



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

February 22, 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

- 2/22 Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12
- 2/25 AP Seminar Presentations SBO Board Room 8-5
- 2/26 Professional Services #1 SBO Board Room 8:30-12
- 2/28 Pay Day for Employees
 - Wraparound #3 Community Partnerships 8:30-10:50
- 3/4 Time Sheets Due to Central Office
 - School Board Work Session & Regular Meeting SBO 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 2/22 Centennial 5th Graders to tour GMS 8:45-10:30
 - 2nd Grade Literacy Event 8:30 am
 - 3rd Grade Wax Museum 8:30 am
- 2/25-3/1 Dr. Seuss Week
- 2/25 Silly Socks Day
- 2/26 Favorite Hat Day
 - Support Committees
- 2/27 Wear Clothes Backwards or Inside Out
 - PLC with Administrators
 - Leadership Meeting 3:00 pm
 - Italian Ice Money Due
- 2/28 Pick a Friend and Be a Twin Day
 - ESOL Team Meeting 2:30 pm
- 3/1 Red & White Stripes Day
- 3/2 Saturday School

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 2/22 Blue Pop Day
- 2/26 Staff Meeting 3:00 pm
- 2/28 Career Fair Gym

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 2/22 Spring Picture Day
- 2/27 Other Content Area PLC
- 2/28 Heritage Luncheon

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

MUNDY MILL

- 2/22 Student Council 7:45 am
 - 1st Grade Club Day
- 2/25 Jean Day for Staff

- 2/26 Spring & Class Pictures
Kindergarten to INK 9:30-1:30
Faculty Meeting 2:55-4:15
2/27 2nd Grade Club Day
3/1 Read Across America Day-Dress Like a Book Character.

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 3/4-8 Read Across America Week
3/4 Hat Day
3/5 Dress For Success Day
3/6 Twin Day
3/7 Crazy Sock Day
3/8 Book Character Day or Pajama Day/ Read All Day!

GMS

- 2/22 Centennial 5th Graders to tour GMS 8:45-10:30
2/26 Baseball @ Habersham Central 5:00 pm
2/27 Golf vs. GAC @ Home 4:15 pm
2/28 Fine Arts Night 5-7 pm (See Below for Information)
Baseball Habersham Central (DH) @ Home 5:00 pm

GHS

- 2/22 Varsity Soccer vs. Dawson County @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
Girls Lacrosse @ Norcross 5:30 pm
Boys Lacrosse @ North Oconee 7:30 pm
2/23 Golf @ Lady Wolves Invite 8:00 am
Varsity Track @ Alpharetta 9:00 am
JV Baseball @ Chestatee 12:00 Noon
2/25 Administrative Team Meeting SBO Principal's Conference Room
Rising 9th Grade Informational Meeting – 5:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Ninth Grade Center
Track Flowery Branch @ Home 5:30 pm
JV Soccer vs. Flowery Branch @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm
2/26 Basketball Elite Eight State Tournament
Tennis Appalachee @ Home 4:00 pm
Varsity Soccer vs. Meadowcreek @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
JV Baseball @ Buford 5:55 pm
Varsity Baseball vs. West Forsyth @ Home 5:55 pm
2/27 Boys Lacrosse @ North Cobb 6:00 pm
2/28 Tennis Johnson @ Home 4:00 pm
Track @ Appalachee 5:30 pm
Girls LaCrosse vs. McEachern @ Home 5:30 pm
JV Soccer @ Appalachee Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm
JV Baseball vs. Buford @ Home 5:55 pm

- 3/1 Black History Food Celebration 10:30-12
Basketball Final Four West Georgia College
Varsity Soccer vs. Apalachee @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
- 3/2 Varsity Baseball vs. North Forsyth @ Home 10:00 am
Varsity Baseball vs. North Hall @ Home 4:00 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.

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.

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.

Chestatee High School-Go Highway 60 N. over bridge. Go to first light past Ingles. Turn left on Ledan. Go to intersection of Sardis Road and go left again. School will be on right on Sardis Road.

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.

Norcross High School - Go I-985 South. Take Exit 4 toward Buford/Cumming. Turn right onto Buford Dr/US-23/GA-20. Stay straight on GA. 20 for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Go 14.9 miles. Turn right onto Old Peachtree Road. Go .8 miles. Old Peachtree Road, NW becomes Spalding Drive, N.W. School is at 5300 Spalding Drive.

North Cobb High School –Go 985 S. to 85 South to 285 W. Take I-75 North. Take Exit 267B toward US 41. Merge onto Canton Road Connector. Take 41/GA5 ramp. Turn right on 41 North. Go 6.9 miles and turn right onto Blue Springs Road. Go half mile and turn right on Old Georgia 293. 3400 Old Highway 41, NW, Kennesaw, GA

North Oconee High School – Go Pearl Nix Parkway. Turn right onto Atlanta Highway, GA-13. Go 4.8 miles and turn left onto GA-53. Go 4.3 miles and turn right onto Old Winder Hwy./GA211. Go 14.2 miles. Turn right onto Horton Street. Then turn left onto W. May St/US29/Lawrenceville-Athens Highway. Go 3 miles. Turn right onto US 29/GA53/ GA8/ Hog Mountain Road. Go 11.9 miles and turn left onto Rocky Branch Road and turn left. **1081 Rocky Branch Road** is on left.

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.

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. The luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30 am at the Chattahoochee Country Club. 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>

GMS Fine Arts Night

Thursday February 28th. 5-7pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Art Department:	Cafeteria	Soup Stomp	5:15-6:30pm
Vocal Department:	200 Commons	7 th /8 th Grade Chorus	5:15pm
		6 th Grade Chorus	6:15pm
Drama Department	Trophy Hallway	College Fair	5-6:30pm
	African American Book Display		5-7:00pm
	Living Museum		5:30-6pm
Band Department	GMS Combined Band		5:20pm
(In Gym)	GMS 7 th Grade Band		5:40pm
	GHS Concert Band		6:00pm
	GMS 8 th grade Band		6:30pm
	GHS Symphonic Band		7:00pm

During this time, the GMS Visual Arts students are hosting the fourth annual “Soup Stomp” on February 28th from 5-7 pm in the cafeteria at GMS. A donation of \$5 includes your choice of a handmade ceramic bowl and a simple meal of soup and bread. All proceeds will benefit the Gateway Domestic Violence Center.

New Holland is celebrating Read Across America week from March 4th - March 8th
Monday, March 4th -- Hat Day
Tuesday, March 5th -- Dress For Success Day
Wednesday, March 6th : Twin Day
Thursday, March 7th : Crazy Sock Day
Friday, March 8th : Book Character Day or Pajama Day/ Read All Day!

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
Mar. 4 Helping Children Cooperate
April 8 Discipline That Makes Sense
May 6 Choosing Your Approach

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.

Blood Brothers is the tale of fraternal twins separated at birth. One was raised in great privilege; the other was raised in poverty. Worried about the prophecy that twins separated at birth will die when the truth is discovered, both mothers do everything to keep the twins apart. The two boys eventually become best friends until a misunderstanding leads to a tragic end. This one of a kind musical will keep you on the edge of your seat. It is impossible to leave Blood Brothers unmoved.

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!**

Brenau University and the United Way of Hall County will prepare and e-file tax returns at no charge this coming tax season. For households earning up to \$54,000 a year. Location: Gainesville-Hall Community Service Center, 430 Prior Street SE, Gainesville, GA 30501. For appointments: 770-535-7066. Dates and times: Mondays 2-6 Virtual Intakes Only. Fridays 2-6 Virtual Pickups Only. Saturdays 9-4 walk-ins, appointments, intake & pick-ups. Starting January 25-April 13. Closed 2/8 & 25 and 3/1 and 2.

Rising 9th Grade Informational Meeting

February 25th at 9th Grade Center

5:45 pm -6:00 pm Tour the 9th Grade Center (optional)

6:00 pm -6:30 pm General Information

Information will include registration and scheduling process of academics and electives as well as graduation planning.

6:45 pm-7:30 pm High School 101

We will have students offering practical advice about their high school experience in AP, Honors, and Dual Enrollment programs.

7:30 pm -8:00 pm

Questions for presenters

Opportunity to choose electives

Last Week in Sports

Tennis

Varsity Girls beat Flowery Branch

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Soccer

Boys varsity team beat Berkmar 2-1

Girls Varsity beat Berkmar 7-0

Baseball

Varsity baseball beat West Hall 7-1

Golf

Varsity boys finished 2nd in the Achasta Classic

Grayson Wagner is GHS Star Student, Chandra Karnati Is Her Star Teacher

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/schools-celebrate-2019-star-students-teachers/>

GHS Boys Basketball Wins a Thriller Over Langston Hughes to Advance in State

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-basketball-gainesville-uses-strong-fourth-quarter-performance-escape-first-round-playoff-victory-over-langston-hughes/>

Former GHS Student William Morris's Guest Editorial

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/opinion/will-morris-iv-have-educated-citizens-we-must-respect-teachers/>