SBO Board Room 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
 - Hawaiian Ice Day
 - 3rd, 4th, 5th, Pep Rally GHS Track
- 4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing Grades 3 & 5
- 5/1 Faculty Meeting
- 5/4 School Lunch Super Hero Day

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
- 4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing Grades 3 & 5

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 4/9-4/27 Universal Screeners
- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
 - Milestone Pep Rally
 - Kindergarten Elachee
- 4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing Grades 3 & 5

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
- 4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing Grades 3 & 5
- 5/2 GAN During Planning
- 5/3 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - celebration lunch from Olive Garden for Ms Hecht's class - highest amount collected by a classroom

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
Milestones Pep Rally Grades 2nd-5th
- 4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing Grades 3 & 5
- 5/1 1st Leadership Team Meeting
- 5/4 School Lunch Heroes Appreciation Day

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
- 4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing Grades 3 & 5

GMS

- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
- 4/28 Coed Middle School Golf @ The Heritage Club in Tucker
- 4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing

GHS

- 4/23-27 Individual Presentations A.P. Seminar & AP Research Classes
SBO Board Room 8-4:30
Earth Week Sponsored by Environmental Club
- 4/27 Special Olympics Riverside Military Academy
Boys Varsity Golf The Invite Round 1 Chattahoochee GC 4:00 pm
- 4/28 Boys Varsity Golf The invite Round 2 Chattahoochee GC 9:00 pm
Track Sectionals @ Evans High School
Junior/Senior Prom Civic Center 8-11 pm
Senior Walk-Out Civic Center Porch 9:00 pm
- 4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing
- 4/30 Girls & Boys Varsity Golf Area 2 6-A Championship
- 5/2 Beta Club Induction GHS Cafeteria 5-6:30 pm
Addams Family Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
- 5/3 Baseball Second Round of State
Addams Family Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
- 5/4 2016-2017 Avenue of the Starts Thespians GHS Main Lobby 6:00 pm
Addams Family Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm

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.

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.

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.

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 INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT INDIVIDUALLY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE SHOW.

GMS Chorus concert. Motown Spectacular will be on May 14th at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria.

4/30-5/4 Milestones Testing

4/30 ELA Day 1

5/1 ELA Day 2

5/2 Math

5/3 Science

5/4 Social Studies

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

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 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 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 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

Spring 2018 AP Exam Schedule-All Exams are Held at First Baptist Church on Green Street.

May 7	8:00 am Chemistry	12:00 Psychology
May 8	8:00 am Seminar	12:00 Art History
May 9	8:00 am English Lit	
May 10		12:00 Environmental Science
May 11	8:00 Us History	
May 14	8:00 Biology	
May 15	8:00 Calculus BC	12:00 Computer Science A
May 16	8:00 English Language	12:00 Microeconomics
May 17	8:00 World History	12:00 Statistics
May 18	8:00 Human Geography	

*AP Research, Art 2D, and Art 3D do not have off-site tests. Materials are submitted via website.

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.

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

Past Week in Sports

Tennis

Congratulations to both tennis teams for a fantastic season. Both were Region Champions as well as qualifying for the State Tournament.

Soccer

Varsity Boys Beat Riverside 7-0 and Winder 1-0.

Varsity Girls Beat Lakeview 3-2.

Congratulations to the Boys Soccer Team for Winning the Region 8-6A Championship.

Baseball

Varsity Beat Apalachee 10-0 and 9-8

The baseball team finished as the #2 seed from Region 8-6 A

Track

Congratulations to the Boys Track Team as They Finished as the Region Runner-Up in the Regional Track Meet.

GHS grad Spencer Ralston received the Dick Copas Award from the University of Georgia men's golf program for posting the lowest individual stroke average this season. The sophomore averaged a score of 70.72 while competing in all 10 of the Bulldogs' tournaments this season..

GCSS Officials Feel Cluster Choice Will Distribute Students More Evenly

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-officials-believe-cluster-choice-plan-can-help-spread-students-evenly/>

Brenda Hill Steps Down as Girls Basketball Coach at GHS

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-basketball-brenda-hill-gilmore-steps-down-gainesville-high-girls-basketball-coach/>

GHS Girls Tennis Team Falls in State

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-gainesville-high-girls-team-falls-union-county-blairsville/>