



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

*CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS*

April 28, 2017

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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**

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestones Testing
- 4/28 District Strategic Plan Superintendent's Office Goal 1 8:00 am  
District Strategic Plan Superintendent's Office Goal 2 9:00 am  
District Strategic Plan Superintendent's Office Goal 3 10:00 am  
Budget Planning Meeting SBO Parade Room 10-12 am  
1997 State Championship Baseball Team Celebration Ivey-Watson Field 6:30 pm
- 4/29 Class of 1997 – 20<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion
- 5/1 Leadership Academy SBO Board Room 9-12  
Principals' Meeting 10-12
- 5/3 Counselors & School Social Workers SBO Board Room 12-2:45  
PBIS Team Leaders & Coaches & School Social Workers SBO Board Room 3:00-4:00
- 5/4 RTI Coordinators 9:30-11:30 SBO Board Room  
Induction Teachers Zoom 3:00 Elementary 4:00 Middle & High
- 5/5 Executive Cabinet Superintendent's Office 8-9:30 am  
Submitting the Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan SBO Parade Room 10-12
- 5/6 Last Day of Pay Period
- 5/8 Timesheets Due to Payroll
- 5/15 School Board Regular Meeting Public Safety Meeting 6:00 pm

## **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 5/2 Faculty Meeting
- 5/3 PLC with Administration about RTI  
Grade 5 GMS Bus Tour 8:25-10:30
- 5/4 Field Day Grades K-3  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Elachee in Gym
- 5/5 Field Day Grades 4 & 5

## **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 4/30 Enota Heritage Celebration 1:30-3:30 pm  
Brick and Plant Sale 1:30 -3:30 pm
- 5/2 Action Team Meetings 3:00

## **FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 4/28 Progress Reports
- 5/3 Student Council Meeting 1:00 pm

## **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

- 4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing
- 4/29 Art Honors Trip to High Museum

5/1 Administrative Meeting  
5/2 Leadership Meeting  
    Faculty Meeting  
5/3 GANS Meeting

### **MUNDY MILL ACADEMY**

#### **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY**

4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing  
4/28 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Environmental Field Day  
5/1 Administrative Meeting 12:30 pm  
5/2 Faculty Meeting 3:00 pm  
5/3 PLC Grades K, 1, 2 During Planning  
5/4 PLC Grades 3,4,5 During Planning

#### **GMS**

4/17-28 Elementary & Middle Milestone Testing  
4/28 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Gainesville Civic Center  
5/2 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elachee Star Lab  
5/3 Collaborative Planning  
5/4 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert GMS Gymnasium 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm 7<sup>th</sup> 7:15  
5/5 Movie Night Football Practice Field 6:00  
5/6 Band High Note Festival & Field Trip Six Flags  
5/7 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Leaves for Tybee Island

#### **GHS**

4/28 Baseball State Tournament Round 1 vs. Dalton @ Ivey Watson DH 4:00 pm  
    1997 State Championship Baseball Team Celebration Ivey-Watson Field 6:30 pm  
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    Junior/Senior Prom Gainesville Civic Center 8-11  
    Junior Senior Prom Walk-out Gainesville Civic Center Front Lawn 9:30 pm  
5/1 & 2 Dress Rehearsal for 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
5/2 Administrative Meeting Principal's Conference Room 7:30-8:30 am  
5/3 Boys Golf 6A Area 2 Tournament Chattahoochee Golf Club  
    Girls Golf 6 A Area Tournament Apple Mountain GC  
    42<sup>nd</sup> Street Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm  
5/4-5 Baseball State Tournament Round 2  
5/4 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm  
5/5 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm  
5/5 & 6 North Georgia High School Invitational Achasta Golf Club  
5/8-19 High School Milestones Testing

## **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](mailto: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 .

**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.

For the month of May 2017, Gainesville City School employees will be paid on May 26, 2017. The payroll dates are April 9 through May 6, 2017. Time sheets and leave request need to be signed/approved by 10am on May 8, 2017. If for some reason employees will not be here on May 8, please be sure to turn in your time sheet if applicable

**GHS ANNUAL HONOR'S NIGHTS ASSEMBLY** Sponsored by the Beta Club  
May 10th, 7 p.m. @Pam Ware Performing Arts Center. Various categories of award certificates (grades 9-12) will be handed out, in addition to major scholarship presentations, & 2017 FACULTY CUPS.

GMS theatre students will present *Charlie Brown* on May 16 & 17 in the GMS cafeteria at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be \$5.00.

Baccalaureate for GHS is Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 11:00 am at the First Baptist Church at 751 Green Street NE. The Honorary Graduate Reception will be held at 10:00 am in the Nix Auditorium at First Baptist Church.. Graduation ceremonies will be on Friday, May 19, 2017 at City Park Stadium at 7:30 pm..

**GHS Theatre presents 42nd STREET**

May 3 - 5 (Wed - Fri) 7:30 pm

\$5 student/senior 65+      \$8 adults

The quintessential backstage musical comedy classic 42ND STREET is the song and dance fable of Broadway with an American dream story and includes some of the greatest songs ever written: "We're In The Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shuffle Off To Buffalo," "Dames," "I Only Have Eyes For You," and, of course, "42nd Street". Based on a novel by Bradford Ropes and Busby Berkeley's 1933 movie, 42ND STREET tells the story of a starry-eyed young dancer named Peggy Sawyer, who leaves her Allentown home and comes to New York to audition for the new Broadway musical PRETTY LADY. As the story unfolds,

circumstances change that will have you cheering for the underdog. We assure you that the music and message will have you dancing as you exit the theatre.

Tickets can ONLY be requested ahead of time by emailing the following to:

[ghstheatre@bellsouth.net](mailto:ghstheatre@bellsouth.net)

1. Date & Day of tickets
2. How many student, senior 65+ or adult tickets.
3. Name (first and last) you want tickets held under.

Tickets can be picked up the night of the show, the box office opens at 6:30pm.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE FRONT OFFICE OR MRS. WARE FOR TICKETS.**

NOTE TO GHS STUDENTS-VERY FEW yearbooks are left for purchase. Please visit [www.bigredyearbook.com](http://www.bigredyearbook.com) to purchase .

**Avenue of the Stars-** May 5th, 6 pm in the GHS Lobby. This free event is open to the public. Please join us as we honor the two 2016 graduates with the most thespian points with their own stars outside of the PAC. This year we will be honoring Julia Truelove and Carlee Cosper as well as one surprise recipient. Please come and have refreshments with us before closing night of 42nd Street as we celebrate these people for their hard work during their time at GHS.

**Annual Thespian Awards-** May 8, 7:00 pm in the PAC. You are invited to attend our annual awards ceremony as we celebrate our seniors, our accomplishments of the year, and install our new officers. This is a free event and open to the public.

GHS Prom Information 4/29/17 8:00 pm-11:00 pm Gainesville Civic Center

Tickets available online thru mypaymentplus until 4/27/17

Tickets will be sold during lunch and after school 4/24-4/28

Platinum seniors \$25.00 per ticket All others \$35.00 per person

Senior walk-out will begin at 9:30 pm

A ribbon-cutting and morning tour of the new Mundy Mill Academy Elementary School will be held on May 23, 2017.

Enota Heritage Celebration- April 30, 2017 from 1:30 -3:30 pm Remembering 63 years of rich Enota heritage. The school will be open for guests, alumni, and community members to walk through and reminisce together.. Help us celebrate Enota's rich heritage as they prepare for the new chapter of the Enota story.

There will be a brick and plant sale at the Enota Heritage Celebration on April 30 from 1:30-3:30 pm. About 1500 bricks will be salvaged from the back of the old school, cleaned, and engraved with the school's name and dates and will be on sale for \$25.00 each. Also certain plants from

the Enota campus will be available for anyone who would like to sponsor plants for the new Enota Garden. More information on how you can become an Enota Plant Sponsor will be available soon. <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/123037/>

The GHS Art Department has two new tee shirt designs. Please visit their links to the order forms and check out the new designs! Any questions please feel free to contact [sarah.claussen@gcssk12.net](mailto:sarah.claussen@gcssk12.net).

Price \$15 each

GHS Mural Project Limited Edition "Frida Kahlo" short sleeve tee

<https://goo.gl/forms/WN5R3WWjor48XApZ2>

GHS "Be Different" baseball tee designer Cammy Nguyen

<https://goo.gl/forms/ubqsUElsn2BGN88T2>

All proceeds support arts program and student design awards!

### THE BEULAH RUCKER MUSEUM AND THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA HISTORY CENTER *PRESENT:*

Dr. E.E. Butler~Medical Pioneer of Gainesville and Hall County

Featuring Jonathan S.E. Perkins as Dr. Emmett E. Butler

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM in The Burd Center at The Housch Theatre on the campus of Brenau University

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

It's Duck Derby time! This is the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Derby, and 20,000 rubber ducks will be paddling across the lake at Clarks Bridge Park on May 5<sup>th</sup>. This year's race will start at 5:00, followed by a Duck Fest at 6:00, including live music from the Fly Betty Band, a variety of food trucks, and drinks from Tap It. The Duck Derby is a critical fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs in helping continue to serve hundreds of kids per day in the afterschool programs, offering opportunities in education, arts, recreation, and leadership. The average daily attendance at the Clubs continues to increase each year, and your help is needed to push that number even higher.

Please consider the purchase of a Grand Pack. 100 bucks gets you 25 ducks – that's 20 at \$5 each, plus 5 free ducks. The grand prize again this year is **\$10,000 cash**. Other prizes include a Lake Lanier Islands getaway, tool set, Disney tickets, and Yeti products.

For additional information or to purchase tickets: [ash@homlaw.com](mailto:ash@homlaw.com).

### **GMS Bands Spring Concerts**

6th & 7th grade Thursday, May 4 at 6:30pm in the GMS Gymnasium

8th Grade & GHS Bands Thursday, May 11 7pm at Lakewood Baptist Church

The faculty and staff of Centennial Arts Academy invites everyone to a retirement party honoring retirees for the 2016-17 school year Linda Buffington, Janice Deerwester, Marot Mickle, and Angela Vickery. It will be on Tuesday, May 16 at Centennial Arts Academy Media Center at 3:00 pm.

You Are Invited To A Retirement Reception for  
Yvonne Jackson - Fair Street Academy  
Date: Monday, May 15th  
Time: 3:00 P.M.  
Location: Fair Street Den

Baby Elephant Cheer Camp-a fundraiser for the Varsity Football Cheerleaders  
July 17<sup>th</sup>-20 8:30 am until 12:00 GHS Alumni Gym \$70.00 per camper  
Includes T-Shirt, crafts, dances, and cheers. Spirit Days: Monday-dress like a cheerleader,  
Tuesday-Princess Day, Wednesday-Tacky Day, Thursday-Camp T-Shirt Day.  
Deadline to register 5/31/17. Information:darby.jackson@gcssk12.net

Gainesville High School recently lost a wonderful graduate. Trinh Huynh, was our first Asian-American Student Council president, GHS class of '94. The AJC has announced a scholarship fund in her memory; the hyperlink in the article takes one to the North GA Community Foundation here.

<http://www.ajc.com/news/crime--law/scholarship-fund-created-honor-attorney-slain-midtown/gPxlMYGrjVsZ6ZkKNc5uGP/>

GHS student Grace O'Keefe was selected for the Governor's Honors Program in Communicative Arts this summer . It will be held on the campus of Berry college.

*GHS Boys Soccer Team Hopes to Make Run in State Tournament*  
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/123153/>

*Williams Pick Earns Praise from Co-Workers in Union County*  
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/123124/>

*Family Crisis Forged Leadership Path for New Gainesville Superintendent*  
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/123125/>

*Survey Responses from Community Guide Superintendent's Search*  
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/123073/>

*GHS Boys Golf Sits in Fifth Place in The Invite*  
<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/28/article/123116/>