



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

December 16, 2016

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

12/5-16 HS Milestone Testing

12/16 End of First Semester

December Payday

MIT Class 10 SBO Parade Rood 8:45-10:30 pm

12/19-30 Winter Break Holidays No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

1/2 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students

SPED Training SBO Board Room 8-4:30 pm

School Board Work Session SBO Board Room 6:00 pm

1/3 Second Semester Begins

School Choice Forms Go Home

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

1/9 Time Sheets Due

1/10 Report Cards

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

1/20 School of Choice Forms Due Back to Schools

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

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

12/16 End of Semester

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support) Reward

12/19-30 Winter Break Holidays No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

1/2 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students

1/3 Second Semester Begins

ESOL Planning Day

Faculty Meeting

1/4 PLC with Administration

1/5 Grade Level PLCS

CAA Skate Night @ Skate Country 6:00 pm

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

12/ 16 End of Semester

12/19-30 Winter Break Holidays No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

1/2 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students

1/3 Second Semester Begins

Action Team Meetings 3:00

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

12/ 16 End of Semester

12/19-30 Winter Break Holidays No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

1/2 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students

1/3 Second Semester Begins

1/4 Student Council Meeting 1:00 pm

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

12/ 16 End of Semester

12/19-30 Winter Break Holidays No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

1/2 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students

1/3 Second Semester Begins

Leadership Meeting

Faculty Meeting

1/4 GANS Meeting

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

12/ 16 End of Semester

12/19-30 Winter Break Holidays No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

1/2 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students

1/3 Second Semester Begins

Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm

1/4 PLC Grades K,1, 2 during Planning

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

GMS

12/ 16 End of Semester

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support) Fantastic Friday Celebration
Wrestling MS County Championships @ East Hall 5:30 pm

12/17 8th Grade Basketball @ Banks Co. Girls 10:00 Boys 11:15

12/19-30 Winter Break Holidays No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

12/30 Wrestling Walnut Grove Duals 9:00 am

1/2 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students

PBIS Team Meeting

Professional Development ELA/SS Teachers

1/3 Second Semester Begins

1/4 Collaborative Planning

8th Grade Basketball @ White Co. Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30

7th Grade Basketball White Co. @ Home Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30

1/7 GMS Basketball Day @ GHS Games

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

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

GHS

12/15, 16, 19 Basketball Carrollton Tournament

12/ 16 End of Semester

12/17 Wrestling Big Red Rumble @ Home 9:00 am

2016 Fellowship of Christian Athletes East –West Classic Football

Classic Maginnis Field @ Riverside Military Academy 12:30 pm

12/19-30 Winter Break Holidays No School for Students/Faculty/Staff

12/27 & 28 Wrestling Takedown Sportswear Invitational @ Buford

12/27 Basketball Lanierland Tournament First Round @ North Hall

12/29 Basketball Lanierland Tournament Second Round @ GHS

12/30 Basketball Lanierland Tournament Championship Round @ GHS

Wrestling Walnut Grove Duals 9:00 am

1/2 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students

1/3 Second Semester Begins

JV & Varsity Wrestling @ Dawson Co. 5:00 pm

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

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.

Banks Co. High School- I-85 N. Exit 149. Go left. 441 North. New Intersection (Hwy. 164) Go Left on Historic Homer Highway . Go three miles. On left 1486 A- Historic Homer Highway.

Banks Co. Middle School – Go Jesse Jewell Parkway US 129 N. Go 2.5 miles. Merge onto US 23, GA 369 North. Gainesville Connector. Go 8 miles and turn right onto Lula Road/ GA 52. Go 1.4 miles and turn sharp left onto Old Cornelia Highway/ GA 51. Go 1.1 miles Turn right onto Homer Highway/ GA 51. Continue to follow GA 51. Go 11 miles. Turn right onto Historic Homer Highway/ GA 164/ Main Street. Go 1.0 miles. Turn left onto Thompson St. Go 1.2 miles. 712 Thomson St. is on right.

Buford High School-I-985 South to Exit 8. Turn right at the end of ramp. After turning right, go to the third traffic light, and turn left onto Buford Highway . Just before Buford Highway turns into a four lane, turn right onto Sawnee Ave. - should be a sign saying Buford High School . School is up the hill (about 1/4 mile) on the right. 2750 Sawnee Ave.

Buford Middle School – Go 985 South to the Friendship Road/Exit 8. Go Right. Go Left on Hwy 13. Go 1.6 miles and bear off to the right at Skate Country onto Sawnee Avenue. Go to red light and turn left. Buford Middle School will be on the left across from Buford High School. 2700 Robert Bell Parkway, Buford, GA

Carrollton High School - Go I-985 S. to I-85 S. Go through Atlanta and take I-20 East (to Birmingham). Take exit 24 toward Carrollton/Villa Rica. Turn left onto GA-101 S/GA61 S. Continue to follow GA-61 for 8.7 miles. GA---61 S. becomes Bankhead Highwayo-GA-166 W. Go 2.8 miles. Turn slight left. Turn slight left onto GA-166-W. Go 3.3 miles and take the US 27/GA-16 toward Carrollton/ Lagrange. Go .3 miles and turn right onto S. Park Street/ US-27. Go .8 miles and turn left onto Trojan Drive. 202 Trojan Drive, Carrollton. 105 .95 miles--2 hours driving time

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.

Dawson County High School : Take Highway 53 past 400. Approximately 5 1/2 miles. 2nd red light past 400. Take right onto Perimeter Road . Go to 3rd drive.

East Hall High School - Go Jesse Jewel Parkway . Go under I-985. Road changes into Old Cornelia Highway . School will be approximately 2 miles on your right. Baseball & football fields are approximately on mile down Old Cornelia Highway on the opposite side of the road as the school.

North Hall-Go Highway 60 North to Mt. Vernon Road (Hwy. 283). Turn right. Go approximately 2-3 miles. School will be on left on Mt. Vernon Road. 4885 Mt. Vernon Road, Gainesville, GA

Walnut Grove High School – Go I-985 S. Take exit 4 GA-20. Turn left and go 10.1 miles. Turn right onto GA-124. Go .4 miles and turn left onto GA-20/Ga124. Go 3.8 miles and turn right onto Rosebud Road, SW. Go 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Hwy 78. Turn right onto GA-82. Go 5.7 miles. Turn right onto Guthrie Cemetery Road. School will be on the right. 4863 Guthrie Cemetery Road, Loganville

White Co. High School-Go I-129 N. through Cleveland . Keep straight on 129 N. School will be approximately 3 miles North of the Square.

White Co. Middle School-Go I-129 N. through Cleveland . Take 129 North toward Blairsville. At the traffic light turn left onto Wilford Ash Parkway . Immediately turn right on to Old Blairsville Road. White County Middle School will be on the left. Keep straight on 129 N. School will be approximately 3 miles North of the Square

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 2016 Fellowship of Christian Athletes East –West Classic Football game will be played at 12:30 pm at McGinnis Field at Riverside Military Academy on Dec. 17.

GHS Football Players Who will participate:

Kamden Young
Tyree Robinson
Calvin Murphy
Kris Montague
Josh Harrison
Andy Hayes
Herve Aklotsoe
Brandon Reyna

Mike Malone & Matt Shirley will coach.

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/196/article/120811/>

Crystal Brown will be the first principal for Mundy Mill Academy, which will open its doors as Gainesville City Schools' newest elementary school for the 2017-18 year.

Brown will begin the new job in January, coming from her current role as principal at Benjamin Martin Elementary School in Fayetteville, N.C. She has been principal there since 2006. She has a doctorate in educational administration from N.C. State, a Master of School Administration from Fayetteville State and bachelor's

degree in music from East Carolina, where she was a North Carolina Teaching Fellow. Brown was named the 2013 Cumberland County Schools Principal of the Year.

“Opening a new school is an exciting, yet challenging, endeavor,” Brown said in a news release. “Rest assured that the students of Mundy Mill Academy will have a safe and orderly environment in which to learn, qualified and caring teachers, and will be provided opportunities to grow academically, emotionally and socially.”

GHS Girls Basketball Beats St. Pius 56-53

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/120836/>

GHS Grad Deshaun Watson Places Second in Heisman

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/173/article/120783/>

GHS Grad Jim Mathis is Leaving Behind a Great Legacy

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/120810/>

GHS Teacher of Year Whitney McPhearson

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/120734/>

Test Scores Go Up in Some City Schools

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/120752/>

GHS Girls & Boys Basketball Tops Brookwood in Valhalla Classic

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/120784/>