



# ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

May 17, 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](http://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](mailto:beverly.nordholz@gcssk12.net).

## **ALL SCHOOLS**

- 5/17 ESOL Coaches Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11  
5/20 CLIP SBO Board Room 1-2  
School Board Regular Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00  
5/21 Wraparound #3 Community Partnership Meeting SBO Board Room 8:30-11:30  
5/22 Technology Workshop SBO Board Room 8:30-12  
GHS Summer School Planning SBO Parade Room 10-11  
Retirement Reception for Park & Rec. Director Melvin Cooper Civic Center 4-6  
5/23 Fingerprinting for New Hires 10-11  
5/24 Last Day of School  
Report Cards & ACCESS Scores Go Home

## **CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY**

- 5/17 Field Day 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
5/20 Kindergarten Open House  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Atlanta Field Trip  
5/21 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast and Slide Show Cafeteria 8:00am  
Kindergarten Open House  
Family Day 9:45-10:15  
Sunshine Event  
5/22 GHS Senior Walk for Class of 2019 @ 8:15  
Awards Day Kindergarten 9:30-10:30 Pre-K 11-12 Grade 2 1-2  
Leadership Meeting 3:00 pm  
Italian Ice  
5/23 Awards Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 9:30-10:30  
Awards Day 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 11-12  
Awards Day 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1-2  
5/24 Last Day of School  
Report Cards and ACCESS Scores Go Home

## **ENOTA ELEMENTARY**

- 5/17 Blue Pop Day (PBIS Fundraiser)  
Field Day (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
5/18 Kindergarten Screening (New Students) 9:30-12  
5/21 Staff Meeting 3:00 pm  
5/22 Awards Day Pre-K 8:15-8:45, Kindergarten 9-10  
Merrye Watts Retirement Reception 3:30-5:00  
5/23 Awards Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 8:15-9:30, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 9:45-11 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 11:15-12:15,  
5/24 Last Day of School  
Report Cards and ACCESS Scores Go Home  
Awards Day 5<sup>th</sup> Grade -9:30, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 10-11  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Party @ Laurel Park

### **FAIR STREET ELEMENTARY**

5/17 Field Day 7:30- 1:00

5/22 Honors Day y 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 8:15-

Faculty Meeting

5/24 Last Day of School

Report Cards and ACCESS Scores Go Home

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Gym 11:30 am

### **GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY**

5/24 Last Day of School

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### **MUNDY MILL**

5/17 Parent Input Session 8-9

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Wilshire Park 9-1:30

PBIS Ice Cream 12-2

5/21 Schoolwide PBIS Cookout and Fun Day 8:30-1:30 pm

5/22 Pre-K Awards 9-10 AM

5/23 K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Awards 8:15 am

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards 9:30 am

Girl Scout Bridging Day Ceremony in Community Room 2-5:30 pm

5/24 Last Day of School

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony Followed by Reception & Parade 8:30 -10:30

Report Cards Go Home

### **NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

5/20 End of the Year Luau 5-7 pm

5/24 Last Day of School

Report Cards and ACCESS Scores Go Home

### **GMS**

5/16 & 5/17 Tryouts for GMS Volleyball Team 4:30-7 pm

5/17 School Nutrition Berry Brawl during Lunches

5/24 Last Day of School

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### **GHS**

5/17 Last Day of School for Seniors

2019 Year Book Assembly Gym 2:30 pm

5/18 Baccalaureate St. John Baptist Church 10:00 am

Boys Soccer State Championship @ McEachern High School 2:30

5/20 AAAAAA State Golf Tournament

Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10:00 am  
Senior Field Day GHS Track 8:30-3:30  
5/21 Honors Night (Undergraduates) PAC 7:00-8:30  
5/22 Honors Night (Seniors) PAC 7-8:30  
5/24 Last Day of School  
Graduation City Park Bobby Gruhn Field 7:30 pm  
Report Cards Go Home

*\*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](http://www.schooldirections.com/ga_school_directions.htm)

**McEachern High School**-Go I-985 S. to I-85 S. Take exit 95 B to I-285 West. Take the I-75 N. Exit #20 to Marietta. Keep right to take the Windy Hill Road ramp toward Smyrna. Turn slight left onto Windy Hill Road becomes Macland Road. Go 4111 miles. Turn left onto Lost Mountain Road. 2400 New Macland Road, Powder Springs.

GHS Baccalaureate	May 18	St. John Baptist Church	10:00 am
Last Day of School	May 24, 2019		
Graduation	May 24, 2019	City Park Bobby Gruhn Field	7:30 pm

“Senior Honors Night” for Cohort 2019  
(By Invitation Only)  
Wednesday, May 22 Performing Arts Center 7:00 p.m.

Honors Program for Cohort 2020, 2021 & 2022  
(Junior, Sophomore, Freshman)  
By Invitation Only  
Tuesday, May 21 Performing Arts Center 7:00 p.m.

*GHS Boys Soccer Team Defeats Cambridge in State Semifinals to Advance to Finals versus Dalton on Saturday, May 18 at 2:30 pm at Dalton High School.*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/bautistas-clutch-pk-shootout-performance-leads-gainesville-boys-soccer-team-class-6a-championship-game/>

GHS GRASP Summer School: Graduation Route through Alternate Student Programs  
GRASP Summer School will run June 5th through the 26th at the high school from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We are offering teacher-led and online credit recovery in many courses as well as a Government .5 initial credit. The GHS GRASP Summer school application is now available. Please see your counselors for more information. Transportation will be provided.

For the month of **May 2019**, the pay date is May 31, 2019. The payroll dates are April 7 till May 4, 2019. Everything will be due on May 6, 2019. Please do not delay in approving leave and turning in time sheets. For the month of **June 2019**, the pay date is June 28, 2019. The payroll dates are May 5 till June 8, 2019. Everything will be due on June 10, 2019

Join us for breakfast or lunch in the GCSS Seamless Summer Meal Program Monday – Thursdays, June 3-27 at Gainesville Middle School (Breakfast 8-8:45 and lunch 11-12:30) and Fair Street Elementary School (Breakfast 7:30-9:30 and lunch 11-12:30). Children 18 and younger eat at no cost. All meals must be eaten in the Cafeteria.

Merrye Watts' retirement reception is Wednesday, May 22 at Enota, 3:30-5:00!

The faculty and staff of Gainesville Exploration Academy cordially invite you to attend a Retirement Celebration honoring Lesa Hartley, GEA's Assistant Principal, on Tuesday, May 28th at 2:00 p.m. at GEA's Media Center.

## GAINESVILLE JUNIOR GOLF

*"The Herd"*

SUMMER 2019

Come be a part of the junior program that has helped produce collegiate players, team champions, and individual champions.

"The Herd," is the developmental arm of junior golf in Gainesville. The program is for the length of the summer, and is open to all boys and girls in Gainesville in grades 3-8 regardless of ability level. Focus of the sessions is both introductory instruction regarding FUN, practice routines, fundamentals, rules, etiquette, and other topics. Sessions will be taught by GHS Men's and Women's Golf Coaches. Counselors and mentors will be current GHS golfers.

Session Dates June 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

\* 3rd-5th Grade - 8:30-9:30 AM \* 6th-8th Grade - 9:45-11:00 AM

Tuition The cost of joining "The Herd" is \$150 per camper for the summer. Participants can attend as many sessions as they desire. The tuition includes all instruction, green fees, range balls, and a gift pack. The tuition is paid up-front and there are no refunds.

Registration forms are located in the Chattahoochee Golf Club Pro Shop or by emailing Clay McDonald at the email address provided below.

Questions? Contact: Head Coach Clay McDonald at [robert.mcdonald@gcssk12.net](mailto:robert.mcdonald@gcssk12.net)

Gainesville Park and Recreation Department is having a Retirement Reception for longtime director Melvin Cooper on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 4-6 pm at the Gainesville Civic Center. R.S.V.P. 770-297-5446.

Tryouts for the Fall 2019 GHS and GMS Volleyball seasons will be Tuesday, May 14, and Wednesday, May 15, for Gainesville HIGH School and Thursday, May 16, and Friday, May 17, for Gainesville MIDDLE School. Times will be from 4:30-7pm for each day of tryouts. We will have four 'open' gyms in preparation for tryouts. Open gym will be on Tuesday (4/30), Thursday (5/2), Tuesday (5/7), and Thursday (5/9). Times for open gym will be from 5-6:30pm for middle school students (current 5th-7th grade) and 6:30-8pm for high school students (current 8th-11th grade).

Location will be at the GHS Main Gym.

In order to participate each participant MUST have physical on file or in hand.

Please email Coach Roys at [randall.roys@gcssk12.net](mailto:randall.roys@gcssk12.net) with any questions.

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](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!!!!

Gainesville High School will confer honorary diplomas to four individuals who have demonstrated outstanding support for the school, students, faculty and staff. Melvin Cooper, Jerry Davis, LaCrisia Larkin, and David Smith will be honored as members of the 125th graduating class. This is the eleventh year that GHS has bestowed this distinction. The honorees will be awarded their diplomas during the GHS commencement ceremony on May 24th at City Park Stadium.

### **Last Week in Sports**

The Boys Soccer Team defeated Richmond Hill 4-3 in the quarterfinals of the State Tournament last Wednesday. The beat Cambridge on Tuesday night 3-2 to advance to the finals on Saturday at 2:30 at McEachern High School in Powder Springs.

Also, Congratulations to the Track team for their great showing at the state Track meet.

Both Girls and Boys golf team are preparing for next weeks State Golf Tournament.

*Boys Soccer Team Overcomes Obstacles on Way to Semifinals*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-boys-soccer-coach-viviant-thought-year-would-be-different/>

*Teachers to get \$2000 Raise After New Budget Passed*

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/kemp-signs-education-boosting-budget/>

***GHS Boys Soccer Team Advances to Semi Finals in State.***

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-boys-soccer-beats-richmond-hill-reach-state-semifinals/>