



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

April 19, 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

- 4/19 Power School Scheduling SBO Board Room 8-4
- 4/22 Earth Day
- 4/22-26 GCSS Jeans Week-(See Below)
- 4/23 Dahtronics Training SBO Parade Room 10-12
- 4/24 SPED Coordinator Playbook SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-11:30
Fingerprinting for New Hires SBO Parade Room 10-11 am
- 4/26 Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 4/20 Saturday School
- 4/22-26 GCSS Jeans Week-(See Below)
- 4/ 22 Grade 2 Field Trip Cleveland Zoo 8:30 am
Kindergarten Field Trip to Children's Museum
- 4/23 Support Committees
Grade 4 Field Trip
- 4/24 Italian Ice
Leadership Team 3:00 pm
- 4/25 Progress Reports Go Home

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

- 4/18 Fire Drill 1:30 pm
- 4/22-26 GCSS Jeans Week-(See Below)
- 4/23 Staff Meeting (Testing) 3:00 pm
- 4/25 Progress Reports Go Home
Grade 4 Field Trip
ESOL Team Meeting 2:30 pm
- 4/26 Milestones Pep Rally 5th Grade 12:40 3rd Grade 1:10 4th Grade 1:40

FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY

- 4/15-19 I Ready Diagnostic #
- 4/22-26 GCSS Jeans Week-(See Below)
- 4/24 Literacy PLC & Faculty Meeting
- 4/25 Progress Reports Go Home
- 4/26 Success Rally 1:30-2:00 pm

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY

- 4/ 19 – Ms. Roe's class - Georgia Aquarium
- 4/22-26 GCSS Jeans Week-(See Below)
- 4/25 Progress Reports Go Home

MUNDY MILL

- 4/19 Pre-K Egg Hunt 8:45 am
Blue Pop 1:00 pm
- 4/22-26 GCSS Jeans Week-(See Below)
- 4/23 Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm
- 4/25 Progress Reports Go Home
5th Grade Trip to Hall County Courthouse
PTA Rising Kindergarten Parent Meet and Greet 6:30-7:30
- 4/26 Student Council Meeting 8:00 am
- 4/27 Saturday School 9-1

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 4/22-26 GCSS Jeans Week-(See Below)
- 4/25 Progress Reports Go Home
1st Grade Field Trip to Warbington Farms
- 4/26 2nd Grade Field Trip to Disney on Ice

GMS

- 4/22-26 GCSS Jeans Week-(See Below)
- 4/25 Progress Reports Go Home
6th & 7th Grade Bands Spring Concert GMS Gym 6th Grade 6:15 7th Grade 7:30 pm

GHS

- 4/18 & 19 Pajama Drama Pam Ware PAC
- 4/19 Varsity Baseball vs. Winder-Barrow @ Home 5:55 pm
- 4/20 Boys Golf Grisly Classic @ Woodmont 9:00 am
Athletic Physicals @ GHS New Gym A-L 9:00 am M-Z 10:00 (See Below)
GHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet Scott's Downtown 6:00 pm
- 4/22-26 GCSS Jeans Week-(See Below)
AP Capstone Presentations SBO Board Room 8-3:30 pm
- 4/22 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10:00
- 4/23 Girls Golf @ Habersham Central
Girls Lacrosse @ Collins Hill 5:30 pm
- 4/25 Progress Reports Go Home
EOC Mandated Training During PLC Times
Girls Golf Region Tournament
Girls Lacrosse vs. Lanier @ Home 5:30 pm
Boys Lacrosse @ Dacula 6:00 pm
- 4/26 & 27 Boys Golf The Invite @ Chattahoochee Golf Club
Boys Soccer First Round of State vs. Douglas County @ City Park Time TBA
- 4/27 Jr./Sr. Prom Gainesville Civic Center 8-11

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.

Collins Hill High School-985 S. to Exit 4 (Buford, Hwy. 20). Take a left and go past the Mall of Georgia. After several miles, take a right on Old Peachtree. Then take a left on Collins Hill. Take a right on Taylor . The school is on the left.

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.

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.

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.

Gainesville Boys Soccer will host Douglas County for the first round of playoffs on Friday April 26th. Time TBA.

Thursday April 25th-GMS 6th and 7th grade bands Spring Concert in the GMS Gym.
6th Grade at 6:15pm
7th Grade at 7:30pm

INVITATION TO MRS. PAM WOOD'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION

HOST: New Holland Faculty and Staff

WHEN: Wednesday, 15 from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

WHERE: New Holland Media Center [170 Barn Street Gainesville, Georgia 30501](#)

The first annual Gainesville Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will be held on Saturday April 29, 2019. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Dinner and Program will begin at 7:00 pm. It will be at Scott's Downtown. Tickets are \$125 or tables are \$750. Sponsorship tables are \$1000. Tickets at gainesvilleathleticclub.com, checks payable to Gainesville Athletic Club, PO Box 3141, Gainesville 30503. For info: knordholz@fullmedia.com.

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 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.

Athletic physicals will be given at the GHS New Gym on Saturday April 20. Students whose last name start with A-L will go at 9:00 am. Students whose last name starts with letters M-Z will report at 10:00 am They are good for 1 calendar year. Only \$5.00. Paperwork can be found at www.gainesvilleelephantathletics.com or in the GHS front office.

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 plant able 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.

Mrs. Bertha Shields, former assistant principal at Centennial, has been approved as the next New Holland Knowledge Academy Principal. Mrs. Shields will be following in the footsteps of Mrs. Pam Wood (retirement) to lead the next phase at New Holland.

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/new-holland-knowledge-academys-next-principal-familiar-face/>

Last Week in Sports

Tennis

Boys team finished 2nd in the Region 8-6A Tournament

Girls Team finished 3rd in the Region 8-6A Tournament

Soccer

Boys clinched the Region Title by beating Lanier 1-0

GHS Grad & Master's Winner Tommy Aaron Highlighted

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-athletics-hall-fame-tommy-aaron-made-his-mark-augusta-national/>

GHS Grad & Pro Pitcher Micah Owings Highlighted

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-athletics-hall-fame-micah-owings-garnered-national-attention-red-elephants/>

Times to Highlight GHS Hall of Fame Inductees

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/times-highlight-gainesville-highs-all-time-greats-ahead-inaugural-gainesville-athletic-hall-fame-induction/>

From mentee to mentor: A snapshot of how Gainesville Schools' aspiring teachers program works

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/mentee-mentor-snapshot-how-gainesville-schools-aspiring-teachers-program-works/>