



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

*CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS*

May 18, 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).

If you would like to subscribe to receive Elephant Tracks newsletter each week via email, please send an email to: [elephant-ales-subscribe-request@mail-list.gcssk12.net](mailto:elephant-ales-subscribe-request@mail-list.gcssk12.net). You do not need to include any subject or content in this email. You will then receive an email asking you to click a link to confirm that it was indeed you that requested to subscribe.

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**

- 5/18 District Improvement Planning Parade Room 8:30-11:30  
Student Records Work Day w/QBE Clerks SBO Board Room 9:30-4:00
- 5/21 School Social Workers SBO Parade Room 9-11  
District Improvement Meeting SBO Board Room 1-4:30 pm  
School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00
- 5/22 Hall County Family Connections SBO Board Room 9-10:30 am
- 5/25 Last Day of School  
Elementary Report Cards Sent Home
- 5/28 Memorial Day Holiday

## **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 5/18 Grade 5 Walking Field Trip
- 5/21 Rain Date for Field Trip
- 5/22 Sunshine Event  
GHS Senior Walk for Class of 2018 8:15  
Grade 5 End of Year Party 11-1  
Retirement Reception for Bertha Shields & Melissa Meaders Music Room 3:00 pm
- 5/23 PLC Meetings with Administration  
Family Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Park  
Leadership Team 3:00 pm
- 5/24 Grade 5 Slideshow 8-10
- 5/25 Last Day of School  
Elementary Report Cards Sent Home  
Awards Day 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 10:10 K-1-12:45

## **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 5/18 Field Day
- 5/24 End of Year Awards Day in Gym
- 5/25 Last Day of School  
Elementary Report Cards Sent Home

## **FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

- 5/21 Reception Honoring Will Campbell FSIA Cafeteria 3:30 pm
- 5/22 SIP Workgroups  
K-3 Team Tiger/Cub K-1 10-11:30 Grades 2-3 11:45-1:15
- 5/23 Honor's Day for Team Tiger 4<sup>th</sup> Grade from 10-11:30 and Grades 5 11:45-1:15
- 5/24 End of Year Parties Afternoon in Classrooms  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade & Tybee Sponsors Appreciation Luncheon

5/25 Last Day of School  
Elementary Report Cards Sent Home  
Fifth Grade Commencement City Park 8:00 am  
Kindergarten End of Year Party 12:15 pm

### **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

5/23 GAN Meeting During Planning  
5/25 Last Day of School  
Elementary Report Cards Sent Home

### **MUNDY MILL ACADEMY**

5/18 Field Day  
5/22 Grades 3-5 & MMA Chorus Spring Concert *Free Admission* 6:30 pm  
5/25 Last Day of School  
Elementary Report Cards Sent Home

### **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY**

5/18 Governance Council Meeting Conference Room 1:30 pm  
Owl Standing Students to Frances Meadows  
5/22 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Unicoi  
5/23 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Don Carter State Park  
New Holland Talent Show 9:30 am  
5/24 Pre-K End of Year Celebration Classrooms 9:00 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade End of Year Presentation Gym 9:00  
Kindergarten Graduation Gym 10:00  
End of Year Pep Rally Gym 1:30 pm  
5/25 Last Day of School  
Elementary Report Cards Sent Home  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Gym 9:00 am

### **GMS**

5/18 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams Periods 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>  
5/21 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams Periods 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup>  
5/22 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams Periods 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Lake Lanier (Field Day)  
5/23 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams Periods 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>  
5/24 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams Periods 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>  
5/25 Last Day of School  
Awards Day Gym 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 9 am, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 10:30 am, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 12:30 pm

## GHS

5/18 AP Exams At First Baptist Human Geography 8:00 –  
Baccalaureate Practice First United Methodist Church 5-7 pm  
5/19 Baccalaureate Service First United Methodist Church 11-1  
5/21 AAAAAA State Golf Tournament  
5/23 Graduation Practice  
5/24 Graduation Practice  
5/25 Last Day of School  
Graduation Practice  
Graduation Bobby Gruhn Field 7:30 pm

You are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Celebration hosted by Centennial Arts Academy to celebrate the retirement of Bertha Shields and Melissa Meaders on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 3:00 p.m in the Centennial Music Room

Last Day of School is May 25  
Graduation is May 25 at 7:00 pm at Bobby Gruhn Field  
Elementary Reports Cards will be Sent Home the Last Day of School

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.

GHS invites you to come and celebrate GHS's retirees-Tom Smith, Pat Caldwell, Michael Jackson, Chris Coy, Steve Lawhorne, Katie Denning, Marianna Connor, & Bruce Miller on Tuesday, May 29 from 2-4 pm in the GHS lobby.

GCSS School Nutrition will be serving Summer Meals beginning June 4th - June 28th, Monday through Thursday, at Fair Street International Academy, Gainesville Middle School, and Gainesville High School cafeterias.

Meals are FREE to children 18 years and younger and include breakfast and lunch! Coaches and Club Sponsors are encouraged to allow students and athletes who are participating in summer practices, camps, or summer activities to participate in the free summer meal program. Adults meals will also be available for \$1.50 for breakfast and \$2.75 for lunch.

Listed below are the breakfast and lunch times per location.

Fair Street	Breakfast 7:30 am-9:30 am	Lunch 11:00 am -12:30 pm
GHS	Breakfast 8:00 am-8:45 am	Lunch 11:00 am-12:30 pm
GMS	Breakfast 8:00 am-8:45 am	Lunch 11:00 am-12:30 pm

\* The free meal program is also available to daycare facilities and churches. For planning purposes, groups who plan to participate should contact Penny Fowler at 770-536-5275 or [penny.fowler@gcssk12.net](mailto:penny.fowler@gcssk12.net).

Enota invites you to celebrate the retirement of their wonderful science lab teacher, Mrs. Gayla Pierce. They will host a drop-in at their new cafeteria from 3:30-5:00 on Tuesday, May 29th. Please stop by to wish Gayla well and thank her for all she has done to inspire and prepare our students.

### **Upcoming Pay Dates**

May 31, 2018

June 29, 2018

July 31, 2018

August 31, 2018

Spring 2018 AP Exam Schedule-All Exams are Held at First Baptist Church on Green Street.  
May 18 8:00 Human Geography

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

Mundy Mill Learning Academy will host a 1st grade Rock Star Summer Reading Camp from June 11-15. The camp will be from 8:30-11:30. By invitation only.

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.

Rebecca Gurr, longtime assistant principal at Gainesville High School died on May 9. Friends are hosting a reception in Rebecca Gurr's memory on **Sunday, May 27, 1:00-3:00 at GHS.** Please share with your friends & colleagues.

Memorials to CenterPoint in Rebecca's memory are suggested  
{ [1050 Elephant Trail, Gainesville, 30501](http://1050ElephantTrail.com) }

*Christy Piece, a special education paraprofessional at Gainesville High School, was recipient of the 2018 Philip Wright Award. The award recognizes individuals annually for their service, commitment, and advocacy for children with disabilities. The award honors the legacy created by Wright, highlighting his commitment to improving educational services for students with disabilities in school districts within the Pioneer Regional Education Service Agency region.*

*GCSS Awarded \$2.8 Million to Improve Literacy*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/28m-grant-aid-literacy-gainesville-schools/>

*GHS Senior Kathryn Smith Loves Art and Science*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-high-senior-loves-both-arts-and-science/>

*Good Luck to Class of Hard Knocks*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/opinion/editorial-good-luck-class-hard-knocks/>