



ELEPHANT TRACKS

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS

September 14, 2018

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

- 9/14 Cabinet Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room 8:30-12 Noon
- 9/17 School Board Regular Meeting Public Safety Complex 6:00 pm
- 9/18 Secondary Programs & Services SBO Board Room 8:30-11:30
 - Fingerprinting for New Hires SBO Parade Room 10-11 am
 - Elementary Programs & Services SBO Board Room 12:30-3:30
- 9/20 Social Work Meeting SBO Board Room 9-10
 - District Parents' Coordinators Meeting SBO Parade Room 9-11

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY

- 9/14 One and Done Pep Rally
- 9/16-9/22 One and Done Fundraiser Week
- 9/18 Support Committees
- 9/19 PLC w/Administration
- 9/20 Title 1 Information Meeting 8 am & 2 pm

ENOTA ELEMENTARY

FAIR STREET

- 9/19 Other Content Area PLC

GAINESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 9/17-21 Book Fair

MUNDY MILL

- 9/14 Blue Pop Day
- 9/18 Cadres Community Room 2:55-4:15
- 9/21 PTA Coin Drive Pizza Party for Winning Classes 1:30-2:30

NEW HOLLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 9/14 Governance Council Meeting - 7:45 - Conference Room
- 9/18 Chick Fil A Spirit Night 5:00 - 8:00 at New Holland Market

GMS

- 9/17 Volleyball vs. Apalachee/Winder/Dacula Away 5:00 pm
 - Cross Country @ North Hall Middle School
- 9/20 Volleyball vs. Dawson County @ Home 5:00 pm
- 9/22 Volleyball @ West Hall 12 Noon

GHS

- 9/14 Varsity Football @ Jefferson 7:30 pm
Varsity Volleyball Lakepoint Rally High Tournament
- 9/15 Cross County Warpath Invitational @ Boling Park Canton 8:00 am
Varsity Competition Cheerleading @ Jackson County
Varsity Volleyball @ Lakepoint Rally High Tournament
- 9/17-21 National Hispanic Heritage Week
- 9/17 Administrative Team Meeting Principal's Conference Room 10:00 am
JV Volleyball vs. Apalachee/Winder/Dacula Away 5:00 pm
Varsity Softball vs. Monroe Area @ Home 5:30 pm
- 9/18 Varsity Volleyball vs. Apalachee/Dacula @ Lanier 5:00 pm
Varsity Softball @ Habersham Central 6:30 pm
Butterflies are Free Pam Ware Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
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- 9/20 JV Volleyball vs. Dawson Co. @ Home 5:00
Varsity Volleyball vs. Dawson Co. (Senior Night) @ Home 5:00 pm
Freshman Football @ Stephens County 5:30 pm
Varsity Softball vs. Apalachee @ Home 6:00 pm
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- 9/21 Pep Rally Gy
Varsity Football Flowery Branch @ Bobby Gruhn Field 7:30 pm
- 9/22 Cross Country Winder Barrow Invitational @ Richard Russell Middle School 8:30 am
JV Volleyball @ West Hall 12:00 noon
Varsity Softball @ East Hall 3:00 pm

DIRECTIONS TO SCHOOLS:

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 so corrections can be made.

East Hall High School - Go Jesse Jewel Parkway . Go under I-985. Road changes into Old Cornelia Highway . School will be approximately 2 miles on your right. Baseball, soccer, and football fields are approximately on mile down Old Cornelia Highway on the opposite side of the road as the school.

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.

Jefferson High School-Take US-129 South towards Jefferson . After you cross over I-85 continue on US-129. Go until you see a Kroger on the right-hand side of the road. Turn left at that light onto Old Pendergrass Road. Go to dead-end and school will be in front of you.

Lakepoint Rally Center-Go I-985 S to I-85 S. to 285 W. toward Birmingham. Go to I-75 north. Take Exit 283. Continue on Old Allatoona Road to 755 Hwy. 293, Emerson, GA

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.

North Hall Middle-Go Highway 60 North to Mt. Vernon Road (Hwy. 283). Turn right. Go approximately 2-3 miles. Turn left on Rilla Road just before North Hall High School. School will be on the right.

Richard Russell Middle School, Winder-Go Ga. 60 S. 16.5 miles to Boone Road in Jackson Co. Continue of Boone Road to Jackson Trail Road. Go 1.9 miles. Turn right at Ridgeway Street Destination is on the right. 364 W. Candler Road, Winder.

Stephens County High School-Take I-985 to I-365. Go 28.7 miles. Merge onto GA 365 toward GA 123. Go 6.3 miles. GA 365 becomes GA-17. Go 5.2 miles. Turn slight left onto GA 17-Alt GA17. Go .8 miles. Turn left on White Pine Road. 638 White Pine Road is on your left.

West Hall-Go Brown's Bridge Road West to McEver Road (@ Hall County Government Offices. Turn left onto McEver Road . Go 4-5 miles. School will be on right on McEver Road .

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.

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

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE

September 18-20, 2018

Curtain: 7:30 pm

Pam Ware Performing Arts Center

Written by: **LEONARD GERSHE**

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Young Don Baker, blind since birth, leaves his overprotective mother for Greenwich Village to pursue his dreams as a songwriter. Don falls in love with his free spirited, hippie neighbor Jill, an aspiring-actress. When the disapproving Mrs. Baker finally meets Jill, “her helicopter parenting in the extreme” takes over. How can their new-found love survive in his touching romantic comedy? A great show to start our 2018-2019 season!

6th-8th Chorus Concert

October 2nd 6pm GMS CAFE

Free

Gainesville City Schools E-SPLOST public input sessions

When and where:

- ❖ *10 a.m. Oct. 10 at Mundy Mill Academy, Community Room, 4260 Millside Parkway
- ❖ 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at Gainesville Middle School, Cafeteria, 1581 Community Way
- ❖ 10 a.m. Oct. 24 at Fair Street Neighborhood Center, 715 Fair St.
- ❖ 6 p.m. Oct. 30 at Gainesville High School, Cafeteria, 830 Century Place

Student Spirit Night at softball will be Tuesday, October 2nd. Students wearing *WE ARE GAINESVILLE* shirts will get in FREE.

Are you passionate about education? Do you enjoy working with children or youth in the Gainesville community? Are you deeply committed to and engaged in the Gainesville community? Is social, racial, economic and educational justice important to you? If you answered yes, then the Gainesville City School System's Aspiring Teacher Program may be for you! The Gainesville City School System's Board of Education recently approved the creation of our first Aspiring Teacher Program (ATP) to train and retain teachers who are committed to teaching in high needs schools in the Gainesville community. It is designed to achieve equity, excellence, and diversity in the new teacher pipeline and the teaching force. The GCSS Aspiring Teachers Program provides financial assistance and wrap around supports to aid its candidates in completing a traditional teacher certification program that will lead to completion of associate's and bachelor's degrees. Aspiring Teachers must be current GCSS paraprofessionals, graduating high school seniors, and current college juniors or seniors admitted into the teacher education program. The program will provide financial support in exchange for a five year teaching commitment to Gainesville City Schools upon graduation from the program. For information contact priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net.

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/how-gainesville-school-district-seeks-diversify-its-teacher-pipeline/>

The GHS Fall Sports program contains pictures and rosters from Varsity, JV and GMS Football, Spirit Cheerleading, JV Cheerleading, Competition Cheer, Fastpitch Softball, Varsity, JV and GMS Volleyball and Cross-Country. The Big Red Machine and ROTC are also featured in this year's book, not to mention ads from businesses who support BIG RED. Books cost \$5 and are available at City Park or at Volleyball and Softball games. For more information, contact Kim Davis at bigredelephantads@gmail.com."

For the month of SEPTEMBER 2018, GCSS employees will be paid on September 28, 2018. The payroll dates are August 5 through September 8, 2018. Time sheets and leave request need to be signed/approved by September 10 2018.

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 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.

At the first Thescon session held September 8 & 9th at Baldwin High School, Delaney Benson and Bella Scarlett were selected as two performers to be in the Opening Number for the 2019 Georgia Thespian State Conference held in February. Also representing GHS was Abigail Mowbray, who presented her portfolio on stage management and was selected as the stage manager for the opening number to be performed at our annual conference. Isabel Owens went through an introductory process along with 42 other potential candidates to go through the election process in January for one of the nine official Georgia State Officers to represent our state this summer at the International Thespian Festival held in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the University. John Bush is currently one of the seven Ga State Officers for this year as well as serving as one of the six International Thespian Officers. Indeed Gainesville High School Theatre Students certainly made an impression this weekend.

LAST WEEK'S SPORTS RESULTS

Cross Country

Championship race-all classifications. The varsity boys finished 6th out of 28 and first amongst all 6A schools. Miguel Lopez finished 5th overall. The varsity girls finished in 8th place, third for all 6 A teams.

Volleyball

Varsity Volleyball beat Lanier 2-1 and North Hall 2-0.
GMS A-team beat Tallulah Falls 2-0 and the B-team split 1-1.

Competition Cheerleading

The Varsity Competition Cheer Squad had a solid first competition of the season placing 4th at the Dawson County Cheer Competition.

New GHS Principal Jamie Green is All-In for Big Red

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/new-gainesville-high-principal-green-all-big-red/>

Former GHS Deshaun Watson Starts Season with Boston Patriots

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/sports/gainesville-grad-deshaun-watson-ready-nfl-comeback-following-knee-injury/>