



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

October 19, 2018

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

- 10/1-31 United Way Campaign
- 10/15-11/2 Open Enrollment for Insurance
- 10/15-19 School Lunch Week
- 10/22 ESOL Coach's Meeting SBO Board Room 10:30-12
- 10/23 Report Cards Go Home
 - Secondary & Elementary Programs & Services SBO Board Room 8:30-11:30
 - Zoom w/ Dr. Walpole SBO Parade Room 11:30-12:30
- 10/24 Open Enrollment Meeting for M & T SBO Board Room 8:30 - 12
 - ESPLOST Listening Session Fair Street Neighborhood Center 10:00 a.m.
 - SPED Interrelated Teachers SBO Board Room 1-4
- 10/26 Cabinet Meeting SBO Board Room 8:30-12
 - Food Service "Kickin" Kale Try Day During Lunches @ Fair Street
- 10/29- 11/2 Jean Week for United Way Contribution

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 10/23 Grade Level Meetings
 - Report Cards Go Home
- 10/24 PLC w/Administration
 - Leadership 3:00 pm
- 10/25 ESOL Team Meeting 2:30 pm

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 10/23 Report Cards Go Home

FAIR STREET

- 10/23 Report Cards Go Home
 - Other Content Area PLC
- 10/24 1st Grade Field Trip to Aquarium
- 10/25 Curriculum Associated Delivering iReady PD to K-5 Den 8-3
- 10/26 Food Service "Kickin" Kale Try Day During Lunches

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 10/23 Report Cards Go Home
- 10/31 GEA Annual Faculty Costume Contest 7:30-Noon

MUNDY MILL

- 10/19 Pre-K Celebrates the 50's 9:30-10:30
 - Blue Pops Delivered
- 10/22-26 Red Ribbon Spirit Week
- 10/22 Faculty Fall Trivia 31 Questions Community Room 3-4 pm

- 10/23 Report Cards Go Home
1st /grade Field Trip to Chestate Wildlife Preserve
10/24 *Sticker Your Teacher* for United Way 8-9
Kindergarten Field Trip to Warbington Farms
10/25 Student Council Meeting PLC Room 1:30
10/26 Awards Assembly Grade 3-5 8:15-9:15 Grades K-2 9:15-10:15
K-2 Club Day 1:15-2:30

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 10/19 Governance Council Meeting 7:45 am
4th Grade Field Trip to Elachee
Pre-K Field Trip to Warbington Farms
10/23 5th Grade 4-H Field Trip to Tadmore Elementary for Project Awareness Contest
Report Cards Go Home

GMS

- 10/3-26 Chorus Sock Fundraiser
10/20 Football vs. Blessed Trinity @ Home 11:00 am

GHS

- 10/15-19 Pink-out Week
10/19 Varsity Football (Senior Night) vs. Winder –Barrow @ Home 7:30 pm
10/20 Volleyball First Round of State vs. Douglas County @ Allatoona 11 am
Volleyball Second Round of State @ Allatoona 6:00 pm
10/22 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10-11
Probe Fair New Gym 6:00-8:00 pm
10/23 Miss GHS Pageant Pam Ware PAC 7:00 pm
10/24 Volleyball State Tournament Quarterfinals
10/25 Cross Country Region 8-AAAAAA Championships
10/26 Varsity Football @ Apalachee 7:30 pm
10/27 College Fair 9-12 Noon

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.

Allatoona High School- Go I-985 South to I-85 South to I-285 West in Atlanta. Take I-75 North to the Glade Road exit (#278) and turn left. Go to Highway 92 south and turn right. Travel approximately 4 miles to Highway 41 north and turn right. After you cross over the lake, turn left at the next light-Highway 92 south/Callas Acworth Highway. Travel 1.5 miles to Allatoona High School on the left.

Apalachee High School : Highway 53 thru Winder. At McDonalds, go straight. This road becomes Hwy. 81. Follow 81 across Hwy 316 (BP station on left). Follow the highway until the 1st stop sign & turn right onto Carl-Bethlehem Road . Go 1/4 mile and take 1st left onto Haymon-Morris Road . Go 1 1/4 mile. Apalachee High School is on the left. 1st drive is for sports activities.

Gainesville High School will be hosting a College Fair featuring Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) on Saturday, October 27 from 9 am - 12 noon Students and parents will have the opportunity to talk to college representatives as well as receive information about financial assistance and scholarship opportunities. The college fair is open to all Gainesville and Hall County students.

For the month of OCTOBER 2018, payroll will be on October 31, 2018 in time to buy your Halloween candy. The payroll dates are September 9 through October 6, 2018.

The GMS Chorus will be selling socks as a fundraiser Sale from Oct 3rd- Oct 26th. \$16 a pair all sizes. They will have the GHS logo . For additional information, e-mail dory.moore@gcssk12.net.

The GCSS United Way campaign begins on October 1st through October 31st. Donations in any amount are welcome. **A district-wide JEAN WEEK is designated during the week of October 29th - November 2nd for employees who contribute \$24 or more.** Jean Week passes will be distributed by your school's (or department's) United Way coordinators **Also, this year, candy bars will be given to all employees who donate. (We ask that you contribute at least \$1 per pay period or a one-time payment of \$12 to help us achieve our goal.) Employees are also encouraged to donate 10% more than you donated last year to be a part of United Way's 10% Giving Club.**

Open Enrollment time for GCSS employees is here. **Dates are from October 15 till November 2, 2018.**

Gainesville City School System will host ESPLOST Listening Sessions for the public. District personnel will discuss previous projects and the district's financial responsibility and will answer questions related to overcrowding and the future growth of the school district. Feedback from the community will help guide the future of our school system. Parents and guardians are invited to attend a session located in your school cluster on:

October 24, 2018 - Fair Street Neighborhood Center 715 Fair Street, 10:00 a.m. ·

October 30, 2018 - Gainesville High School (830 Century Place, 6:00 p.m)

The GHS Fall Sports program contains pictures and rosters from Varsity, JV and GMS Football, Spirit Cheerleading, JV Cheerleading, Competition Cheer, Fastpitch Softball, Varsity, JV and GMS Volleyball and Cross-Country. The Big Red Machine and ROTC are also featured in this year's book, not to mention ads from businesses who support BIG RED. Books cost \$5 and are available at City Park or at Volleyball and Softball games. For more information, contact Kim Davis at bigredelephantads@gmail.com."

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 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. \$200 coupon code (Finelli2019) that is good until October 2 and then the price will go up.. Here is the link to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GoBigRedFrench/>

Gainesville High School Athletic Director Adam Lindsey is pleased to announce that starting in 2019, the Gainesville City School System will begin honoring both individual and team athletic achievements, along with long-standing traditions, by introducing a Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame, and inducting an inaugural class.

The designed intention of the Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame is to further accentuate the outstanding contributions of the many gifted and dedicated athletes and teams not just from Gainesville High, but also the former E.E. Butler and Fair Street high schools, while aiding in the support and constant growth of athletics in the City of Gainesville.

Nominations to the Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame must be submitted in writing and received by January 1. A standard form established by the Hall of Fame Committee will be used in all nominations and can be found at www.gainesvilleredelephantathletics.com..

Nominations are being accepted.

Any former student who participated in at least one year of varsity competition, and graduated from a Gainesville City high school no fewer than 10 years ago, is eligible to be selected into the Hall of Fame. All athletes considered must have made significant contributions while representing their school in varsity competition

A second category will allow for the election of an individual who has given outstanding service to athletics in Gainesville. A third category will be for individual teams that have achieved and performed at the highest level of competition.

Each inductee class will be comprised of one team, an athlete that graduated in the last 10-25 years, an athlete that graduated in the last 26-50 years, an athlete that graduated in the last 50 or more years, and an athletic supporter (i.e. coaching staff or administrative staff, media member, supporters or sponsors, volunteers, etc.).

The inaugural class, however, will hold eight inductees (two from each category listed above except for team and athletic supporter), with five members being inducted in each class that follows. Each inductee's likeness will be immortalized on a plaque permanently displayed at Gainesville High School. Further efforts will be made to include additional memorabilia belonging to the members of the Hall of Fame.

A committee comprised of eight members will govern the Hall of Fame and be responsible for the selection of inductees. The Gainesville City School System Superintendent, Athletic Director, and Gainesville Athletic Club President will be permanent fixtures on the Hall of Fame committee, with the other five members serving three-year terms. The first committee includes:

GCSS Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Williams

GHS Athletic Director Adam Lindsey

GAC President Kris Nordholz

GHS faculty representatives Wayne Vickery & Katie B. Davis

GHS alumni appointees Jerome Yarborough & Wesley Martin

GHS coaching staff member Kendall Gruhn.

For more information on the Gainesville Athletics Hall of Fame, including by-laws and nomination information log on to the Gainesville City School's athletic website:

www.gainesvilleredephantathletics.com. Under the "MORE" tab

The GHS Big Red Machine competed over the weekend and received Superior ratings in all areas (Drum Majors, Color Guard, Majorette, Percussion, and Overall Band). The Drum Majors and Majorettes received 1st Place in Open Class and Best in the Gold Division.

LAST WEEK SPORTS

Cross Country

The GMS Boys Cross Country team finished 1st in the Georgia Middle School State Cross Country Championships at the Large Level

Varsity Results from the Pickens Invitational:

Boys Finished 5th out of 25 schools.

Miguel Lopez finished 4th overall.

Girls were 7th out of 23 schools

Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team competed in the 8-6A Region Tournament finishing 3rd. In the Region Tournament they beat Dacula 2-0, Habersham 2-1, and Dacula again 2-1.

Competition Cheerleading

The GMS Competition Cheer Squad finished in 3rd place at their competition increasing their score by over 40 points.

GHS Volleyball On To State as 3rd Seed

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-volleyball-scoreboard-gainesville-eyes-playoffs-after-finishing-third-area-tournament>

School Safety Demands Balance Between Overreaction, Protection

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/local-schools-find-social-media-can-be-help-and-hindrance-when-potential-safety-threats-arise/>

School Tax Change Could Benefit Schools

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/how-sales-tax-change-could-help-gainesville-hall-school-systems/>

Early Reading Skills Are Vital for Child's Success

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/opinion/letter-early-reading-skills-are-vital-lift-children-better-future/>