



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

February 1, 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

- 2/1 Cabinet Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12
- 2/2 End of Pay Period
- 2/4 Time Sheets Due to Central Office
School Board Work Session & Regular Meeting SBO Board Room 6:00 pm
- 2/5 Secondary & Elementary Programs SBO Board & Parade Rooms 10:30-12:30 pm
5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 6:00 pm
- 2/6 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 9:00 am
- 2/7 District Spelling Bee SBO Board Room 8-3
SPED Coordinators Meeting SBO Parade Room 8:30-10:30
- 2/8 District Spelling Bee Make-up SBO Board Room 9-12
School Nutrition Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11 am

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 2/1 HWDC Field Trip for All Grade Levels
- 2/2 Robotics Competition in Chattanooga
- 2/4 5th Grade Meeting with GMS Representative in Ms. Weiser's Room 10:10
- 2/5 Faculty Meeting
5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 6:00 pm
- 2/6 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 9:00 am
Severe Weather Drill
PLC w/Administration
- 2/7 Field Trip 3rd-5th Grades
District Spelling Bee SBO Board Room 8-3

FAIR STREET

- 2/4 Parenting Class *Listening & Talking To Your Child* 9-10 am & 3-4 PM
- 2/5 School Governance Council Meeting
5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 6:00 pm
- 2/6 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 9:00 am
Other Content Area PLC
Severe Weather Drill
Leadership Meeting 2:45 pm
- 2/7 District Spelling Bee SBO Board Room 8-3

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 2/5 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 6:00 pm
- 2/6 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 9:00 am
- 2/7 District Spelling Bee SBO Board Room 8-3
Parent Camp Stem Scopes Media Center 6:00
- 2/8 Brusters

MUNDY MILL

- 2/1 Souper Bowl Party for Staff 8-9 am
- 2/5 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 6:00 pm
- 2/6 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 9:00 am
- 2/8 3rd Grade Field Trip to Elachee
2nd Grade Field Trip to Funtastik

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 2/5 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 6:00 pm
- 2/6 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 9:00 am

GMS

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- 2/6 5th Grade Parent Info Session @ GMS 9:00 am

GHS

- 2/1 GHSA State Swim Championship @ Georgia Tech
JV Basketball vs. Lanier @ Home Girls 4:00 pm Boys 5:30 pm
Fair Street Butler Throwback Night @ GHS vs. Lanier Basketball Game
Varsity Girls 7:00 pm Varsity Boys 8:30 pm
- 2/2 Wrestling Traditional Area @ Dacula
GHSA State Swim Championship @ Georgia Tech
- 2/4 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10 am
- 2/5 Annual Black History Program Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7-8:30 pm
- 2/7 , 8, & 9th Thespian Conference
- 2/7 Varsity Tennis @ West Hall 4:00 pm
Varsity Baseball vs. Fellowship Christian Scrimmage @ Ivey-Watson 5:55 pm
- 2/8 Varsity Wrestling Traditional Sections
Varsity Soccer @ Flowery Branch Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30
- 2/9 Varsity Wrestling Traditional Sections
ACT 3rd Floor 8:00 am

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.

Duluth High School – I-85 N. Exit at Highway 120 and travel west. At Buford Highway (U.S. 23) turn right. Next traffic light is Brock Road . Turn left. Cross railroad tracks. School will be on the left.

Flowery Branch High School-Go 985 S. to Exit 12-Spout Springs Road. Turn left onto Phil Niekro Boulevard. Phil Niekro becomes Spout Springs Road. Go .17 miles and turn left onto Hog Mt. Road. 4450 Hog Mountain Road will be on your left.

West Hall-Go Brown's Bridge Road West to McEver Road (@ Hall County Government Offices. Turn left onto McEver Road . Go 4-5 miles. School will be on right on McEver Road .

For the month of February 2019, the pay date is February 28, 2019. The payroll dates are January 6, 2019 till February 2, 2019. Everything will be due on February 4, 2019. Please do not delay in approving leave and turning in time sheets.

New Holland will host a Sweetheart Dance on Feb. 12th from 6pm - 8pm

Fair Street Tigers Throwback Night-Come out to throwback night in recognition of E.E. Butler and Fair Street High Schools. Gainesville vs. Lanier Basketball Game, Friday, February 1st. GHS Gym Admission \$5.00. Varsity Girls Game 7:00 pm Varsity Boys Game 8:30 pm..

FEBRUARY 18 & 19 are student and faculty /staff holidays. No school.

In her long teaching career beginning in 1962, Pam Ware has influenced thousands of individuals as teacher, mentor, drama coach, friend, and community leader. She is being honored this March by the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia as Gainesville's 2019 Woman of Distinction. Please click the link below for more details about offering your input. I hope many of you will be able to attend the luncheon and/or that you will want to send a message to Pam. We are trying to get the word out, so please send this link to any of your contacts who may be interested. <https://goo.gl/forms/4jj8NRI7kyEYXDkI2>

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

At the Thespian Conference on February 7-9, GHS Troupe 2445 will perform BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE on Thursday, February 7th. About 6,000 participants from all over the country will participate. GHS will have 2 seniors (Abigail Mowbry and Delaney Benson) and 1 junior (Bella Scarlett) participating in the Opening number. Delaney and Bella performing, and Abigail as Stage Manager. John Bush is representing as our State and International Officer

2019 5th Annual Celebration of African-American History, Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm.
Theme: Celebrating Black History with an African touch. Pam Ware Performing Arts Center.
Sponsored by The A.W.A.R.E. Club & The African Students Association of Gainesville High School & Special Friends

GHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT SPRING SHOWS

March 12-14 BLOOD BROTHERS

March 24 MR. GHS

May 8-10 AIDA

As a reminder, we do NOT reserve tickets for our shows. Remember next year to get Season Tickets. Tickets are \$10 adult \$5 for Senior/Students. GHS teachers get a free ticket for them and immediate family for each show. No reservations are needed, first come first serve.

PAJAMA DRAMA

Pajama Drama will be April 19-20. We welcome all children in grades 2nd through 6th. Information will be coming home with the children from their schools the week before Spring Break. This is a fun opportunity for children to experience GHS drama under the guidance of Pam Ware and her students.

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/>

Atlanta Hawks Educator Appreciation Ticket Package

ATL Hawks vs. BKL Nets | Saturday, March 9th | @ 7:00pm

Join us on Saturday, March 9th at the newly renovated State Farm Arena for Educator Appreciation Night! Discounted tickets are available for educators, family, and friends. Each ticket includes an Atlanta Hawks T-shirt (see below) and \$10 of food and beverage credit that can be used at any of our new restaurants inside the arena. The first 150 people to purchase through this offer, will also gain access to watch pre-game shoot-around.

Follow the link below to purchase your tickets today!

atlhawksgroups.com/educator2019

For groups of 10 or more...or for tickets to a different game, please contact Ryan Coller at 404-878-3714 or ryan.coller@hawks.com. For easy viewing, please open the link above from a computer using Google Chrome. Ticket prices and availability are subject to change so order your tickets today! **TICKETS WILL SELL OUT!**

Good luck to freshman Jacob Nguyen as he competes at the GHSA State Swim Meet this weekend. He qualified in 3 events: 200 IM, 100 Fly, and 100 Freestyle.

GMS Band Director Craig passed his Extra Class Amateur Radio License Examination. Mr. Bailey is also the Sponsor for N4GCS, Gainesville Middle School Amateur Radio Club. Student members of the club are learning how to build antennas, log radio contacts (QSOs), use the radios, and how to determine bands and frequencies and other STEM related activities. In a recent contest, the ARRL 2018 Fall School Club Round-Up, the N4GCS club placed 6/11 in the Middle/Jr. High category. Mr. Bailey's son, Carter, KD4DLY has assisted with the club activities.

Last Week in Sports

Basketball

Boys Varsity basketball beat Dacula 97-81 & Apalachee 73-62

GHS Grad & Houston Texans Quarterback Renovates Mom's Home

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-high-grad-deshaun-watson-makes-use-nfl-paycheck-renovate-his-mothers-gainesville-home/>

Enota PTA Raising Funds for New Smartsville Garden

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-school-officials-want-raise-50000-enota-garden-heres-what-theyll-do-it/>

GCSS Sets Calendar for 2019-20 School Year

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-city-schools-sets-calendar-2019-20-academic-year/>