



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 122 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

October 30, 2015

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.



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ALL SCHOOLS

10/19-11/6 Open Enrollment for All Employees
11/1 Macy's Mall of Georgia Teacher Appreciation Night 6-9 pm
11/2 School Board Work Session SBO Board Room 6:00 pm
11/4 Statewide Tornado Drill 9:00 am
11/7 Last Day of Pay Period
11/9 Time Sheets Due to Central Office
11/10 Progress Reports
11/10 Strategic Planning Meeting 9:30-11:30

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

10/30 FalCan Food Drive Ends
11/3 Open Enrollment Assistance w/S. McElroy
11/3 Faculty Meeting 3:00
11/4 Statewide Tornado Drill 9:00 am
11/4 Planning With Administration
11/5 Grade Level Collaborative Planning
11/5 Skate Country Night 6-8 pm

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

11/3 School Based Professional Learning Communities 3:15-4:15
11/4 Statewide Tornado Drill 9:00 am
11/4 Make-up Picture Day
11/4 Student Council Meeting Den 1:00 pm
11/5 Induction Team Zoon Conference 4:00 & 4:30

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

10/26-30 Support United Way Jeans Week \$25.00
11/3 Faculty Meeting Media Center 3:00
11/4 PLC Meetings K, 1st, 2ND
11/4 Statewide Tornado Drill 9:00 am
11/5 PLC Meetings 3rd, 4th, 5th

GMS

Now through 10/31 FalCan Canned Food Drive
11/3 Wrestling vs. East Hall & Chestatee @ East Hall MS 5:00 pm
11/4 Statewide Tornado Drill 9:00 am

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

10/30 4th Grade Student Council Meeting 7:45 am
10/30 5th Grade Student Council Meeting 10:15
11/2 2nd Grade Level Planning
11/2 FLL Practice 2:20-3:30
11/2 Red Elephant Runners 3-4
11/2 SPED Team Planning 3:00 pm
11/3 1st Grade Level Planning 12:00 Noon
11/3 Action Team Meeting 3:00
11/4 Statewide Tornado Drill 9:00 am
11/4 PLC Meetings
11/4 FLL Practice During School 1:30
11/4 Red Elephant Runners 3:00
11/4 5th Grade ELA/SS Grade Level Planning 3:00
11/4 K& 3rd Grade Level Planning 3:00
11/5 Teacher Supply Delivery from Amerigroup 3:00
11/5 5th Grade Writing/Math/Science Grade Level Planning 7:50
11/5 4th Grade Level Planning 8:40
11/5 Induction Team 4:00
11/5 Skate Country Night 6-8 pm
11/6 4th Grade Student Council Meeting 7:45
11/6 5th Grade Student Council Meeting 10:15

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

9/14-10/31 FalCan Canned Food Drive
Every Wednesday & Thursday Math Facts Assessment
Every Week Until Thanksgiving
10/26-30 United Way Jeans Week
10/26-30 Red Ribbon Week
11/2 Elachee for 2nd Grade-Lessons from the Cherokee
11/2 Exercise Club 7-7:30 am
11/2 Elephant Dispatch 3-4
11/2 Ballet Basics 3-4
11/3 Faculty Meeting
11/4 Exercise Club 7-7:30 am
11/4 Advance 7 Presentation by Officer Carter
11/4 Statewide Tornado Drill 9:00 am
11/4 Girls Soccer Club 3-4:30
11/4 Robotics Club 3-4
11/5 Ameri-Group Brings School Supplies to GEA
11/5 Advance 7 Presentation by Officer Carter
11/5 Cooking Club Grades 1-2 2:50-4:00
11/5 Boys Soccer Club 3-5:30
11/5 Art Honors Class 3-4
11/6 Community Helpers Day

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GHS

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10/29-11/1 Pajama Game Choreography
10/30 Last Day to Get Yearbooks for \$65.00
10/30 Varsity Football @ Loganville 7:30 pm
10/31 Cross Country 8AAAAA Championships Georgia International Horse Park Conyers 8:00 am
11/2 Theatre Friends Board Meeting 4:30
11/2 Theatre Friends Meeting 6-7:30 pm
11/4 Statewide Tornado Drill 9:00 am
11/6 Varsity Football Flowery Branch (Senior Night) @ Bobby Gruhn Field 7:30 pm
11/7 Cross Country AAAAA State Championships Carrollton High School, Carrollton, GA
11/7 Band Fundraiser Mattress Sale GHS Cafeteria 10-5 (See Below)
11/12 Big Red Blood Drive to Honor Veterans GHS Atrium 8-4

DIRECTIONS TO:

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.nordholz@gcssk12.net so corrections can be made.

Loganville Football Stadium- Go 985 South 16.3 miles. Take exit 4. Turn left at light on Buford Drive, NE. Go 9.7 miles. Buford Drive becomes Jackson Street, SW. Turn right onto Scenic Highway, SW GA-124 W. Turn left onto GA 20/GA124. Go 9.3 miles. Stay straight to go onto Lawrenceville Highway/GA 81. Turn left onto US 78/Atlanta Highway. Go .4 miles and turn sharp left onto Lee Byrd Road. Take the 1st right onto Old Zion Cemetery Road.

Georgia International Horse Park- Go 985 S. to I-85 S. Take Exit 95A to I285 Bypass. Go 12.1 miles and merge onto I20 East. Take Exit 82 off Interstate 20 in Conyers. Travel North approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Centennial Olympic Parkway. The main entrance to the Park is 2 miles ahead on the right. 1996 Centennial Olympic Parkway, Conyers, GA 30013

OTHER INFO:

Mr. Tom Smith, principal of Gainesville High School, would like to invite parents and community members to Coffee with the Principal. This opportunity will give us a chance to discuss the 2015-2016 theme of; At GHS ... We S.T.O.M.P. which is the acronym for Strategically Taking Ownership in Making Progress. Additionally, "Branding" Gainesville High School will be discussed. Mr. Smith will host the following four dates:

Tuesday, November 10, 5:00 PM - Media Center @ GHS
Wednesday, November 11, 9:00 AM - Media Center @ GHS
Tuesday, February 9, 5:00 PM - Media Center @ GHS
Wednesday, February 10, 9:00 AM - Media Center @ GHS

"Gainesville's Got Talent" is Tuesday, November 10th 7 pm in the PAC. Tickets are \$3 in advance from any Crimson Chorus student, \$5 at the door.

5th Grade Honor Chorus will be Thursday, November 12th at Pearce Auditorium, Brenau University 5 pm. Free Admission

Fair Street will be having a Yard Sale on November 14th from 8-1 to raise money for the fifth grade field trip to Tybee. You can donate gently used household items and clothing to the sale. Please contact Kim Davis (kim.davis@gcssk12.net) or Tracy Troutman (tracy.troutman@gcssk12.net) for more information.

Enota ornament features our very own Enota Elementary, established in 1954. In honor of our 60 years as an educational pillar of the Gainesville City Schools, this one of a kind ornament is in limited production and is available at a cost of \$20.00. Sale Price: \$15 each OR 2 for \$25. Ornaments can be purchased during the school day from the Enota front office. 770-532-7711

Signings will start at 8:00 AM and will be held in the PAC. Please note this is a time and location change from our normal. 11:30 AM/Atrium arrangement.

Gainesville High School Signees:

Spencer Ralston, Golf - University of Georgia
Demarcus Simonds, Basketball - Georgia State University
Jonathan Gettys, Baseball - Louisiana State University

The next signing day ceremony will be football - Wednesday, February 3.

Please Help the Gainesville HS Band!!!The Annual Mattress Sale Fundraiser is Saturday November 7th from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm in the Gainesville High School Cafeteria.

Simmons Beautyrest and other name brand mattress sets will be sold at 30-50% below retail prices. One of the manufacturers has won the Consumer Digest Best Buy Award and Women's Choice Award for the fourth consecutive year. These are all top quality made in USA mattresses with full factory warranties. Full showroom with 23 sets to try out in all types and sizes as well as adjustable bed bases and pillows. Firm, plush, pillow top and memory foam sets at savings up to 50%! Prices start at \$149.00. Proceeds go directly to help the Band students!

Bring this newsletter to receive an additional \$50 off any set!!!!

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/622858247855833>

Senior recognition ads are located at [big red yearbook.com](http://bigredyearbook.com). Deadline is November 13.

GHS seniors should pick up their senior ad form to be placed in the 2016 yearbook in Room 16 of CTAE building or online at www.bigredyearbook.com.

Yearbook Information

Yearbooks \$70 - thru February 1

Yearbooks \$80 - thru End of School Year

Yearbooks \$85 - Distribution Day

Open enrollment for employees will be October 19 through November 6, 2015. Employees will be receiving e-mails from Sherry McElroy with plans, rates, location schedules, and instructions in the upcoming weeks. Please read any material that is emailed to you so you will be ready to enroll in your 2016 benefits when the time arrives.

All GCSS employees are invited to the Macy's at the Mall of Georgia for Macy's Teacher Appreciation Night on Sunday, Nov. 1 from 6-9 pm. Refreshments will be provided and there will be raffles throughout the evening.

AP History Boston Trip Payment Schedule

Nov. 9

Dec. 9 .

Center point mentor training schedule

SPOUT SPRINGS LIBRARY

December 9th at (10 AM)

January 27th at (12 PM)

February 23rd at (12 PM)

HALL COUNTY LIBRARY (GAINESVILLE)

November 12th (6 PM)

February 18th at (6 PM)

MURRAYVILLE LIBRARY

January 7th (12 PM)

Benji Wood and the boys basketball team participated in the 4th Annual Kickin Cancer Fun Run to support cancer research through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and C.U.R.E.

Congratulate the following 5 young ladies for acceptance in the annual WADE- Women's Art and Design Exhibition and scholarship competition at Brenau University. The call for art was statewide and these students were selected from a panel of university jurors. Artwork will be on display at the Castelli Gallery in the John S. Burd Center for the Performing Arts at 429 Academy Street on the Brenau campus from November 1-14th 2015.

Kimberly Gallardo- Artwork: "Grey Inside Bright Outside". Alexis Saladin- Artwork: "Palmystery". Sophie Goode- Artwork: "500 Miles". Madeline Robinson- Artwork: "Pensive". Yasmin Rebollar- Artwork: "Land to Nowhere & Beyond the Sky"

Gainesville High School Theatre Department's one act performance of SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER earned third place in the 8 AAAAA regional One Act competition on Oct. 25th. Ramiro Salinas, Sam Terray and Carlee Cosper were named to the region's All Star Cast.

GMS Student Anna Mitchell Ralston Wins National Twirling Contest

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/199/article/113030/>

With a New Heart and Cancer-Free, GHS Grad Shaw Carter Has Gone From Patient to Mentor

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/199/article/112959/>

GHS Navy ROTC Commended at Review

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/112999/>

GHS Grad Deshaun Watson Runs for 98 Yards and a Touchdown and Passes for 143 Yards and a Touchdown in Clemson's 58-0 Win Over Miami

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/173/article/113001/>

GHS Football Bounces Back for a 46-18 Win Over Cedar Shoals

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/196/article/112980/>

Football Preview Week 9

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/196/article/112949/>