



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

*CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS*

January 6, 2017

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## **ALL SCHOOLS**

1/3-20 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Newly Enrolling City Residents

1/6 Executive Cabinet Meeting Superintendent's Office

1/7 Last Day of Pay Period

1/8 Northeast Georgia History Center Family Day 1-4 (See Below)

1/9 Time Sheets Due

1/10 Report Cards

Community & Parent Advisory Committee @ Panera Bread 8:30-9:30

Community & Parent Advisory Committee @ Panera Bread 12-1

Supportive Culture Work Group SBO Parade Room 2-4:30 pm

1/11 PBIS Team Leaders & Coacher SBO Board Room 3-4

1/12 Counselors & Social Workers SBO Board Room 12-2:45

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 School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00

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

1/20 School of Choice Forms Due Back to Schools

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

## **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

1/10 Report Cards

Grade Level Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee

1/11 PLC with Administration About Math Strategies

Leadership Meeting 3-4

1/12 Grade Level PLC's

Uncle Maddio's Spirit Night

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

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

**ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

**1/10 Report Cards**

**Auxiliary Meeting 3:00 pm**

**FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

1/10 Report Cards

1/13 Honor's Day

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

**GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

1/9 Administrators' Meeting

1/10 Report Cards

ZOOM Meeting for All Teachers w/Sarah Bell

Leadership Meeting

STEAM Meeting

1/13 Brusters

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

**NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY**

1/9 Administrators Meeting 12:30 pm

1/10 Report Cards

Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm

1/11 PLC Grades K,1, 2 during Planning

1/12 PLC Grades 3, 4, 5 during Planning

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

## **GMS**

1/7 GMS Basketball Day @ GHS Games

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball vs. Buford @ GHS Gym Girls 10:00 Boys 11:15

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball vs. Buford @ GHS Gym Girls 12:15 Boys 1:25

1/9 PBIS Monday Morning Drawing

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball @ North Hall Girls 4:30 Boys 5:45

1/10 Report Cards

Professional Learning-Rigorous Learning Experiences During Planning

School Leadership Team Meeting 4:15

1/11 Collaborative Planning During Planning

1/13 Team Reward Day

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

## **GHS**

1/6 & 7 JV & Varsity Wrestling Area Duals @ Home

1/6 JV Basketball @ Dacula Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30

Varsity Basketball @ Dacula Girls 7:00 Boys 8:30

1/7 Swimming Chestatee Invitational @ Frances Meadows 9-11

J V Basketball vs. Habersham @ Home Girls 3:00 Boys 4:30

Varsity Basketball vs. Habersham @ Home Girls 6:00 Boys 7:30

1/9 Theatre Friends Board Meeting Mrs. Ware's Office 4:30-6:00

Thespian Meeting /Scholarship & Audition Workshop 6-7:30 pm

1/10 Report Cards

JV Boys Basketball vs. Lanier @ Home 4:30 pm

Varsity Basketball vs. Lanier @ Home Girls 6:00 pm Boys 7:30 pm

1/11 Swimming Tri-Meet @ Riverside Military Academy

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

### **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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:125years@gcssk12.net). For info: [beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net](mailto: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.)

Northeast Georgia History Center Family Day Sunday, January 8

*Music in the Mountains*

Music in the Mountains - Experience the wonders of Appalachian culture through music. This program will include live performances on the dulcimer, mouth harp, harmonica, and a traditional instrument known simply as "the bones." Join us for an afternoon of living history interpretation, hands on activities, and performances which span the musical history of Northeast Georgia.

Jackson EMC awarded two Gainesville Middle School Teachers a total of \$1,583.78 in Bright Ideas grants. Jim Bradley earned \$843.78 for a green fire design where students will plan and construct a hydro/wing power project to generate hydrogen gas. Sharla Gladden received a \$740 for a dissection lab in her life sciences program.

Just after Christmas break began, the NJROTC Academic Competition Team traveled to Luella High School for an Academic Meet. Over 40 schools participated in this particular competition, and the competition was fierce! Academic Meets have become increasingly difficult as the Meets have grown over the past few years. Gainesville NJROTC has historically never been a contender during these meets, and we did not have a competitive edge. This has changed! I have a passion and heart for this particular event, and so does our new team!

Gainesville NJROTC placed 2nd overall on Saturday, December 17th!! This qualifies the team for the Georgia State NJROTC Academic Championships which will be held this Spring. It represents a new frontier for the program and a major win for our Cadets.

GHS Boys' Basketball is ranked #1 in the current polls.

*Search Intensifies for New Superintendent*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121174/>

*Brett Mercer Takes Over as School Board Chairman*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121178/preview/>

*GHS Dominates East Hall to Win Lanierland Tournament by 50 Points*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/121130/>

*GHS Grad Deshaun Watson Leads Clemson to Victory Over Ohio State in Fiesta Bowl*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/173/article/121148/>

*February Event Will Celebrate GCSS's Anniversary*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121163/>

*Governor's Education Agenda will Shape 2017 Legislature*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121162/>

*School Leaders Look Ahead to 2017*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121126/>

*Gainesville Grad Deshaun Watson May Get Road Named for Him*

[www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121046/](http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/121046/)

*GHS Grad Micah Owings Gets Another Shot at Major Leagues*

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/173/article/120986/>