



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

September 22, 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

- 9/25 Test Coordinator's Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11 am
School Social Workers SBO 9-11
- 9/26 GAA Training Day SBO Board Room 8:30-3:30
Executive Cabinet Meeting 9:00 am -12 noon
- 9/28 Parent Coordinator Breakout Session 9-11
SPED Meeting SBO Board Room 2:30-4:00 pm
- 10/2 School Board Work Session SBO Board Room 6:00 pm
- 10/3 Principal's Meeting GMS & GHS 9-11 Elementary 10-12
- 10/4 End of 1st Grading Period
- 10/6 & 9 Fall Holidays No School for Students, Faculty, Staff (12 Month Report)
- 10/7 End of Pay Period
- 10/9 Time Sheets Due
- 10/10 Teacher Work Day No School for Students

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 9/18-22 Constitution Week
One and Done Collection Week Period
- 9/22 Italian Ice Day
- 9/25-29 One & Done Prize Week
- 9/26 StemScope Zoom Conference During Planning
Governance Council 5-7
- 9/26 Sunshine Event
- 9/27 PLC Meetings with Administration
Leadership Team 3:00 pm
- 9/29 1st Semester Field Trip Deadline
Italian Ice Day
Fall Festival 5:30 pm
_Movie Night 8:00 pm

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- On-Going The Kindness Rock Project-

MUNDY MILL ACADEMY

- 9/22: Hat Day to support Childhood Cancer Awareness
Student Council Meeting @ 1:30
- 9/25 School Governance Council Training 5:00-7:00
- 9/ 29 Fall Pictures

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

- 9/26 - Fuel Up To Play 60 Atlanta Falcons Hometown Grant presentation - 10:00 - Gym

GMS

- 9/25 Volleyball vs. Hart Co. Middle @ Home 4:30 pm
Cross Country @ West Hall Middle 5:00 pm
9/28 Volleyball @ Lumpkin Co. Middle 4:30 pm
Football vs. Jefferson High School @ Bobby Gruhn Field 5:30

GHS

- 9/22 Hispanic Heritage Food Tasting
Varsity Football vs Jefferson @ Bobby Gruhn Field (Youth Night) 7:30
9/23 C Volleyball @ Apalachee JV Football
9/25-28 National Hispanic Heritage Week
9/25 Softball @ Rabun Co. 5:00 pm
9/26 Softball @ Habersham Central 5:55
JV & Varsity Volleyball Winder, Dacula, Apalachee @ Apalachee 6:00
Godspell Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
9/27 ABC/SI Quality Assurance Meeting at GA/S Media Center 3:40-5:40
Leadership Meeting 3:40-4:40
Godspell Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
9/28 Student Council Blood Drive
Volleyball vs. Habersham Central, Lanier @ Dacula 5:00 pm
JV 7 Freshmen Football @ Dacula High School 5:30 pm
Godspell Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
9/29 Varsity Football @ Marist 7:30 pm
9/30 Competition Cheerleading @ Mill Creek
JV Volleyball @ Habersham Central

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.

Dacula High School- 316 East. Left on Highway 8. Go to the next traffic light. Turn left on Broad Street . Cross RR tracks and turn left on Hebron Church Road . School is on the right.

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.

Marist High School-Go 985 S. to I 85 South. Go 285 W. toward Birmingham. Take Exit 29-Ashford-Dunwoody Road south to 3790 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA

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.

Rabun Co. High School-Go 985 North/US 23 North. Go approximately 46 miles. Take te exit toward Lee Dixon Memorial Bridge. Turn right onto Wildcat Hill Drive. 230 Wildcat Hill Drive, Tiger, GA

Gainesville City School System will host its second annual "Gold Out" Night on Friday, September 22nd during the Gainesville High School varsity football game (against Jefferson) at City Park Stadium, with kickoff starting at 7:30 p.m. The game will also highlight Youth Night, recognizing GCSS youth for their involvement in athletics. Everyone is invited to come out and support the cause by wearing gold or a "Gainesville Goes Gold" t-shirt , designed by Coins4Cure Gold Out event organizer Carol Ann Ligon and childhood cancer survivor Eli Ligon. These shirts can be purchased at JGeyer Advertising on Thursday and Friday for \$15, with a portion of the proceeds to be donated to Coins4Cure.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and our district is participating in the Coins4CURE jars, which are being distributed to each school. Many of us have loved ones affected by cancer but when it impacts children, we are at loss for words. But then miracles happen and these girls, boys, young women and young men fight, fight, fight. Their courage is contagious. If they can fight it, then how can we help? Coins4CURE is an opportunity to help those struggling with childhood cancer. Each school has been asked to do something fun and creative this Friday to raise money for cancer research. As your school participates, the evening will culminate with a "Gold Out" as the Red Elephants host the Jefferson Dragons Friday night at Bobby Gruhn Field. Please join us Friday evening to recognize all students and their families affected by Childhood Cancer

Wilson Orthodontics is sponsoring a "Teachers' Wishlist Contest" by rewarding gift cards to teachers to purchase school supplies. Six lucky teachers will have the opportunity to win a \$250 gift card to fulfill their classroom supply lists. Winners will be randomly chosen!

To sign up, visit www.wilsonbraces.com or bit.ly/2017wilsonteachers.

Vote for the GHS Athlete of the Month Sponsored by Dairy Queen by visiting gainesvilleredelephantathletics.com

Centennial Arts Academy is having a Fall Festival on Friday, Sept 29 at 5:30 pm . Food trucks, games, icees and much more.

GHS yearbooks are on sale now through bigredyearbook.com
For a limited time they are \$70 for free name or monogram and 4 free icons.

Gainesville City School's Human Resources department is now on social media.
Please follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/GCSS_HR?lang=en
Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Gainesville-City-School-System-HR-1447581192000978/>

ROCKIN' GOOD NEWS-To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the beloved GHS ROCK, our schools , under the direction of each school's art teachers, will be installing rock garden in the park near the big rock. The celebration will be Sunday, October 22 in the afternoon.

One of the of the longest and fiercest rivalries in Georgia is back GHS Basketball vs. East Hall Basketball!!! Join us October 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Gainesville Red Elephants vs. East Hall Vikings at Gainesville High School. You must be a graduate from Gainesville High School or East Hall High School..

Recognizing the sacrifice many of our veterans make in service to our country, the Gainesville City School System would like to recognize veterans who were unable to receive their high school diplomas because of military service. If you or someone you know meets the requirements below, please complete the form located at <http://www.gcssk12.net/assets/diploma-request-by-veterans.pdf> and submit to the Central Office by October 1st so that recognition can be arranged during the month of November. Candidates who wish to be awarded a diploma for services rendered in a recognized branch of our Armed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard) in lieu of graduation requirements in effect at the time of their assignment must be able to demonstrate proof of enrollment in the district and evidence of an honorable discharge from a branch of the Armed Services. Upon meeting requirements, the veteran will be recognized with a diploma bearing his/her name and the year of graduation corresponding to the year of anticipated graduation. The diploma will be signed by the current high school principal and current school board chairman. The diploma may be presented in a formal setting, if it is so desired by the recipient.

FROM JD MUtCHLER-GHS COUNSELOR

Here is an important financial aid search tip for students and parents. While there are many scholarships that can be found from spending a lot of time doing searches, be careful not to get scammed! A good rule of thumb is to never spend any money to find or to apply for scholarships due to the scams that are out there. Also, even scholarships found through legit search companies can usually be found easily without paying any money.

Here is something that has cost many a family across the Country. Parents who are familiar with the FAFSA (Free Application Federal Student Aid) from when they were students or who have had other students previously attend college, have gotten scammed by phony FAFSAs. People have just Googled FAFSA or put in something like FAFSA.com and found a real site and one that may actually send their information, but also have been charged from \$50-\$150 to do so! Make sure you remember that the first letter of FAFSA stands for "Free" and that you go to FAFSA.GOV to do you application.

Scholarship Resources

HOPE Scholarship

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships>

HOPE Grant

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships>

Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships>

Charles Harbin III Memorial Scholarship

<https://charlesharbin.com/charles-harbin-scholarship>

Activia Training US Scholarship

<https://www.activia.co.uk/scholarship>

The Clubs of America Scholarship Award for Career Success

http://www.greatclubs.com/scholarship-award_for_career-success.asp

\$2000 "No Essay Scholarship"

www.nichie.com/colleges/scholarships

Superpower Scholarship

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/superpower-scholarship>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

Live Mas Scholarship

www.Livemassscholarship.com

From Failure to Promise Scholarship

www.fromfailuretopromise.com

Annual Financial Empowerment Scholarship

www.bankmobile.com/scholarship

Immigration Scholarship Essay Contest

<https://immigration.usattorneys.com/usattorneyscom-immigration-scholarship-wssay-contest>

HealthGrad.com Leadership Scholarship

<http://www.healthgrad.com/scholarships/healthcare-leadership-scholarship>

The Katherine Pope Scholarship

<http://www.georgianurses.org>

Bridging Your Career: The RN to BSN Scholarship & Nursing.org's Nurses First Scholarship

<http://www.nursing.org/scholarships/>

Scholarship Databases

StudentAid.gov

www.studentaid.gov/scholarship

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<https://www.hsf.net/>

GA Futures Scholarship Search

<https://www.gafutures.org/>

MALDEF

<http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html>

College Board's Big Future

Scholarship Search

<https://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app>

SallieMae Scholarship Search

<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/>

College Scholarships

<http://www.collegescholarships.org/financial-aid/>

Scholarships.com

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

Fast Web

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

Unigo

<https://www.unigo.com>

Last Week's Athletics Scores

Volleyball

Varsity Beat Apalachee 2-1, Northgate 2-1

JV Beat Oconee Co. 3-1, Jackson Co. 2-0, Winder-Barrow 2-1, and Lakeview Academy 2-0,
North Atlanta 2-0, North Cobb 2-0

Cross Country

GMS Boys Took First Place for their 3rd Straight Meet, Girls Finished 4th Place

Varsity Beat Clarke Central 5-0

Savannah Roys is the GHS Athlete of the Month for August.

Enrollment Up Slightly in GCSS Schools

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/enrollment-slightly-gainesville-schools>

Longtime Teacher and Coach and Widow of Bobby Gruhn Dies

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/longtime-teacher-and-coach-widow-gainesville-coaching-great-dies/>

GHS Boys Cross-Country Wins Riverside Meet

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-boys-white-county-girls-cross-country-teams-pick-wins-riverside-invitational/>

Schools Reopen After a Week Off Because of Hurricane Irma

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-hall-county-schools-set-reopen-monday-week-after-irma/>

Committee to Make Plans for New Garden at Enota School

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/committee-make-plans-new-smartville-garden-enota-school/>