



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

January 20, 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.gcस्क12.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@gcस्क12.net.

ALL SCHOOLS

- 1/3-20 Kindergarten Registration
 - Registration for Newly Enrolling City Residents
- 1/17-31 Pre-K Lottery Sign-up @ New Holland
- 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.
- 1/23 Fingerprinting for New Hires SBO Parade Room 10-11
- 1/24 Pay Day
 - Innovation Bus Tour School Visits
- 1/27 District Strategic Plan Dr. Creel's Office Goal 1 8:00
 - District Strategic Plan Dr. Creel's Office Goal 2 9:00
 - District Strategic Plan Dr. Creel's Office Goal 3 10:00
 - District Strategic Plan Initiative Owners SBO Parade Room 11:30-1
- 2/3 Lottery Drawing for Pre-K

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 1/20 District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15
- 1/23 CAA Spelling Bee in Media Center 8:00 am
- 1/24 Grade Level Meetings
- 1/25 Italian Ice \$ Due
 - PLC with Administrators
 - Achievement Team
 - Leadership Meeting 3:00
 - Family Day During WIN
- 1/26 Grade Level PLC's
 - Arts in School Gr. 1 & 4 8:30 am Gr. K & 3 9:25 2 & 5 10:15
- 1/27 Italian Ice Delivered
 - PBIS Reward

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 1/20 District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15
- 1/24 Staff Meeting 3:00 pm
- 1/26 Multiple Intelligence Fair 5:30-7:00

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 1/20 Line the Halls Pep Rally for Reading Bowl 1:50
 - District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15
- 1/23 Joint SGC Meeting**
 - Spelling Bee Den 1-2 pm

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 1/23 Administrative Meeting
- 1/24 Leadership Meeting
 - PBIS Meeting
- 1/25 GANS Meeting
- 1/26 Art Honors Meeting

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

- 1/23 Administrative Meeting 12:30
- 1/24 Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm
- 1/25 PLC Grades K,1, 2 during Planning
- 1/26 PLC Grades 3, 4, 5 during Planning

GMS

- 1/20 District Round Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
 - Grade Level Meetings
 - 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Returns
 - District Reading Bowl @ GHS 4:15
- 1/24 Math & Science Curriculum Night 5-6::30 pm
 - Wrestling Winder @ Home 5:00 pm

GHS

- 1/20 JV Basketball @ Dacula Girls 4:00 pm Boys 5:30
 - Varsity Basketball @ Dacula Girls 7:00 pm Boys 8:30
- 1/21 JV Basketball East Hall @ Home Girls 3:00 Boys 4:30 pm
 - Varsity Basketball East Hall @ Home ALUMNI NIGHT Girls 6:00 Boys 7:30
- 1/24 Administrative Meeting Principal's Conference Room 7:30-8:30 am
 - JV Boys Basketball @ Habersham 4:30 pm
 - JV & Varsity Wrestling Winder @ Home 5:00 pm
- 1/25 Leadership Meeting Principal's Conference Room 3:30-4:30 pm
 - Varsity Basketball @ Habersham Girls 6:00 pm Boys 7:30 pm
- 1/27 & 1/28 Wrestling Traditional Area @ Lanier
- 1/27 JV Basketball @ Lanier Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30
 - Varsity Basketball @ Lanier Girls 7:00 Boys 8:30 pm

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.

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

Lanier High School- Go 985 S. to exit 4. Turn right on Highway 20. Go 1.3 miles. Turn left on Buford Hwy. US 23. Go 1.4 miles. 918 Buford Highway, Sugar Hill, GA will be on your right.

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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 Campus. 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 Dropped to #2 in Latest Poll After Loss to Cedar Shoals

GHS student Rentavious Buffington was elected as a Georgia Thespian State Officer at the annual conference on January 16.

Touchdown Drive to be Renamed Deshaun Watson Drive

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121408/>

Gainesville Schools Focus on Student Achievement

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121393/>

GHS Boys Basketball Beats Apalachee to Remain Unbeaten in Region; Girls Also Win

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/121413/>

State Leaders Try to Stem Tide of Unhappy Teachers Leaving Profession

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121354/>

Local 4 Year Old Invited to Library of Congress After Reading 1000 Books

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