



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

*CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS*

March 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](http://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](mailto:beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net).

### **ALL SCHOOLS**

- 3/22 RTL/MTSS Annual Review SBO Board Room 8:30-10:30 am  
Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12 Noon  
Food Service Root Vegetable Party @ Mundy Mill
- 3/24 Reception Honoring David Smith 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church 3-6 (See Below)
- 3/26 Professional Services #3 Assessment & Accountability SBO Board Room 8:30-12
- 3/28 Budget Meeting SBO Parade Room 8-4:30 pm  
SPED Coordinators Playbook Work SBO Board Room 8:30-11:30  
ESOL Coaches Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 9-11  
ESOL PL for Teachers SBO Board Room 4-8
- 3/29 Pay Day
- 4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

### **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 3/18-22 Book Fair  
Jeans Week Fundraiser \$5/Day
- 3/22 Saturday School
- 3/26 Grade Level Meetings
- 3/27 PLC w/ Administration  
Leadership Team 3:00  
Italian Ice
- 3/28 ESOL Team Meeting 2:30 pm  
Show Choir Musical 6:00 pm
- 4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

### **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 3/22 Be the One Rallies
- 3/26 Fire Drill 9:00 am  
Spring & Class Pictures  
Staff Meeting 3:00 pm
- 3/28 TOTY & POTY Announcement 3:00
- 3/29 STOMP Zone  
Blue Pop Day
- 4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

### **FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

- 3/22 Honors Day
- 3/24-29 Assessment Week
- 3/27 Other Content Area PLC & Faculty Meeting
- 3/28 Family Math/Science Night
- 4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

### **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

3/7-25<sup>th</sup> Pennies for Patients

3/22 Arty Party at Quinlan

4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

### **MUNDY MILL**

3/22 Awards Ceremony 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 8:15-9:15 K-2<sup>nd</sup> 9:15-10:15

Root Vegetable Party during Lunches

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Club Day 1:30-2:10

3/25-29 Spirit Week

3/25 Studded Animal Day

Perfect Attendance Arty Party @ Quinlan

3/26 Neon Day

3-5 Grade Spring Concert Cafeteria 6:30 pmS

3/27 Sports Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Fernbank Science Center

3/28 Crazy Hair Day

3/29 Red Out Day

Student Council Meeting 1:30 pm

4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

### **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

3/22 Awards Day 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>-8:15-9:15 K-1<sup>st</sup> -9:15-10:15 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 10:15-11:15

School Governance Council Meeting

Saturday School 9-12

3/22-3/29 Book Fair

3/26 Quinlan Arty Party for Highest Attendance Class

3/28 PBIS Awards Day

4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

### **GMS**

3/19-23 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Washington, DC

3/22 Tennis @ Buford 4:00 pm

3/25 Baseball Tournament

3/27 Baseball Tournament

3/29 Baseball Tournament

4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

## GHS

3/22 Varsity Soccer vs. Habersham Central @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm  
(Student Spirit Night)

Varsity Baseball @ Lanier 5:55 pm

3/23 Girls Golf Athens Classic

Boys Golf Achasta Classic 9:00 am

3/25-29 Student Council Campaign Week

3/25 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10 am

Girls Golf Lady Raider Invitational 3:30 pm

Girls Lacrosse vs. Meadowcreek @ Home 5:30 pm

Varsity Baseball vs. Habersham Central @ Ivey-Watson 5:55 pm

3/26 PBIS Meeting 3:30 pm

Tennis @ Lanier 4:00 pm

Boys Golf Georgia Cup 3:00 pm

Varsity Soccer vs. Dacula @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

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

3/27 Tennis vs. Buford @ Home 4:00 pm

Girls Golf vs. Lanier/Flowery Branch @ Chattahoochee 4:00 pm

Varsity Girls Lacrosse vs. Duluth @ Home 5:30 pm

( Spring Student Spirit Night )

Varsity Baseball @ Habersham Central 5:55 pm

Boys Lacrosse @ Duluth 6:00 pm

4/28 Tennis @ Oconee Co. 4:00 pm

JV Girls Lacrosse vs. Duluth @ Home 6:00 pm

3/29 Varsity Soccer @ Winder Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

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

4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff

## DIRECTIONS TO SCHOOLS AND VENUES

*\*The directions listed below were taken off various sources and may not reflect changes in road names, additional roads that have been added, or detours. Should you get lost, do the girl thing and stop and ask for directions.*

**For directions to any school in Georgia, go to this link:**

[http://www.schooldirections.com/ga\\_school\\_directions.htm](http://www.schooldirections.com/ga_school_directions.htm)

**Achasta Golf Club** – Go Highway 60 North toward Dahlonega. Go 17.1 miles. Turn right onto Burch River Drive. Go .6 miles. Course is on left. 639 Burch River Drive

**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.

**Buford Middle School** – Go 985 South to the Friendship Road/Exit 8. Go Right. Go Left on Hwy 13. Go 1.6 miles and bear off to the right at Skate Country onto Sawnee Avenue. Go to red light and turn left. Buford Middle School will be on the left across from Buford High School. 2700 Robert Bell Parkway, Buford, GA

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Oconee County High School**-Go 985 S. to Exit 16. Go left on Winder Highway (Hwy. 53). Go east on Hwy 53 through Winder. Past Winder, take a right at the golf course. Go approximately 20 miles from Winder. You will cross over Hwy. 316. The High School is on the right (this is still Hwy 53) about 12 miles after you cross Hwy. 316. Soccer field is at the Middle School. From the High School, take a left at the first light (an Eckerd's is on the corner). The field is on the left.

**UGA Golf Course**-Go 129 S. toward Athens. Go 35.6 miles. Go to Prince Avenue/Ga. 15 Alt. Go 3.27 miles. Turn left onto Riverbend Road. 2600 Riverbend Road.

**Winder-Barrow High School**- Go 985 S. to Exit 16. Go left on Winder Highway (Hwy. 53). Turn right just below Crystal Farms onto Hwy. 211. Go 211 to Winder. Stay on 211 for several more miles. When you pass Real Deal on your left, begin looking for McNeal Rd. on your right. Turn right onto McNeal Rd. and follow it until it dead ends. Turn right onto Candler St. This brings you in behind the stadium. Simply circle the block to get to the gym

Spring Student Spirit Night Dates Announced

Soccer 3/22

Girls Lacrosse 3/27

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 Digital Media Class is having a Spring VHS-DVD sale from Feb. 20-April 1. Copy 5 VHS tapes to DVD and get one free. Must copy all 6 at one time. All proceeds support the GHS Digital Media WBL Program.

6 VHS to DVD for \$50.00

6 DVD to DVD for \$25.00

Open to the public.

For information: [joseph.miller@gcssk12.net](mailto:joseph.miller@gcssk12.net).

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

April 8 Discipline That Makes Sense

May 6 Choosing Your Approach

### **GHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT SPRING SHOWS**

March 26 MR. GHS

May 8-10 AIDA

### **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.

Center Point will be having a celebration honoring retiring director David Smith, our students, and our community on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm at First Baptist Church. A drop-in reception follows from 4-6 pm.

Gainesville City Schools employees, family, and friends are being offered a 30% discount on tickets to the Gainesville Ballet Company's production of A Frozen Ballet later this month. Go to <https://gainesvilleballet.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=5311> and use discount code **TEACH30** to receive a 30% discount on all tickets.

**2019 Spring Story Book Ballet - A Frozen Ballet**

**March 22 7:30 pm**

**March 23 2:00 pm 7:30 pm**

**March 24 2:00 pm**

Many of our GCSS students will be performing in the production.

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.

The following students represented GHS this past weekend at State 6 A Literary.  
Placing 3rd at State in Duo Performance : John Bush and Kylee Peacock  
Placing 3rd at State in International Speaking: Ella Tucker  
Placing 4th at State in Rhetorical Essay: Marissa Woo  
Competing at state in Dramatic Interpretation: Delaney Benson  
Competing at state in Humorous Interpretation: John Bush  
Competing at state in Personal Essay: Anna Newkirk

### LAST WEEK IN SPORTS:

#### Lacrosse

The boys lacrosse team picked up a 10-7 win over Northgate

#### Golf

Boys & Girls Golf Teams win the Hall Co Championships  
Zayne Hildebrand was the low medalist for the boys  
Boys Golf Team Finished 3rd at the Athens Classic  
Girls Golf team finished 3rd at the Lady Bronco Invite

#### Tennis

Boys Varsity Team beat Winder 5-0  
Girls Varsity Team Beat Winder 3-2

## Soccer

Girls Varsity Soccer Team beat Winder 6-2

Boys Varsity Soccer Team beat Winder 2-1 in PKs

JV Girls Beat Lanier 4-1

## Baseball

Varsity baseball beat Chestate 8-1

The GMS baseball team picked up a 9-7 win over Lanier Christian

*Gainesville High to Open New Success Center*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/how-new-success-center-gainesville-high-will-benefit-students-families-community/>

*Gainesville City Schools Offering Incentive to Attract Bus Drivers*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/gainesville-city-schools-continue-incentives-hire-retain-bus-drivers/>

*GHS Grad Spencer Ralston Wins First Golf Tournament at UGA*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-grad-spencer-ralston-credits-individual-victory-team-chemistry-georgia-golf-program/>

*GHS Boys Golf Place Third in Big Red Shootout*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-gainesville-boys-program-grabs-third-place-big-red-shootout/>

*GHS Grad John Simpson Named Acting Director of Lakeview Academy*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/lakeview-academy-names-simpson-interim-head-school/>

*GHS Grad Betsy Vanasdol Ainsworth is New Principal of Chestnut Mountain*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/ainsworth-join-chestnut-mountain-elementary-new-principal/>