



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

November 2, 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

- 10/15-11/2 Open Enrollment for Insurance
- 11/2 End of Open Enrollment
- 11/3 Last Day of Pay Period
 - Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set Your Clocks Back an Hour.
- 11/5 Time Sheets Due to Central Office
 - School Board Work Session & Regular Meeting SBO Board Room 6:00 pm
- 11/6 Professional Services #1 SBO Board Room 8:30-12
- 11/7 School Nutrition Screen Reader Support SBO Parade Room 8:45-11
- 11/8 5th Grade Honor Chorus Brenau University 8-5
 - Hall County Family Connection SBO Board Room 11:30-1:30
 - 5th Grade Honor Chorus Pearce Auditorium Free 5:00 pm
- 11/9 9th Super Sweet Potato Day @ Centennial @ Lunchtime

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 10/29 - 11/2 - United Way Jeans Week for staff 10/30 - Faculty Meeting
- 11/6 Faculty Meeting
 - 5th Grade (1/2) Trip to Elachee
- 11/7 PLC w/Administration
 - MTSS (RTI) Data
 - 5th Grade(1/2) Trip to Elachee
- 11/8 5th Grade Honor Chorus Brenau University 8-5
 - 5th Grade Honor Chorus Pearce Auditorium Free 5:00 pm
 - Skate Country 6:00 pm
- 11/9 9th Super Sweet Potato Day @ Lunchtime

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 10/29 - 11/2 - United Way Jeans Week for Staff
- 11/7 Leadership Meeting 2:45 pm
- 11/8 5th Grade Honor Chorus Brenau University 8-5
 - 5th Grade Honor Chorus Pearce Auditorium Free 5:00 pm

FAIR STREET

- 10/29 - 11/2 - United Way Jeans Week for Staff
- 11/8 5th Grade Honor Chorus Brenau University 8-5
 - 5th Grade Honor Chorus Pearce Auditorium Free 5:00 pm

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 10/29 - 11/2 - United Way Jeans Week for Staff
- 11/1-13 Doughnut Sale
- 11/2 PBL (Project Based Learning)
- 11-6 . Elachee presents Cherokee Life to 2nd Grade (Media Center)
- 11/7 1st Grade Field Trip to Chestatee Wildlife Preserve

11/8 5th Grade Honor Chorus Brenau University 8-5
5th Grade Honor Chorus Pearce Auditorium Free 5:00 pm
Parent Camp 6:00 Math
11/9 . Brusters

MUNDY MILL

10/29 - 11/2 - United Way Jeans Week for Staff
United Way 8-9
P.T.A. Meeting 6:00
11/2 - Careers on Wheels event for students
11/5 Ms. Smith's Field Trip to Humane Society
PBIS Team Meeting 3-4
11/6 Fall Pictures Make-Up Day
Faculty Meeting 2:55-3:45 pm
11/7 Blue Pop Money Due
11/8 5th Grade Honor Chorus Brenau University 8-5
5th Grade Honor Chorus Pearce Auditorium Free 5:00 pm
11/9 Literacy Help Session for Parents 8-9 am
Blue Pops Delivered 1-2

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

10/29 - 11/2 - United Way Jeans Week for Staff
11/8 5th Grade Honor Chorus Brenau University 8-5
5th Grade Honor Chorus Pearce Auditorium Free 5:00 pm

GMS

10/29 - 11/2 - United Way Jeans Week for Staff
11/6 Boys Basketball @ Otwell Middle School 5:00 pm
Girls Basketball vs. Otwell Middle School @ Home 5:00 pm
11/8 Girls Basketball @ Lumpkin County 4:30 pm
Boys Basketball vs. Lumpkin County @ Home 4:30 pm
11/9 Girls Basketball vs. White County @ Home 4:30 pm
Boys Basketball @ White County 4:30 pm
11/10 Wrestling Burnt Mountain Classic

GHS

10/29 - 11/2 - United Way Jeans Week for Staff
11/2 & 3 State Cross Country @ Carrollton
11/2 Varsity Football @ Lanier 7:00 pm
11/3 Varsity Competition Cheerleading Region Competition @ Dawson Co. 1:30 pm
SAT 3rd Floor 8:00 am

11/5 Administrative Team Meeting Principals Conference Room 10:00 am
11/7 Varsity Swimming Riverside Invitational 4:00 pm
11/9 Deadline for Senior Ads for Yearbook (See Below)
 First Round of State Football Tournament
11/10 Swimming Fall Frenzy @ Frances Meadows Hosted by Cherokee Bluff 8:00
 Varsity Wrestling River Ridge Duals 8:00 am
 JV Wrestling Lumpkin JV Invitational 8:00 am
 Basketball Scrimmage @ W. Forsyth Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm

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.

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 Highway-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.

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.

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.

Lumpkin Co. High School-Take Highway 60 N. to Dahlonega. In Dahlonega, go part of way around Square. Take Highway 19 North. School will be approximately 1 mile on left past middle school on right.

Lumpkin Co. Middle School – Go Highway 60 North 20.1 miles. Turn slight right on US 19. Turn left onto US. 19 – Grove St. Go .9 miles. Turn right onto School Drive. 44 School Street.

Otwell Middle School-Go Brown's Bridge Road-Highway 369 12.6 miles. Turn left onto Keith Bridge Road GA 302. Bear left onto GA 9-306. Go 2.2 miles and turn right onto GA 306/Sawnee Drive. Go .3 miles and turn left onto Tribble Gap Road. 605 Tribble Gap Road, Cumming, GA.

River Ridge High School-Go 369 W. to Hwy 400 South. Go 400 South 17.5 miles. Take GA 120 West (Exit # 10) toward Alpharetta. Merge onto Old Milton Parkway. Go 2.2 miles and Old Milton Parkway becomes Rucker Road. Go 2.6 miles. Turn right onto Houze Road/GA. 140. Go 3.8 miles. Turn left onto Arnold Mill Road. Go 4 miles to 400 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, GA.

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.

West Forsyth High School – Go Brown's Bridge Road to GA-400. Go south on GA-400. Take the GA-141 exit - exit number 13. Turn right onto Peachtree Parkway/Ga-141. This road changes to Bethelview, stay straight. Go north @ 3.5 miles, turn left onto Kelly Mill Road. Stay on Kelly Mill Rd. for approximately one and a half miles. Turn right onto Drew Court. Turn right onto Drew Road. School is immediately on the right at 4155 Drew Road. Address: 4155 Drew Road, Cumming, GA Phone: 770-888-3470.

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. High School (Alternative Route 1) – Go north on 129 toward Cleveland. After you cross the White Co. line, you will see Friendship Baptist Church. At the light, take a left on Westmoreland Road. This deadends into 284. Go right. Go less than 1 mile to right on Hwy. 115. Go approximately 5 miles and turn left onto Tesnatee Gap Valley Road. This deadends on Hwy. 129 in front of White Co. Highway. **2600 Highway 129 N.**

White Co. High School (Alternative Route 2) – Go north on 129 toward Cleveland for approximately 13 miles. Go left on Hwy. 284 into Clermont. When you come to the stop sign, go straight. Go approximately ¼ mile and take a slight left onto GA. 115. Go 5 miles, then turn left onto Tesnatee Gap Valley Road. Go to the end of Tesnatee Gap Valley Road. High School is right across the street. 2600 Highway 129 N.

Don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday night. You'll be early for school if you don't.

The deadline for senior ads for the GHS yearbook the Radiator is November 9th. These **MUST** be done online at BigRedYearbook.com

Thursday, November 8th, 9 am - 5:30 pm 5th Grade Honor Chorus
Pearce Auditorium
Brenau University
5 pm free Concert

The next production of the GHS Theatre Department will be *Spitfire Grill*. on November 13-15 at 7:00 pm. in the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center. *After 5 years in prison, Percy Talbot launches her life in the small town of Gilead. She lands a job at the only restaurant Spitfire Grill. Its owner Hannah and her secrets held for years cause intrigue and mystery in this inspiring musical. A beautiful story with warmth, humor and heartfelt surprises. It will enchant the entire family..*

Winter Student Spirit Night Dates

Wrestling : 11/13

Basketball : 12/14

Students wearing the "We ARE G"

Tee-shirt will get into these events for FREE

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

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/>

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

We are so happy and excited to share that over 72 students attended our first ever HBCU College Fair on Saturday! Over 30 students applied and were accepted on the "spot" to Claflin University and/or Paine College!

LAST WEEK SPORTS

Cross Country

Varsity Girls Won Regional Championship

Varsity Boys Won Regional Championship

JV Boys Won Regional Championship

JV Girls Won Regional Championship

Miguel Lopez Came In First in Region-Region Champ

Football

Varsity Football Beat Apalachee 7-6

Cheerleading

GMS Competitive Cheer Team Placed Third in Their Last Competition of the Season

Educators React to Changing Index

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/why-state-index-just-one-factor-school-leaders-use-judge-performance/>

GHS Football Edges Apalachee 7-6 for Region Win

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-football-gainesville-edges-apalachee-region-win/>

How Local Students Fared on SAT Test

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/how-students-in-local-school-districts-fared-on-this-years-sat/>

GHS Volleyball Falls to Alatoona in Second Round of State

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-volleyball-gainesville-falls-allatoona-second-round-6a-state-playoffs/>