



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

March 10, 2017

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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ALL SCHOOLS

- 3/10 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students
Science Presentation SBO Board Room 8-9
Coaching Conversation SBO Parade Room 9:30-10
Professional Capacity SBO Parade Room 10-12
Aspiring Leaders Academy SBO Board Room 12-5
Science and Social Studies Advisory SBO Parade Room 1-4
- 3/12 NEGA History Center Family Day 1-4 See Below
- 3/13 Beginning of 4th Grading Period
School Test Coordinators DRC Online Platform Training SBO Board Room 9-11
Fingerprinting for New Hires SBO Parade Room 10-11
Playbook Planning SBO Board Room 11:30-2:00
Literacy Coaches Meeting SBO Parade Room
- 3/14 Report Cards
Community Advisory Committee Chick-fil-A Dawsonville Hwy. 7:30-8:30
Parent Advisory Committee Chick-fil-A Dawsonville Hwy. 8:30-9:30 am
School Test Coordinators School Board Office Board Room 9-12
Bookkeepers' Meeting SBO Parade Room 10-12
Community Advisory Committee Chick-fil-A Dawsonville Hwy. Noon-1:00
Science & Social Studies Georgia Standards of Excellence Zoom – Elementary
Science & Social Studies Georgia Standards of Excellence Face-to-Face
Middle & High School
Supportive Culture Work Group Meeting SBO Parade Room 2-4
Parent Advisory Committee Chick-fil-A Dawsonville Hwy. 5:30-6:30 pm
Supportive Culture Work Group Central Office Parade Room 2:00 pm
- 3/15 Innovation Bus Tour School Visits
School Nutrition Meeting SBO Parade Room 8-12
Summer Leadership Summit SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 10:00
- 3/16 Cross Functional Monitoring SBO Parade Room 7:00-5:00
Hall Co. Family Connections SBO Board Room 11:30-2
PBIS Team Leaders & Coaches SBO Board Room 3-4
Counselors & Social Workers 1:30-3:00
PBIS Team Leaders & Coaches & School Social Workers 3-4 pm
- 3/17 Cross Functional Monitoring SBO Board Room 7-5 pm
District Strategic Improvement Plan SBO Board Room 9-11
Family & Community Engagement SBO Parade Room 10-12
- 3/20 Regular School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 3/10 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students
- 3/13 Beginning of 4th Grading Period
- 3/14 Report Cards
- 3/16 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm

3/17 Awards Assemblies 4th & 5th 8:30; 2nd & 3rd 10:15 K/1st 12:45

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

3/10 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students

3/13 Beginning of 4th Grading Period

3/14 Report Cards

Auxiliary Meetings 3:00 pm

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

3/10 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students

3/13 Beginning of 4th Grading Period

GKIDS Data Check

Universal Screeners thru 3/24

3/14 Report Cards

Test Coordinators Science & Social Studies Zoom

3/16 PBIS Coach & Lead

3/17 Honors Day

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

3/10 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students

3/13 Beginning of 4th Grading Period

Administrative Meeting

3/14 Report Cards

Leadership Meeting

Faculty Meeting

3/15 GANS Meeting

3/16 Art Honor Society Meeting

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY

3/10 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students

3/13 Beginning of 4th Grading Period

Administrative Meeting 12:30 pm

3/14 Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm

3/15 PLC Grades K,1, 2 during Planning/

3/16 PLC Grades 3, 4, 5 during Planning

GMS

3/3-3/10 Scholastic Book Fair

3/10 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students

White County JV Golf Tournament @ Mossy Creek GC 4:00

3/13 Beginning of 4th Grading Period

Soccer World Language Academy @ Home Girls 4:30 pm Boys 5:45

Baseball @ Jackson Co. 4:30

3/14 Report Cards

School Leadership Team Media Center 4:15

Golf Forsyth County MS Invitational @ Olde Atlanta GC 4:15

Track East Hall MS @ East Hall Community Center

3/16 Soccer @ C.W. Davis Middle School Girls 4:30 Boys 5:45

Baseball @ Flowery Branch

3/17 Hoops for Hearts

Grade Level Meetings During Planning

GHS

3/10 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students

White County Boys & Girls JV Golf Tournament @ Mossy Creek GC
4:00

Varsity Baseball vs. Jefferson DH @ Ivey-Watson 5:00 & 7:00

Varsity Soccer @ Dacula Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

3/11 State Literary Houston County High School

Girls Golf Gwinnett Open @ Chateau Elan 9:00 am

Varsity Baseball Murphy High School @ Home DH 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

3/13 Beginning of 4th Grading Period

Varsity & JV Golf Big Red Shootout @ Chattahoochee GC

Mr. GHS Interviews & Dress Rehearsal

Boys Lacrosse vs. Riverside @ Home 5:30 pm

Girls Lacrosse @ John's Creek 6:00 pm

3/14 Report Cards

ABC Meeting Professional Learning Room 8-11

Girls Golf vs North Hall @ Chestatee GC 4:00 pm

Tennis vs. Winder-Barrow @ Longwood Park 4:00 pm

JV Golf Forsyth County MS Invitational @ Olde Atlanta GC 4:15

JV Baseball @ North Hall 5:30 pm

Varsity Soccer Winder-Barrow @ Home Girls 5:30 Boys 7:30

Mr. GHS Contest Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:00 pm

3/15 JV Golf vs. Habersham Central @ Apple Mountain GC

Varsity & JV Tennis vs. North Hall @ Longwood Park 4:00 pm

Girls Golf vs. Habersham Central @ Chattahoochee GC 4:00 pm

3/16 Crimson Chorus Large Group Performance Evaluation Jackson Co. HS

JV Baseball Buford @ Home 5:00 pm

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

Girls Lacrosse @ Peachtree Ridge 5:45 pm

Boys Lacrosse @ Peachtree Ridge 7:15 pm

3/17 Varsity Soccer @ Lanier Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

Girls Lacrosse @ Forsyth Central 5:55 pm

Boys Lacrosse @ Mountain View 7:00 pm
3/18 & 19 Varsity Golf Georgia-So. Carolina Cup River Falls Plantation
Spartanburg, SC.
3/18 Girls Golf Bronco Invitational @ Summit Chase CC 12:00 noon
Varsity Baseball @ Flowery Branch 4:00 pm
JV Soccer @ Mountain View Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm

DIRECTIONS TO SCHOOLS

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction 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.

Apple Mountain Golf Course-Go Highway 985 to 365. Go 441 N. in Cornelia. Go 2.5 miles north of the Tom Arrendale interchange (where 365 & 17 go to Toccoa). Take left on Hollywood Hills Road . Follow the signs to Apple Mountain .

Chateau Elan Golf Course – Go I-985 South to Exit 16. Take Winder Highway/Hwy 53 south. At Crystal Farms, take a right onto Hwy 211 (Old Winder Highway). Chateau Elan will be on your right just before you get to I-85.

Chattahoochee Golf Course-Go Highway 60 (Thompson Bridge Road) across the first bridge. Go to the second light (just before you get to Ingles Shopping Center). Turn left. Clubhouse will be on left.

Chestatee Golf Course- Go Dawsonville Highway (Hwy 53) approximately 4 miles. Turn rt onto Sardis Road. Go 1.2 miles and keep left to stay on Sardis Road. Go 6.6 miles and bear left to Price Road (SR136). Bear right onto David Evans Road. Golf Course is 777 Dogwood Way, Dawsonville

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.

C.W. Davis Middle School – Go 985 S. Take Exit 17. Take ramp right for GA 53 toward Dawsonville/Oakwood. Go 1.2 miles. Turn left onto GA 53 Mundy Mill Road. Go 0.4 miles. Turn right on GA 13 S. Atlanta Highway. Go Straight. Atlanta Highway turns into Falcon Parkway. 4335 Falcon Parkway, Flowery Branch, GA

Dacula High School- 316 East. Left on Highway 8. Go to the next traffic light. Turn left on Broad Street . Cross RR tracks and turn left on Hebron Church Road . School is on the right.

East Hall Community Center-- Go Jesse Jewel Parkway . Go under I-985. Road changes into Old Cornelia Highway . East Hall High School will be approximately 2 miles on your right. Turn right. Community Center will be on left before you get to Joe Chandler Road.

Flowery Branch High School-Take 985 South to Spout Springs Road exit. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Go 2.5 miles. School is on left hand side of road. 6603 Spout Springs Road.

Forsyth Central High School-Go Highway 53 to Highway 306 East. Go South on Highway 400 and take Exit 15 (Bald Ridge Marina Road). Drive west (right turn) into Cumming and turn right on Tribble Gap Road (just past courthouse). Forsyth Central is about one mile on the left.

Houston County High School-Take 985 S. to 85 S. to I-285 East (toward Augusta/Macon). Take I-675 South to Exit 52 toward Macon . I-675 will become I-75. Merge onto I-475 toward Valdosta . Merge onto I-75 S. Take the GA-96 exit (Exit 142) toward Housers Mill Road . Turn left onto GA-96. School is located at 920 Ga. Hwy. 96 In Warner Robbins.

Jackson County High School- Go 129/GA 11 East toward Athens . Go approximately 22 miles. Turn right on Highway 11 (Winder Highway). School will be on right 1668 Winder Highway in Jefferson .

John's Creek High School - Go I-985 South 16.3 miles. Take Exit 4. Go right toward Buford Cumming. Stay straight to go on Buford Drive. Go 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Go 11.5 miles. Turn right onto Pleasant Hill Road. Go .6 miles. Pleasant Hill Road becomes State Bridge Road. Go 1.5 miles. 5575 St. Bridge Road, John's Creek will be on the right

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.

Mossy Creek Golf Course - Go 129 N. (Cleveland Highway). Go approximately 15 miles. Turn right at GA 254 (Old Cleveland Road. Go 1.3 miles. Turn right to stay on GA 254. Golf course will be on the left.

Mountain View High School – Go. 985 S. 16.3 miles. Take Exit 4. Turn left. Stay straight on GA 20 E. Go 1.1 miles. Turn left onto Gravel Springs Road. Go 2.5 miles and turn right onto Morgan Road. Go .8 miles. Morgan Road becomes Sunny Hill Road. 2351 Sunny Hill Road, Lawrenceville, GA will be on left.

North Hall-Go Highway 60 North to Mt. Vernon Road (Hwy. 283). Turn right. Go approximately 2-3 miles. School will be on left on Mt. Vernon Road. 4885 Mt. Vernon Road, Gainesville, GA

Olde Atlanta Golf Course- Go I 985 S to I 85 S. Take Exit 111 toward Suwanee. Go 1.02 miles. Merge onto Lawrenceville/Suwanee Road. Turn left on Satellite Blvd. Go 0.96 miles. Turn right onto McGinnes Ferry Road. Go 4.22 miles. Turn right onto Old Atlanta Road. Go 1.93 miles. Turn right onto Olde Atlanta Parkway. 5745 Olde Atlanta Parkway, Suwanee. GA

Peachtree Ridge High School-Go I 985 S. to I 85 S. Take exit 109 from I-85 S. Go right on Old Peachtree Road, NW. 1555 Old Peachtree Road, Suwanee,

River Falls Plantation Golf Club- Go I-85 north 120 miles to SC 290 Exit 63 Duncan SC. Continue on SC 290 and Go 2.3 miles. Turn right onto Player Boulevard. 100 Player Boulevard, Duncan, SC

Summit Chase Country Club, Grayson, GA-I-85 south to Sugarloaf Pkwy. Approx. 10 miles, Turn right on Grayson Highway. Go Approximately, 1 mile. Turn right on Rosebud Rd, Go approximately 4 miles and take right on Classic Dr. Golf course is on the left. Approx. drive time is 1 hour

GHS CRIMSON CHORUS NEWS

Thursday, March 16th...at Jackson County High School...Large Group Performance Evaluation...GHS Crimson Chorus

Tuesday, March 21st...Crimson Chorus Concert, 7 pm...PAC Auditorium, free admission

Pajama Drama At GHS Pam Ware Performing Art Center

Friday, April 21-22 Open to 2nd-6th grade \$50 per child

The kids will get to work with the amazing Pam Ware and her talented troupe of theatre students. Activities include improvisation, learning songs from musicals, theatre games, choreography and more. Registration forms will be sent home from school the week of March 20th or you can request a form at ghspajamadrama@gmail.com.

GEA we will be celebrating March as Youth Art Month (YAM)!! Each week they will highlight Artist of the Week from each grade. Their Celebration Week will be March 13th - 17th. (more info. coming on what each day of the week will be)

YAM Reception at The Quinlan to highlight student artwork from grades 3-5 Friday, March 17th 5:30 -7 pm

GHS Honorary Diploma Nominations

Gainesville High School is currently accepting nominations for Honorary Diploma nominations. This honor is bestowed to individuals who are part of the GHS community but who are not GHS graduates but whose achievements and strong support of GHS traditions are reflective of the true Red Elephant pride and spirit. Nominations are due by April 15th.

[Please click here for additional information](#)

<http://www2.gcssk12.net/schoolsites/GHSweb/assets/ghs-honorary-diploma.pdf>

The 1997 Gainesville High School State Championship Baseball Team will be honored on April 28, 2017, the 20th Anniversary of their second state championship title. The ceremony will be at Ivey-Watson Baseball Field at 6:00 pm..

Gainesville Ballet Company will present *Into Grimm's Woods*, bringing to life Grimm's Fairytales and other repertory works. The performances will be Friday, March 24 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 pm. Many of our Gainesville City Schools students will be performing. For tickets and additional information: www.gainesvilleballet.org..

Sunday, March 12, 1:00-4:00p.

Family Day: From Plow to Plate, Mountain Food Ways

“Ya’ Gotta Eat!” as the old saying goes, and Spring planting is the way to ensure that you do. We’ll be cooking in the cabin, planting in the garden, and sharing traditional recipes for you to try at home as we celebrate the planting season with hands-on activities, living history interpretation, and demonstrations. **Free Admission!**

Gainesville High School won the 8 AAAAAA Region Literary Tournament with 72 points earned. GHS has seven first places advancing to State AAAAAA Literary on March 18th. Sophia Casey in Personal Essay, Pratyusha Karnati in Rhetorical Essay, Ramiro Salinas in Humorous Interpretation, Izzy Pate in Dramatic Interpretation, Ramiro Salinas and Izzy Pate in Duo Interpretation, Jameson Murray in Boys Solo and Jameson Murray, Ras Boone, Gus Kaufman and Herve Aklotsoe in Boys Quartet.

*Placing 2nd. place in the region meet are David Davenport in Argumentative Essay, David Davenport in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking . Boone Alexander in International Extemporaneous Speaking, Stephanie Ortez--Cayla Adams--Yuriana Moran in Girls trio.

*Placing 3rd. in Girls Solo was Stephanie Ortez.

GHS grad Tasha Humphrey was honored as a 2017 SEC Legend during the SEC Tournament in Greenville, SC . Her mom is the GHS girls basketball coach Brenda Hill-Gilmore.

Staff, Equipment Approved for New Mundy Mill School

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/122277/>

GHS Baseball Picks Up a Couple of Wins Over North Forsyth

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122255/>

GHS Boys Basketball Loses Thriller in Quarterfinals

<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/122168/>