



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

March 8, 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 – 8 School Breakfast Week

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)

3/12 Secondary & Elementary Programs SBO Parade & Board Rooms 10:30-12:30

3/14 End of Third Nine Weeks

District Parent Coordinators Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11

Hall Co. Family Connection SBO Board Room 11:30-1:30

ESOL PL for Teachers w/Michelle 4-8 pm

3/15 Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

Staff Planning Day –No School for Students

SNP FARM to School Training SBO Board Room 7:30-4:00 pm

3/16 Big Red Reunion GHS Cafeteria 1-3 (See Below)

3/18 School Board Regular Meeting @ Gainesville Exploration Academy 6:00 pm

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

3/8 Jump Rope for Heart Celebration

3/9 Saturday School

3/12 TOME Conference

Spring Picture Day

Academic Committees

3/13 Family Day 9:30-10

PLC w/Administrative Leadership 3:00 pm

3/14 End of Third Nine Weeks

3/15 Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

Staff Planning Day –No School for Students

3/16 Saturday School

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

3/14 End of Third Nine Weeks

School Wide Spelling Bee

3/15 Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

Staff Planning Day –No School for Students

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

3/8 ACCESS Testing Window Closed

3/11-15 Book Fair

3/13 Other Content Area PLC & Faculty Meeting

3/14 End of Third Nine Weeks

3/15 Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

Staff Planning Day –No School for Students

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

3/7-25th Pennies for Patients

3/8 Brusters

3/14 End of Third Nine Weeks

3/15 Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

Staff Planning Day –No School for Students

MUNDY MILL

3/8 Blue Pop Day

3/12 TOME Conference

Faculty Meeting 2:55-4:00 p

3/13 Student Governance Council 12-1

3/14 End of Third Nine Weeks

Staff Jean Day

PI Day

Parent Workshop-Reading Comprehension 5:30-6:15

PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30

3/15 Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

Staff Planning Day –No School for Students

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3/4 – 3/8 Dr. Seuss Week

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

3/12 TOME Reading Competition at UNG in Oakwood

3/14 End of Third Nine Weeks

Kindergarten Round-Up Media Center 12:45 pm

3/15 Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

Staff Planning Day –No School for Students

GMS

3/9 Drama Work Day in Prep for SHREK Performance

3/12 Golf FCSS Invitational

Baseball vs. Chesatee @ GMS Field 5:00 pm

3/14 End of Third Nine Weeks

Band, Large Group Performance Evaluation

Spring Fling Dance

3/15 Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

Staff Planning Day –No School for Students

3/16 Baseball @ Chestatee (DH) 1:00

GHS

2/20-4/1GHS Digital Media Spring VHS-DVD Sale (See Below)

3/8 Varsity Soccer @ Dacula Girls 5:30 Boys 7:30

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

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

Track @ Jefferson Relays 9:00 am

Boys Golf @ Apple Mountain 9:00 am

Girls Golf Spring Swing @ Mossy Creek 10:00 am

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

Boys Lacrosse @ Oconee County 1:00 pm

3/11 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10:00

Golf Hall County Championships 3:30 pm

Track @ Johnson 5:30

JV Soccer @ Johnson Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm

AP Honors Night Cafeteria & Media Center 6-8 pm

Boys Lacrosse vs. Northgate @ Home 6:30 pm

3/12 Girl Scouts Honor Pam Ware as *Woman of Distinguish* Chattahoochee Country Club
11:30 am

Golf Hall County Championships 3:30 pm

Tennis vs. Winder @ Home Spring Student Night 4:00 pm

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

JV Baseball vs. Cherokee Bluff @ Home 5:55 pm

Blood Brothers Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm

3/13 JV Soccer vs. Lanier @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm

Track vs. Lanier @ Home 5:30 pm

Girls Lacrosse @ TL Hanna High School, Anderson, SC 5:30

Blood Brothers Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm

3/14 End of Third Nine Weeks

Varsity Baseball @ North Oconee 5:55 pm

JV Baseball @ Cherokee Bluff 5:55 pm

Boys Lacrosse vs. Oconee County @ Home 6:00 pm t

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3/15 Beginning of Fourth Nine Weeks

Staff Planning Day –No School for Students

Varsity Soccer @ Lanier High Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm

Varsity Baseball vs. North Oconee @ Home 5:55 pm

3/16 Girls Golf Lady Bronco Invitational

Boys Golf Athens Classic 12:00 noon

Big Red Reunion GHS Cafeteria 1-3 (See Below)

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

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

Cherokee Bluff 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.

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.

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.

Jefferson High School-Take US-129 South towards Jefferson . After you cross over I-85 continue on US-129. Go until you see a Kroger on the right-hand side of the road. Turn left at that light onto Old Pendergrass Road. Go to dead-end and school will be in front of you.

Johnson High School-Go 985 South to Exit 16 (Oakwood). Go left when you get off the Interstate. Go approximately 1/2 mile to big intersection and take left onto Atlanta Highway Entrance to school will be just past the old South Hall Middle School on your right. 3305 Poplar Springs Road, Gainesville, GA

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.

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.

Attention All GHS Alums: Join fellow Red Elephants & enjoy seeing friends from across the decades as the *Big Red Spirit* lives on.. Saturday, March 16, from 1-3 pm at the GHS Cafeteria (No Cost for Attending). The Varsity Food Truck will be there from 1-2 pm. Cost to eat \$9.000(Includes two entrees, fries, or rings). A group photo will be made at 3:00 pm. Please spread the word to all your GHS contacts- *Elephants Never Forget!!!* One lucky elephant will take a diamond tennis bracelet home compliments of Gainesville Jewelry.

Spring Student Spirit Night Dates Announced

Tennis 3/12

Baseball 3/15

Boys Lacrosse 3/21

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 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>

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.

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.

Tickets may be purchased the night of the show at the theater. Seniors and students are \$5.00, Adults \$10.00. Come early to get your tickets and shop the Boutique. All Boutique proceeds benefit Troupe 2445.

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 & pickups. Starting January 25-April 13. Closed 2/8 & 25 and 3/1 and 2.

Congratulations to our Literary Team on their performances and representation today in all areas including Essay, Extemporaneous Speaking, solos, trio, quartet and acting.

Those placing first are the following students who advance to state March 16

Personal Essay...Anna Newkirk

Rhetorical Essay...Marissa Woo

Extemporaneous Speaking: International.....Ella Tucker

Humorous Oral Interpretation.....John Bush

Dramatic Oral Interpretation....Delaney Benson

Duo Oral Interpretation.....John Bush and Kylee Peacock

Those placing second are the following students:

Boys Solo: George Henry Ewers

Girls Solo: Abigail Mowbray

Girls Trio: Delaney Benson, Catie Cook and Isabel Owens

Boys Quartet: Eduardo Castaneda, Luca Colombini, Balthazar Gradin, and Trystien Pierre

Those placing third are the following students:

Argumentative Essay.....Emma Fockele

Extemporaneous Speaking:Domestic.....Oscar Salazar

We would like to thank Lara Mallard for preparing the essay writers and extemporaneous speakers , Teresa Williams for preparing the soloists, trio and quartet, and Pam Ware for preparing the humorous interpt, dramatic interpt, and duo interpt.

LAST WEEK IN SPORTS:

Track

Results from the Eagle Invitational

Ashley Thompson won the 3200m run

Juan Cavazos finished 2nd in men's high jump

Women's 4x200m relay team finished 2nd

Donangelo Marshall finished 3rd in the men's 800m run

Jiriq Pierce finished 3rd in men's 110m hurdles

Makius Scott finished 3rd in men's shot put

Tennis

Boys Varsity Beat Apalachee 4-1

Girls Varsity beat Apalachee 5-0

Soccer

Varsity Boys beat Chestatee 2-0 & Apalachee 2-3

Varsity Girls Beat Chestatee 5-1

JV Boys beat Flowery Branch 4-1 & Apalachee 2-1

JV Girls Beat Flowery Branch 7-1 & Apalachee 2-1

Baseball

Beat North Forsyth 7-6

GHS Boys & Girls Tennis Teams Win

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-scoreboard-gainesville-boys-and-girls-tennis-teams-both-sweep-dacula-home-victories/>

Deadline Approaching for Scholarship Applications

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/these-scholarships-are-available-hall-students-you-have-apply-soon/>

Will Morris, GHS Graduate and Boston Trip Tour Guide Shares Northeast Georgia

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/columnists/will-morris-iv-why-i-love-showing-north-georgia/>

Georgia Teachers Get Pay Raises

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/teachers-other-school-positions-get-salary-hikes-ga-house-budget/>

GHS Baseball Team Comes Back and Rallies to Beat North Forsyth

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-scoreboard-gainesville-baseball-team-rallies-bottom-seventh-inning-comeback-win-over-north-forsyth/>

Fair Street Students Close Black History Month With Inspirational Walk

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/fair-street-students-close-black-history-month-inspirational-career-walk/>

Georgia Officials Want Teens & Pre-Teens Vaccinated

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/georgia-public-health-department-wants-your-teens-and-preteens-get-vaccinated/>