



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

April 12, 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

- 4/12 Registration Forms Due for Pajama Drama
- 4/15 L4GR Site Visit SBO Board Room 8-1
School Board Work Session & Regular Meeting @ New Holland 6:00 pm
- 4/16 Secondary & Elementary Programs SBO Parade & Board Rooms 10:30-12:30
PBIS District Meeting SBO Board Room 3-4
- 4/17 DRC Platform Training SBO Board Room 10-1
- 4/18 ESOL Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11
District Parent Coordinators SBO Parade Room
- 4/22 Earth Day

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 4/13 Saturday School
- 4/16 Faculty Meeting for Milestones Testing
- 4/17 PLC w/Administration
- 4/18 Grade 1 Field Trip 8:30 am
Paraprofessional Training 7:45 am
- 4/20 Saturday School

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 4/18 Fire Drill 1:30 pm

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 4/15-19 I Ready Diagnostic #
- 4/16 School Governance Council
- 4/17 Other Content Area PLC
Milestones Training Den 2:45 pm
- 4/18 PBIS Spring Fling

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 4/16 Kindergarten to Elachee
- 4/18 Spring Dance
First grade to see Gwinnett Stripers
- 4/19 – Ms. Roe's class - Georgia Aquarium

MUNDY MILL

- 4/12 Careers on Wheels for Pre-k-5 8-12
- 4/13 Saturday School 9-1
- 4/17 Blue Pop Money Due
- 4/18 PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30
- 4/19 Pre-K Egg Hunt 8:45 am
Blue Pop 1:00 pm

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

4/1-5 Spring Break – No School for Students, Faculty, Staff
4/9 Kindergarten Planning Day
4/10 1st Grade Planning Day
4/11 2nd Grade Planning Day
Milestone Prep Night for Parents - 5:30
4/12 - ESOL Planning Day
4/18 1st Grade Egg Hunt 9:00 am

GMS

4/18 Talent Show Cafeteria 6:00 pm

GHS

4/8-12 Student Council Campaigning Week 2
4/12 Varsity Soccer vs. Lanier @ Home (Senior Night) Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
Varsity Baseball @ Dacula 5:55 pm
4/13 Girls Golf Creekview Invitational
Girls Lacrosse @ North Oconee 3:30 pm
4/15 Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Forsyth Central @ Home 5:30 pm
Varsity Soccer @ Cherokee Bluff Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
Varsity Baseball vs. Winder-Barrow @ Home 5:55 pm
4/16 Girls Golf @ Lanier 3:30 pm
4/17 Girls Golf North Oconee @ Chattahoochee Golf Course
Varsity Track Cherokee Bluff @ Home
JV Soccer Cherokee Bluff at Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:00 pm
Varsity Baseball @ Winder-Barrow 5:55 pm
4/18 Girls Varsity Lacrosse @ Meadowcreek 5:30 pm
4/19 & 20 Pajama Drama Pam Ware PAC
4/19 Varsity Soccer vs. Johnson @ Home Girls 5:30 pm Boys 7:30 pm
Varsity Baseball vs. Winder-Barrow @ Home 5:55 pm
4/20 Boys Golf Grisly Classic

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

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.

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.

Creekview High School - Go Dawsonville Highway (GA-53) for 9.6 miles. Turn left onto Keith Bridge Road. Go 9.0 miles. Turn slight left onto Dahlonega Highway/GA 306. Continue on GA-306. Take a slight right onto Canton Highway/GA 20 and go 9.7 miles. Turn left onto Arbor Hill Road. Go 2 miles. Turn right onto Owens Store Road. School will be approximately 1/2 mile. 15-50 Owens Store Road. 35 miles

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.

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.

Meadowcreek High School – I 985 S. to I 85 S. to Beaver Ruin exit. Turn right. Travel to Steve Reynolds Boulevard . Turn right. School is on right.

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.

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

GCSS Jeans Week- April 22-26- \$5.00- Please help our GCSS Reach Georgia Scholars “reach” their dreams of pursuing a college education by donating \$5.00 to wear jeans for one week!! Donations should be submitted to your school’s bookkeeper. *All donations will be contributed to the GCSS Reach Scholarship Fund.* Due to the generosity of our employees and local donors, GCSS was able to provide three scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each to our REACH Scholars for the 2018-2019 school year. (The school district provides 35% of the scholarship and state funds provide the remaining 65% for each scholarship.) These scholars (who were selected in eighth grade at GMS) must successfully maintain good grades, behavior, and other criteria throughout eighth grade and high school to receive the REACH scholarship to attend a university, college, or technical institution within Georgia. Twelve GCSS students are currently in the GCSS REACH Scholars program.

GHS Prom 2019

Where: Gainesville Civic Center April 27th 2019
8-11 pm

Tickets sales:

4/15-23/19 Online (MyPaymentPlus) \$36.66
4/24-25/18 Lunch (Main Campus) **\$40.00 (CASH ONLY)**
After School room GPS Modular

(April 24-25 CASH ONLY): \$40

Date Forms

Date forms for non-GHS students can be picked up from any office. Completed forms need to be turned into the 1st floor office no later than 4/25 Date will be required to show ID at prom

GMS Talent Show

April 18th 6 pm
GMS Cafeteria Donation at the door

GMS Chorus Performance 6th and 7th grade

May 2nd 6 pm
Cinderella and Alice in Wonderland
GMS Cafeteria

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.
May 6 Choosing Your Approach

Attention GCSS teachers! If you are interested in a teaching job for the month of June, we are interested in YOU!!!! The RISE summer camp, addressing summer learning loss is hiring. Your commitment would be: May 30-31 Preplanning, June 3-28 M-F 8AM-5PM. Wednesday will be afternoons at Frances Meadow and Fridays are Field trip days. Please apply at the following website:

https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=eb269387-5359-4445-aeb7-9c9331227f69&ccId=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US

Come join the FUN at RISE!!!!

GHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT SPRING SHOW

May 8-10 Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm

Aida –Winner of four Tony Awards, weaves a story of romance, loyalty, and treachery. The love triangle between an enslaved Aida , an Egyptian princess Amneris, and a soldier Prince Radames is captured in the pop/rock and beautiful ballads that bring this story into a new era. **Aida** is an intriguing musical not to be missed.

April 22nd, GMS is celebrating Earth Day all day in GMS science classes. They are updating the memorial garden, planting vegetables in our new Herd Garden, and planting bulbs around the school for a splash of red. All students will be able to make and take home a plantable cup with a seed and a birdfeeder. City of Gainesville, Keep Hall Beautiful, and Lowes have all made generous donations of time and materials to our goal to beautify GMS.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Ham Radio Operator, but weren't sure how to get started? Well, have no fear.... You CAN become a licensed Ham Radio Operator easier than you may have imagined! The Gainesville Middle School Amateur Radio Club will be co-hosting a 1-day Ham Radio Licensing event called a "Ham-Cram" on Saturday, April 27 at Gainesville Middle School, from 8am to 3pm. The purpose of the event is to review all of the questions on the F.C.C. test and then to take the exam while everything is still fresh on your mind. The instructional Ham-Cram event is open to the public (including GCSS staff) and is free. There is a \$10 testing fee to take the FCC exam.

If you are interested in more information about this event, please email Craig Bailey at: craig.bailey@gcssk12.net

PAJAMA DRAMA

GHS Pajama Drama

April 19th & 20th

Students in 2nd-6th grade

Information will be going to the schools the week of 3/25. This will be before Spring Break.

Registration forms due April 12th

\$50 per child

Come for a night of theatre and fun at the Pam Ware Performing Art Center!!

It's Duck Derby time for the Boys and Girls Club. 20,000 rubber ducks will be released this year at Lake Lanier Olympic Park on May 11th. This year's Derby will be from 3:00 to 9:00 and will include family friendly fun with bounce houses, pony rides, and a petting zoo, as well as food trucks, drinks, and a live concert by the Fly Betty Band. Over the 21 years of the Duck Derby, the growth of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier has exploded. They now serve over 1,000 kids each day in 15 sites! . Please consider the purchase of a Grand Pack. Note that we have raised the price slightly in the last couple of years to keep pace with our growing program demands - 125 bucks gets you 25 ducks – that's 20 at \$6 each, plus 5 free ducks. The grand prize again this year is **\$10,000 cash**. Other prizes include choice of a diamond solitaire or ring valued at \$5,000 from Gainesville Jewelry, generator from Kipper Tool, Canopy Tours getaway, free Chick-Fil-A for a year, craft brewery experience from LNB, and prize package from Tap It. For additional information: Abbott S. Hayes, Jr. @s for the project. For information or to arrange pick-up, please contact: beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net.

The girls track team won the Hall Co Championship and the boys finished second, before spring break. They are now gearing up for the region meet in a couple of weeks.

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/riverside-military-boys-take-gold-chokeebuff-begins-legacy-road-hall-county-championships/>

The GCSS Pre-K Program Basks in Success, May Expand

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/what-gainesvilles-pre-k-program-may-look-like-for-2019-20-school-year/>

Youthful Track and Field is Key to GHS Success

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/youthful-track-and-field-talent-key-gainesville-high-girls-hall-county-championship-performance/>