



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

January 11, 2019

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

- 1/8-22 Current Non-Resident Applications Accepted
 - Kindergarten, Non-Resident Applications Accepted
 - Choice Enrollment Period for Elementary Schools
- 1/8-23 Pre-K Lottery Sign-ups
- 1/11 Cabinet Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12
- 1/15 Report Cards Go Home
- 1/17 Wraparound #1 Behavioral Health SBO Board Room 8:30-11:30
 - District Parent Coordinator's Meeting 9-11
 - Cyber Safety Meeting SBO Board Room 11:30-4:30
- 1/18 Nutrition *Squash It Day* @ GHS During Lunches
- 1/21 MLK Holiday No School for Students /Faculty/ Staff
- 1/22 Regular School Board Meeting School Board Office 6:00 pm
- 1/24 Pre-K Lottery Drawing

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 1/11 GTA *Dragon Flights* Arts in Schools PK/K
- 1/14 GTA *Dragon Flights* Arts in Schools PK/K
- 1/15 Letters of Intent Due
 - Support Committees
 - Report Cards Go Home
- 1/16 PLC w/Administration
 - Governance Council Meeting 3:00 pm
- 1/21 MLK Holiday No School for Students /Faculty/ Staff

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 1/15 Report Cards Go Home
- 1/17 School Governance Council Meeting 4:00 pm
- 1/21 MLK Holiday No School for Students /Faculty/ Staff

FAIR STREET

- 1/14 GKIDS Mid-Year Checkpoint
- 1/15 Report Cards Go Home
- 1/16 Literacy PLC
 - Access Window Open
- 1/18 Honors Day
- 1/21 MLK Holiday No School for Students /Faculty/ Staff

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

1/15 Report Cards Go Home

1/21 MLK Holiday No School for Students /Faculty/ Staff

MUNDY MILL

1/11 Blue Pop Day

1/15 Report Cards Go Home

1/16 SGC 12:00 Noon

1/18 Awards Day 2nd & 3rd Grades 8:15-9:15 K-1st 9:15-10:15 4th & 5th Grades 10:15-11:15

1/21 MLK Holiday No School for Students /Faculty/ Staff

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1/21 MLK Holiday No School for Students /Faculty/ Staff

GMS

1/11 Girls Basketball vs. Jefferson @ Home 5:00 pm

Boys Basketball @ Jefferson 5:00 pm

1/14 Girls Basketball vs. Buford @ Home 5:30 pm

Boys Basketball @ Buford 5:30

1/15 Report Cards Go Home

1/17 GHS Visits 8th Grade 10:35-12:30

1/18 Girls Basketball @ St. Pius 5:30

1/21 MLK Holiday No School for Students /Faculty/ Staff

GHS

1/11 Club Picture Day

Wrestling Area Duals @ Habersham

JV Basketball @ Winder-Barrow Girls 4:00 pm Boys 5:30 pm

Varsity Basketball @ Winder-Barrow Girls 7:00 pm Boys 8:30 pm

1/12 Swimming Last Chance Invitational Co-Hosted by GHS/Cherokee Bluff @
Frances Meadows

1/14 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10:00

1/15 Report Cards Go Home

JV Basketball @ Lanier Girls 4:30 pm

Varsity Basketball @ Lanier Girls 6:00 Boys 7:30

1/17 -18-19 Wrestling State Duals

1/17 GHS Visits 8th Grade 10:35-12::30

1/18 Nutrition *Squash It Day* @ GHS During Lunches

JV Basketball vs. Habersham Girls 4:00 Boys 5:30 pm

Varsity Basketball vs. Habersham Girls 7:00 Boys 8:30 pm

1/19 Hall County Swimming Championships @ Frances Meadows

1/21 MLK Holiday No School for Students /Faculty/ Staff

DIRECTIONS TO SCHOOLS:

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction on 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

St. Pius High School – Take I-985 S. to I-85 S. Go 19.6 miles. Take exit 93 toward Shallowford Rd/Doraville. Merge onto I-85 Frontage Rd/Northeast Expressway. Turn right at Plaster Road. Take the 1st right onto Johnson Road, N.E. School will be on right. 2674 Johnson Road, N.E. Atlanta 30341

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

Gainesville City Schools is pleased to offer school choice enrollment for the upcoming school year. We have established elementary zone clusters in order to improve our transportation services. Gainesville City Schools will provide transportation services within your assigned cluster ONLY. The Gainesville City Schools Board of Education reserves the right to establish enrollment limits in all grades, classes, and/or programs. Therefore, there must be spaces available within the established cap amount for each grade level. Priority for classroom space will be provided to all City of Gainesville resident students first.

Pre-K Lottery Sign Up and Lottery drawing for 2019-2020 (CITY RESIDENTS)

Please sign up for the Pre-K Lottery on **January 7 - 23, 2019** at the School Board Office located at 508 Oak Street Gainesville, GA. **The lottery drawing for all Pre-K enrollments will take place on January 24, 2019.**

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2019-20

Parents/Guardians should register rising kindergarten students at the **elementary school** they would like their child to attend for the upcoming 2019-20 school year on January 8 – January 22, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Parents should bring the following documents: birth certificate, immunization form #3231, ears, eyes and dental certificate #3300, social security card (if available), and 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), and photo ID of parent/guardian.

Centennial Arts Academy 852 Century Place 770 287- 2044

Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy 852 Century Place 770 532- 7711

Fair Street IB Academy 695 Fair Street 770 536- 5295

Gainesville Exploration Academy 1145 McEver Road 770 287- 1223

New Holland Knowledge Academy 170 Barn Street 770 287- 1095

Mundy Mill Academy 4260 Millside Pkwy 770 287-2016

Currently Enrolled City Residents in Grades PK-4

Choice Enrollment forms will come home with currently enrolled pre-kindergarten through 4th grade students on January 7, 2019. Information about your child's assigned cluster will be printed on the letter. Parents should complete and return choice enrollment forms to the schools by January 22, 2019. **Students who are currently enrolled in Gainesville City Schools' Pre-K programs should attach 2 updated proofs of residency to the school choice form.**

Newly Enrolling City Resident Students in Grades 1-11

Newly enrolling city residents should register at the School Board Office located @ 508 Oak Street from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM from January 8- 22, 2019 in order to participate in Choice Enrollment. Parents should bring the following documents: birth certificate, immunization form #3231, ears, eyes and dental certificate #3300, social security card, school transcripts/records, 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), and photo ID of parent/guardian.

Newly Enrolling Non Residents for 2019-2020

Newly enrolling non-residents for the upcoming 2019-20 school year should complete the Non-resident application at the Gainesville City School System School Board Office located at 508 Oak Street beginning January 8 – 22, 2019 from 8:00 AM –4:00 PM. Parents should bring the following documents: School transcript for high school aged students, Current report card for elementary or middle school aged students, Attendance and Behavior Records.

Acceptance or denial letters will be mailed on January 30, 2019.

For the month of January 2019, the pay date is January 24, 2019. The payroll dates are December 2, 2018 till January 5, 2019. Everything will be due on January 7, 2019.

GRASP after school tutoring helps high school students with academic subject support and testing make-ups. GRASP After School tutoring at GHS for spring starts on January 14th in the GHS Media Center. For questions, please contact your student's counselor or Mrs. Natalie Smith at natalie.smith@gcssk12.net.

Fair Street will be hosting a series of parenting classes on the first Monday of each month They will be presented by Dr. Hall and Mrs. Hernandez. Times are 9-10 am and 3-4 pm.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting
Feb. 4 Listening and Talking to Your Child
Mar. 4 Helping Children Cooperate
April 8 Discipline That Makes Sense
May 6 Choosing Your Approach

GHS French Teacher, Mme. Finelli will be leading a tour of Paris, the Loire Valley, Brittany and Normandy from March 28 - April 6, 2019. More information can be found on the website www.explorica.com/Finelli-8717 , stacy.finelli@gcssk12.net) , and the Facebook page @GoBigRedFrench.and on the Facebook page Go Big Red French 2019 Spring Break in France. Sign up by the end of March for the best price. This is for all GHS students, faculty and staff who would like to visit France. You do not have to be enrolled in French to go on the trip and parents and staff are welcome as well. Here is the link to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GoBigRedFrench/>

Join the folks at Center Point for the next in the Not My Family Forum Series

Thursday, January 24, 2019 | 6 -7:30 PM

First Baptist Church Banquet Hall

751 Green Street | Gainesville, GA 30501

Featured speakers are Anne Marie McKenzie-Brown, MD, associate professor of anesthesiology at Emory University School of Medicine and Anastasia Bean, LPC, NCC, Connections Behavioral Health & Complex Pain Recovery.

The GHS Boys Basketball Team won the Lanierland Basketball Tournament by beating Cherokee Bluff 76-62, Lakeview 62-61 and East Hall 70-62. This was the third year in a row that our boys have won.

The Girls Team finished third at Lanierland by beating East Hall 70-62 and Chestatee 55-50.

In other games over the holidays, the boys team beat Habersham 91-47 and Dacula 61-59 and are 2-0 in the region. The girls team beatt Habersham.

Congratulations to Rafael Rubel for being named the 2018 Lanierland Most Valuable Player and to Maurice Hector for being named to the All-Tournament Team. For the girls, Tia Shelton was named to the All-Tournament Team. Special recognition goes to Tija Blackwell and Tia Shelton for both scoring their 1000 career points.

Congratulations to the GHS Digital Media and Film students (AV Tech) for being a FINALIST in the International 100-Hr Film Race! With more than 75 submissions worldwide, our students participated in the annual international competition in which film makers from around the world are challenged to create an entire film using a surprise theme, prop, and action provided at the beginning of the competition. What a great experience for our students as they created a story, wrote the script, and then shot, edited, and uploaded the film...all under 100 hours! Please join me in congratulating Dr. Miller and his students as we keep our fingers crossed about the finals on March 13.

New GHS Boys Basketball Coach Chuck Graham Has Boys Team on a Roll

<http://accesswdun.com/article/2019/1/750843/qa-with-chuck-graham>

GHS Girls Basketball Wins Over Apalachee

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-girls-turn-pressure-late-pull-away-apalachee-63-49-region-win/>

What Educators Are Saying About a Later Start Date

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/what-educators-are-saying-about-push-schools-have-later-start-dates/>