



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

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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

1/3-20 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Newly Enrolling City Residents

1/13 District Strategic Improvement Planning SBO Board Room 9-11

1/15-31 Sign-up for Pre-K Lottery

1/16 MLK Holiday-No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

1/17 Teacher of the Year Advisory Committee SBO Parade Room 7-8 am

Classified Advisory Committee SBO Parade Room 8-9 am

Parent Coordinators' Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11 am

School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00

1/19 Principals' Meeting 10-12 Noon @ GHS

Hall County Family Connections Meeting 11:30-2

1/20 School of Choice Forms Due Back to Schools

Executive Cabinet Meeting Dr. Creel's Office 8-9:30 a.m.

District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15

1/23-31 Registration for Newly Enrolling Non-Residents.

1/24 Pay Day

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

1/13 Awards Assemble 4th & 5th 8:30 2nd & 3rd 10:15 K/1st 12:45

1/16 MLK Holiday-No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

1/17 Committee Meetings

1/18 PLC with Administration About Literacy Strategies

Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off

1/19 Grade Level PLC's

3rd Grade Performance

PTA Meeting

1/20 District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

1/20 District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

1/13 Honor's Day

1/16 MLK Holiday-No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

1/20 Line the Halls Pep Rally for Reading Bowl 1:50

District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 1/16 MLK Holiday-No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 1/17 Leadership Meeting
 - Faculty Meeting
- 1/18 GANS Meeting
- 1/20 District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

- 1/16 MLK Holiday-No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 1/17 Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm
- 1/18 PLC Grades K,1, 2 during Planning
- 1/19 PLC Grades 3, 4, 5 during Planning
- 1/20 District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15

GMS

- 1/13 Team Reward Day
- 1/16 MLK Holiday-No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 1/17 Access Testing Begins
 - Collaborative Planning
 - Chorus Candy Fundraiser Begins
 - 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Leaves
 - Faculty Meeting/Vertical Alignment
- 1/18 First Day of GMS Baseball Tryouts
 - Wrestling @ Jefferson 5:00 pm
- 1/19 National Parent Involvement Day
 - Hat Day for Reggie Dabbs
- 1/20 District Round Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
 - Grade Level Meetings
 - 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Returns
 - District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15

GHS

- 1/12-14 Wrestling State Duals @ Macon Centerplex
- 1/13 JV Basketball @ Winder Barrow Girls 4:30 pm Boys 5:15 pm
 - Varsity Basketball @ Winder Barrow Girls 7:00 pm Boys 8:30 pm
- 1/14 JV Basketball vs. Cedar Shoals @ Home Girls 1:30 pm Boys 3:00 pm
 - Varsity Girls Basketball @ Westlake (Round Ball Classic) 3:30 pm
 - Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Cedar Shoals @ Home 4:30 pm
- 1/16 MLK Holiday-No School for Students/Faculty/Staff
- 1/17 Administrative Meeting Principals Conference Room 7:30-8:30 am
 - PBIS Team Principal's Conference Room 10-11
 - JV Boys Basketball Apalachee @ Home 4:30 pm

Varsity Basketball Apalachee @ Home Girls 6:00 pm Boys 7:30 pm
1/18 JV & Varsity Wrestling @ Jefferson 5:00
1/19-22 Choreography for *The Boyfriend in 5:00 pm*
1/20-21 Wrestling Archer Invitational @ Archer
1/20 JV Basketball Dacula @ Home Girls 4:00 pm Boys 5:30 pm
Varsity Basketball Dacula @ Home Girls 7:00 pm Boys 8:30 pm
1/21 Swimming Hall Co. Championships Frances Meadows 9-12
JV Basketball East Hall @ Home Girls 3:00 pm Boys 4:30
Varsity Basketball East Hall @ Home **Alumni Night** Girls 6:00 pm Boys 7:30 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.

Archer High School, Lawrenceville – Go I985 South 16.3 miles. Take Exit 4 toward Buford/Cumming. Turn left onto Ga-20-Buford Drive and go 9.7 miles. Buford Drive becomes Jackson St. Go ½ mile. Stay straight to go onto New Hope Road. Continue to follow New Hope Road 6 miles. 2255 New Hope Lawrenceville is on the right.

Jefferson High School-Take US-129 South towards Jefferson . After you cross over I-85 continue on US-129. Go until you see a Kroger on the right-hand side of the road. Turn left at that light onto Old Pendergrass Road. Go to dead-end and school will be in front of you.

Macon Centreplex Coliseum and Convention Center-Go I-985 to I-85 to I-75 in Atlanta From Atlanta : I-75 South to I-16 East, Exit 2. Turn left onto Coliseum Drive/US 80. Turn left onto Main Street. 200 Coliseum Drive.

Westlake High School-Go I 985 S. 20.31 miles to I 85 S. Go 16.38 miles. Go I 285 W. toward Chattanooga/Birmingham. Merge onto I'20 W. Take the GA 70/Fulton Industrial Boulevard Exit 49 toward Fulton Co. Airport. Turn left onto Fulton Ind. Blvd. Go 3.95 miles. Turn left onto Camp Creek parkway. Go 2.1 miles. Turn right onto Campbellton Road. Go .22 miles. Turn left onto Union Road, SW. Go .80 miles. 2400 Union Road, SW, Atlanta 30331

Winder-Barrow High School- Go 985 S. to Exit 16. Go left on Winder Highway (Hwy. 53). Turn right just below Crystal Farms onto Hwy. 211. Go 211 to Winder. Stay on 211 for several more miles. When you pass Real Deal on your left, begin looking for McNeal Rd. on your right. Turn right onto McNeal Rd. and follow it until it dead ends. Turn right onto Candler St. This brings you in behind the stadium. Simply circle the block to get to the gym

2017-18 Registration Information:

Pre-K for 2017-18 (CITY RESIDENTS): Please sign up for the Pre-K Lottery on **January 15-31, 2017** at New Holland Knowledge Academy located at 170 Barn Street Gainesville, GA. **The lottery drawing for all Pre-K enrollments will take place on February 3, 2017. Mundy Mill Academy will house one Pre-K class for families living in Mundy Mill Academy zone. The remaining eight Pre-K classes will be housed at New Holland Knowledge Academy.**

Currently enrolled Pre-K Students: Please register for kindergarten at the elementary school of your choice from **January 3 - January 20, 2017. Please bring documents required for kindergarten enrollment listed below. Currently enrolled Pre-K students who reside in or select the Mundy Mill attendance zone should complete kindergarten registration at New Holland.**

Kindergarten for 2017-18 (CITY RESIDENTS): Register at the elementary school of your choice from **January 3- January 20, 2017. Please bring** birth certificate, immunization form #3231, ears, eyes, nutrition, and dental certificate #3300, social security card (if available), 2 proofs of residency documents which include one of the following: current lease/mortgage/purchase agreement, current warranty or quit claim deed, current paycheck stub/IRS Form 1099, current homeowner's insurance policy **AND** a copy of a current (within 30 days) utility (gas, water, electric, cable/internet bill with service address), photo ID of parent/guardian. **Families living with relatives require a residency verification form that must be completed and signed by both parties at the elementary school of choice confirming the residence as well as 2 proofs of residency documents of the host family.**

Currently Enrolled K-4 students: Please complete the form below and return to your child's current school **January 3– January 20, 2017.** Please complete a form for each child planning to attend Gainesville City Schools in 2017-18.

Newly Enrolling 1-5 Students (CITY RESIDENTS) – Please register at the Gainesville City Schools Registration Center located at 508 Oak Street January 3- January 20, 2017. **Please see documents required in Kindergarten bullet above.**

Newly Enrolling (NON RESIDENTS): Please register from **January 23 – January 31, 2017 (initial choice registration period) at the district office located at 508 Oak Street. Additional students will be considered based on availability of space.** Please bring birth certificate, immunization form #3231, ears, eyes and dental certificate #3300, social security card, copy of school records, 1 proof of residency document, and photo ID of parent/guardian. **Parents will be notified of confirmation of 2017-18 acceptance for out-of-city residents on or before February 6, 2017.**

Proof of Residency verification for the 2017-18 school year will begin July 10, 2017 at each school. All students registered for the 2017-18 school year will be required to submit 2 proofs of residency (city residents) and 1 proof of residency (non-residents).

Thank you for your support of Gainesville City Schools where we **inspire, nurture, challenge**

SAVE THE DATE-Gainesville City School System will host a celebration of the 125 year anniversary of the establishment of the system on Sunday, February 26 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Gainesville High School Gym. All alumni, current and former faculty and staff, friends and family are invited. To submit pictures for slideshow: 125years@gcssk12.net. For info: beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net

The GCSS District Reading Bowl will be held at GHS on Friday, January 20. Introduction and Rules will start at 4:15 in the GHS Main Cafeteria and competition rounds will begin immediately after. New Holland, Centennial, Enota, Fair Street and Gainesville as well as GMS will be participating. The public is invited. Schools are encouraged to arrive between 3:45 and 4:15 and are welcome to bring a snack with them. Rounds will take place in the Cafeteria, Media Center and the Main Building Atrium. There will be 5 rounds. Trophies will be presented after the fifth round in the Atrium approximately at 6:00 pm. (This is the preliminary to the North Regional Reading Bowl held at GMS on Saturday, February 4.)

GHS Basketball Still #1 in Latest Poll

Gainesville Shows Support for National Champion Deshaun Watson
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121298/>

Deshaun Watson Leaves Clemson on Good Grounds
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/173/article/121291/>

GHS Grad Deshaun Watson and Clemson Dethrone Bama as National Champions
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121286/>

Deshaun Watson gained a grasp of overcoming mistakes during years at Gainesville High
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/173/article/121252/>

Gainesville Exploration Academy on "Greatest Gains" List
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121223/>

State Leaders Focus on Fix for Failing Schools
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121265/>

Enota School Project Picks Up Momentum
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121195/>