



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

May 11, 2018

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## **ALL SCHOOLS**

- 5/14 Fingerprinting for New Staff Parade Room 10-11 am
  - Other Related Services RTL & Universal Screeners SBO Board Room 2-4
- 5/15 Deadline for Stewards of Children Online Training
  - Cabinet Meeting SBO Superintendent's Conference Room 9-12
  - Technology Meeting Board Room 9-10
- 5/17 School Nutrition Meeting SBO Parade Room 8:45-11
  - Department Meeting SBO Board Room 9-11
  - Family Connections SBO Board Room 11:30-1:30
- 5/18 District Improvement Planning Parade Room 8:30-11:30
  - Student Records Work Day w/QBE Clerks SBO Board Room 9:30-4:00
- 5/21 School Board Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00

## **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 5/11 GKIDS Window Closes
  - Italian Ice Day
  - Grade 5 Law Field Trip
- 5/14 Grade 5 Field Trip to Atlanta
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Incentive Field Trip
- 5/15 Field Day 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Committee Meeting
  - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Award Trip
- 5/16 Field Day 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Governance Council Meeting 3:00 pm
- 5/17 Drama Club Performance 6:00 pm
- 5/18 Grade 5 Walking Field Trip

## **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 5/17 Field Day
- 5/18 Field Day

## **FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

- 5/11 First Grade Field Trip to Frances Meadows
  - G Kids Administrative Window Closes
- 5/15 Retirement Reception for Fair Street Retirees Cafeteria 3:30 pm (See Below)

## **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

- 5/11 Art Honors Field Trip to High Museum
- 5/16 GAN During Planning
  - Art Honors End of the Year Party

## **MUNDY MILL ACADEMY**

5/11 PBIS Cookout

Student Council Meeting 1:30 pm

5/17 Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Spring Concert *Free Admission* 6:30 pm

5/18 Field Day

5/22 Grades 3-5 & MMA Chorus Spring Concert *Free Admission* 6:30 pm

## **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY**

5/11 - 1st grade field trip to Warbington Farms

5/14 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Elachee

5/15 Field Day Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>

5/16 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Elachee

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Frances Meadows

5/17 Field Day Grades 2-5

5/18 Governance Council Meeting Conference Room 1:30 pm

Owl Standing Students to Frances Meadows

## **GMS**

5/11 Milestone Testing

5/13-15 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Tybee Island

5/15/16 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to GHS

5/17 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams Periods 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

5/18 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Final Exams Periods 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>

5/14 GMS Chorus concert. MoTown Spectacular Cafeteria. 6:00 pm

## **GHS**

5/11 AP Exam 8:00 Us History First Baptist Church Green St

500 Queens Brunch Location TBA 10-11

State Track Finals @ Dacula

2018 Decision Celebration Gymnasium 2-3:30 pm

5/14 AP Exam At First Baptist Church Biology 8:00

5/15 AP Exams At First Baptist Calculus BC 8:00 am Computer Science A 12 Noon

Crimson Chorus Concert Pam Ware PAC 7:30 pm

5/16 AP Exams At First Baptist English Language 8:00 Microeconomics 12 Noon

Honors Night Sponsored by Beta Club PAC 7:00 pm

5/17 AP Exams At First Baptist World History 8:00 Statistics 12 Noon

5/18 AP Exams At First Baptist Human Geography 8:00 –

Baccalaureate Practice First United Methodist Church 5-7 pm

5/19 Baccalaureate Service First United Methodist Church 11-1

*These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction on 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.*

**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.

#### GHS Annual HONORS ASSEMBLY

sponsored by the BETA Club

Wednesday May 16th, 7:00 p.m.

@ The Pam Ware Performing Arts Center

GMS Chorus concert. MoTown Spectacular will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria.

Last Day of School is May 25

Graduation is May 25 at 7:00 pm at Bobby Gruhn Field

Elementary Reports Cards will be Sent Home the Last Day of School

The Gainesville High School Crimson Chorus will be presenting their last performance of the year on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:30pm in the Pam Ware Performing Arts Center. It will be a variety concert and will feature some favorite songs from the year as well as solo songs and dances. Our seniors will also be recognized at this concert for their dedication to the GHS Choral program. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Fair Street invites you to join them May 15th at 3:30 in the FSIA cafeteria as they celebrate the retirement of Amy Hamilton, Cynthia Hendrix, and Charlyne Holland-three wonderful women who have made such an impact on our school and the lives of our students. Please RVSP to [veronica.portillo@gcssk12.net](mailto:veronica.portillo@gcssk12.net) by April 30th if you will be able to attend.

Fair Street invites you to join them May 21st at 3:30 in the FSIA cafeteria as they celebrate the work and dedication of Mr. William Campbell in our school and community. We wish him the best of luck as he moves onto the next chapter of his life as the new Rush City superintendent. Please RVSP to [veronica.portillo@gcssk12.net](mailto:veronica.portillo@gcssk12.net) by April 30th if you will be able to attend.

GHS invites you to come and celebrate GHS's retirees-Tom Smith, Pat Caldwell, Michael Jackson, Chris Coy, Steve Lawhorne, Katie Denning, Marianna Connor, & Bruce Miller on Tuesday, May 29 from 2-4 pm in the GHS lobby.

GHS teachers Rick Howard, Chandra Karnati, and Lara Mallard would like to invite you to attend the AP Capstone night on May 17th at 6:00 PM in the 9GC Cafeteria and Makerspace.

The AP Capstone program consists of two courses (AP Seminar and AP Research) as well as encompassing all AP courses offered at the school. Students completing the requirements for the AP Capstone program will graduate with an AP Capstone Diploma. This will be the first year that we will have AP Capstone Diploma recipients. The requirements for these students to receive an AP Capstone Diploma, they are:

- 3 or higher on AP Seminar Exam (2 Performance tasks in Spring and an EOC)
- 3 or higher on AP Research Exam (Original Research Project, paper, presentation and oral defense)
- 3 or higher on 4 other AP Exams during their high school career.

AP Capstone Night is a night where the students in both Seminar and Research will display their research projects that were part of their AP Exam grade for the course. They will offer poster talks to those attending explaining their process and findings. The format will be much like a "science fair" where you will be able to walk around and visit the projects and talk to the students. We hope that you will take the time to come see the amazing things these students have accomplished as a result of being a part of the AP program at GHS.

The following students are part of the AP Capstone program and will be presenting at the AP Capstone Night:

Daphne Alarcon-Torres	Cammy Nguyen
Savannah Brown	Christy Nguyen
Sandy Duong	Sadie Abernathy
Adam Jobson	Anita Medepalli
Paige Patterson	Stephanie Co
Mary Peterson	Gus Kaufman
Mark Toth	Banks Griffin
John Bush	Oliver Ceska
Joseph Diaz	Tapan Shah
Katherine Edwards	Collier Scott
Jonathan Galvan	Alejandra Luis-Cruz
Shane Marsingill	Lily Gerrell
Matthew Penado	Hank Robinson
Raul Puentes	Cameron Sturdivant
Grayson Wagner	Natasha Enriquez
Hannah Wagner	Armando Zavala

Enota invites you to celebrate the retirement of their wonderful science lab teacher, Mrs. Gayla Pierce. They will host a drop-in at their new cafeteria from 3:30-5:00 on Tuesday, May 29th. Please stop by to wish Gayla well and thank her for all she has done to inspire and prepare our students.

### **Upcoming Pay Dates**

May 31, 2018

June 29, 2018

July 31, 2018

August 31, 2018

Spring 2018 AP Exam Schedule-All Exams are Held at First Baptist Church on Green Street.

May 11 8:00 Us History

May 14 8:00 Biology

May 15 8:00 Calculus BC 12:00 Computer Science A

May 16 8:00 English Language 12:00 Microeconomics

May 17 8:00 World History 12:00 Statistics

May 18 8:00 Human Geography

\*AP Research, Art 2D, and Art 3D do not have off-site tests. Materials are submitted via website.

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](http://www.explorica.com/Finelli-8717) 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.

Congratulations to the G.M.S. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands!!!

All 3 bands participated in the prestigious High Note Music Festivals this past Saturday in Marietta. For the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, each Gainesville M.S. Band earned the highest possible rating from each of the judges - SUPERIOR!

Huge Congratulations to the Girls Golf team for winning the Area Championship and qualifying for the state tournament

Also the boys Soccer team won their sweet 16 and Elite 8 matchups and will play in the final four this week

*Gainesville Boys Soccer Team Loses in Semifinals*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-soccer-gainesville-boys-program-falls-cambridge-3-0-class-6a-semifinals/>

*GHS Boys Soccer Reaches Semi-Finals with Aggressive Play*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-soccer-gainesville-boys-soccer-team-takes-aggressive-approach-early-5-1-win-against-richmond-hill-class-6a-state-quarterfinals/>

*GHS Boys Golf Finish Second in the North Georgia Classic*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-golf-gainesville-boys-finish-second-north-georgia-classic-achasta/>

*GHS Boys Soccer Advances to Quarter-Finals w/ 2-1 Win*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/high-school-soccer-playoffs-gainesville-boys-edge-alexander-2-1-double-overtime-thriller/>

*Bobby Gruhn Field Has State's Largest Scoreboard*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/states-largest-high-school-video-scoreboard-rising-bobby-gruhn-field/>