



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

March 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

- 3/4 Time Sheets Due to Central Office
School Board Work Session & Regular Meeting SBO 6:00 pm
- 3/4 – 8 School Breakfast Week
- 3/5 Academic Achievement & Wraparound SBO Board Room 9-11
- 3/6 GAA Training SBO Board Room 3-4:30 pm
- 3/7 School Test Coordinator's Meeting SBO Board Room 8-12 pm
Interrelated SPED Teachers SBO Board Room 2-4:30 [,
- 3/8 PBIS Monitors Visit GCSS
Summer Feeding Program SBO Parade Room 9-11 pm
- 3/9 Atlanta Hawks Educator Appreciation @ 7:00pm (See Below)

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 3/1 Red & White Stripes Day
- 3/2 Saturday School
- 3/5 Faculty Meeting
- 3/6 PLC w/ Administration
- 3/7 District Spelling Bee
- 3/8 Jump Rope for Heart Celebration
- 3/9 Saturday School

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 3/1 Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration GHS Athletes Read to Classes 8:30-1
- 3/7 Literature Across the Curriculum Family Night 5:30-7

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 3/4 Parenting Class Helping Children Cooperate 9-10 am & 3-4 pm
- 3/6 Literacy PLC
Leadership Meeting 2:45
- 3/8 ACCESS Testing Window Closed

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 3/7-25th Pennies for Patients
- 3/8 Brusters

MUNDY MILL

- 3/1 Read Across America Day-Dress Like a Book Character.
- 3/5 PBIS Meeting 3-4
- 3/6 Blue Pop Money Due 8-9
- 3/8 Blue Pop Day

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3/4 – 3/7 Dr. Seuss Week

3/7 5th Grade to River Forks Park for Elachee

3/8 3rd Grade to River Forks Park for Elachee

GMS

3/5 Baseball vs. Banks County @ Ivey Watson 5:00 pm

3/6 Golf vs. GAC @ Home 4:15

Baseball @ Banks County 5:00 pm

3/9 Drama Work Day in Prep for SHREK Performance

GHS

3/1 Varsity Soccer vs. Apalachee @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

Boys Lacrosse @ Denmark High School 6:00 pm

3/2 Track @ East Jackson 9:00 am

If the Boys Win Wednesday Night Basketball Final Four West Georgia College 4:00 pm

Varsity Baseball vs. North Forsyth @ Home 10:00 am

Varsity Baseball vs. North Hall @ Home 4:00 pm

3/4 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10:00 am

Track vs. Habersham Central @ Home 5:30 pm

JV Soccer @ Home vs. Habersham @ Home Girls 5:30 Boys 7:00

Varsity Baseball vs. Forsyth Central @ Home 5:55 pm

3/5 Tennis vs. Dacula @ Home 4:00 pm

Varsity Soccer @ Habersham Central Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

JV Baseball @ Flowery Branch 5:55 pm

3/6 JV Soccer @ North Oconee Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm

Track @ Oconee 5:30 pm

Girls Lacrosse vs. North Oconee @ Home 5:30 pm

Varsity Baseball @ West Forsyth 5:55 pm

3/7 Varsity Tennis @ Riverside 4:00 pm

JV Baseball @ Habersham Central 5:55 pm

3/8 Girls Lacrosse vs. North Forsyth @ Home 6:00 pm

3/9 SAT 3rd Floor Main Building 7:30-12

Girls Golf Spring Swing 10:00 am

JV Baseball vs. Habersham Central @ Home 12:00 Noon

Basketball Championship Macon Centreplex 3:00 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.

Banks Co. High School- I-85 N. Exit 149. Go left. 441 North. New Intersection (Hwy. 164) Go Left on Historic Homer Highway . Go three miles. On left 1486 A- Historic Homer Highway.

Denmark High School-Go Hwy. 53-Dawsonville Highway. Turn left onto Keith Bridge Road/GA 306. Go 7.87 miles. Turn left onto GA 400 South. Take the McFarland Parkway Exit 12. Turn right on McFarland Parkway. Go 0.09 Miles and go right on Union Hill Road. Union Hill Road becomes Mullinax Road. Destination 645 Mullinax Road, Alpharetta will be on your right.

East Jackson High - Go Highway 129 East 16.4 miles to 85 North. Go 12.5 miles and take the US 441 exit (#149. Turn right onto GA 15/Us 441. Continue to follow GA 15 eight miles. Turn right onto Hoods Mill Road/County Road 427. Go 1.5 miles. School is on left. 1435 Hoods Mill Road. 1 Hr. 19 minutes

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.

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.

Macon Centreplex Coliseum and Convention Center-Go I-985 to I-85 to I-75 in Atlanta From Atlanta : I-75 South to I-16 East, Exit 2. Turn left onto Coliseum Drive/US 80. Turn left onto Main Street. 200 Coliseum Drive.

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.

Riverdale High School- Go 985 S. to 85 S. Take Exit 95 A toward Macon/Augusta. Go 22.5 miles. Take I75 S. (Exit 58) toward Macon. Go 1.7 miles and merge onto GA 85 S. to Riverdale. Go 4.6 miles. Turn left onto Roberts Drive. School will be on right. 160 Roberts Drive, Riverdale, GA 30274.

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.

If the GHS Boys Basketball Team wins Wednes-2:05.day night, they will play in the Final 4 on Saturday, March 2 at the University of West Georgia at 4:00 pm. They will play the winner of the Heritage of Conyers/ Alexander Game.

Enota 4th * 5th grade musical performance will be on Thursday, March 21st. K-2 will see the musical from 1-1:30. Grades 3-5 will see the musical from 1:30

The GHS Student Council will sponsor a Students versus Teachers Basketball Game to raise funds for GHS students and their families in need. It will be March 22 at 2:30 pm in the GHS Gym. Watch as some of the school’s best basketball players vie for the win! Tickets are \$2.00

For the month of **March 2019**, the pay date is March 29, 2019. The payroll dates are February 3 till March 2, 2019. Everything will be due on March 4, 2019. Please do not delay in approving leave and turning in time sheets.

For the month of **April 2019**, the pay date is April 30, 2019. The payroll dates are March 3 till April 6, 2019. Everything will be due on April 8, 2019. If you have time sheet before the break, you can go ahead and turn it in. Again, please do not delay in approving leave and turning in time sheets.

GHS Head Volleyball Coach Randall Roys is encouraging our elementary and middle school girls to get involved in Volleyball..

They will practice and play at Gainesville High School for 6 weeks beginning on Tuesday, March 19, at 6pm. Registration cost is \$50 and includes a shirt for practices/matches.

Here is what you need:

Be a student in the Gainesville City School System

Elementary (Centennial, Enota, Fair Street, Gainesville Elem., Mundy Mill, New Holland)

Gainesville Middle (6th and 7th Graders)

Sign up at <http://bit.ly/FutureVolleyphants>

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>

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!

athawksgroups.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.

Basketball

Varsity Boys Beat the Cabridge Bears 98-88 in double OT to secure their spot in the Elite 8 Rafael Rubel had 42 Points and Makius Scott at 14.

Track

The Track team traveled to Alpharetta on Saturday to compete in the "Raider Early Bird"

Miquel Lopez took first in the 3200M, Jiriq Pierce Took First in the 110m Hurdles, Donangelo Marshall Took 2nd in the 800M and Ashley Thompson finished 3rd in the 3200M

Soccer

Boys varsity team beat Dawson Co 2-0

High School Quarterfinal Schedules Set

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-basketball-quarterfinals-schedule-finalized/>

GHS Star Student Grayson Wagner Has Lot s of Career Options

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/star-student-grayson-wagner-could-do-lot-things-her-teacher-inspired-her-pursuit-biomedical-engineering/>

Arson Suspected in Fire That Destroyed GHS Modular

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-high-modular-unit-destroyed-overnight-fire/>

Rafael Ruiz Scores 42 as GHS Beats Cambridge to Advance to Elite 8

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-basketball-playoffs-rafael-rufel-scores-42-points-gainesville-beats-cambridge-98-88-2ots/>

Peach State Bank Names GHS Grads to Youth Development Board

Callie Hughs, Scott Lefevre, Suzanne Cindea

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/peach-state-bank-names-5-youth-development-board/>

GHS Grad John Simpson (Class of 1996) Named Jaycee Young Man of Year

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/jaycees-name-jenny-floyd-young-woman-year-john-simpson-young-man-year/>