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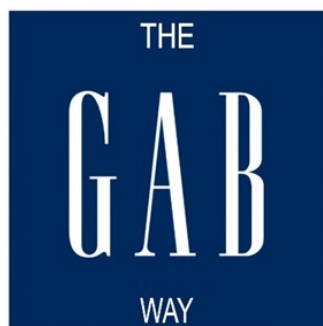
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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of independence in transition to college and career readiness. *Check out this student produced video featuring this Mission Statement:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRrbhkGSe98>



Give it your best  
Achieve your goals  
Be respectful

**Mark your Calendar**  
**Our next holiday is:**

**Thanksgiving Break**  
**11/23—11/27**

## **November 13th:**

***International day  
of the blind***



The world health organization has established a day in which we remember blind people, in 1984. The date for the celebration was linked with the birthday of Valentin haüy (November 13, 1745). This famous French teacher, has developed a method of teaching the blind, lame special font. Haüy founded in the capital of France (and later in St. Petersburg) school for teaching blind children, as well as enterprises for such people. He printed the necessary books, creating instruments for the blind and special matrix with which it was possible to make relief maps, globes and other realia. The merits of this Frenchman did not go unnoticed – in honor of him international day of the blind is celebrated all over the world.

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# A message from our Superintendent

Hey! It's Phil Mickelson! No, The Shark Greg Norman! Maybe Fred Ridley to present a Green Jacket? Ahhhh –The famous *Mr. Cronan of GAB*.

Not everybody is interested in the Masters, but at GAB blue jeans are a celebratory tradition for any reason or no reason!! Thus, we have a little camaraderie going. For Masters Thursday, staff received the following mandate

Johnson, Thomas, DeChambeau!

These are names you need to know!

Wear Tiger red or Magnolia white,

Azalea green and blue jeans tight!

Even people who got no sense out of the first three lines understood the most important last one!

So, for Masters Friday eligible patrons will participate in the first ever Puttin' for Blue Jeans Tournament. Each participant will have 5 putts to hole in one! Putt too hard and the ball is spit back out! Each hole in one earns a jeans day of the Master Champion's choice. GAB paparazzi will be present.



"Success in this game depends less on strength of body than strength of mind and character." Arnold Palmer  
This is Us . . .

Cindy



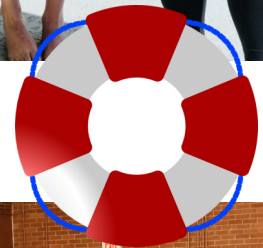


# FRIDAY

One of the Nine ECC skills GAB focuses on developing for our visual impaired students is Recreation and Leisure. These activities include any hobby or game of interest that individuals participate with in their free time. A couple weeks ago, our middle and high school students participated in our ECC Recreation and Leisure Activity Day. The students had a choice between watching a movie, swimming in our indoor pool, or walking around campus. The movie goers voted to watch *Incredibles 2* and everyone walking around campus decided to walk around our track and field and talk with their friends and teachers. Our swimmers threw the football, played near the basketball hoop, or just simply swam with their friends and teachers.



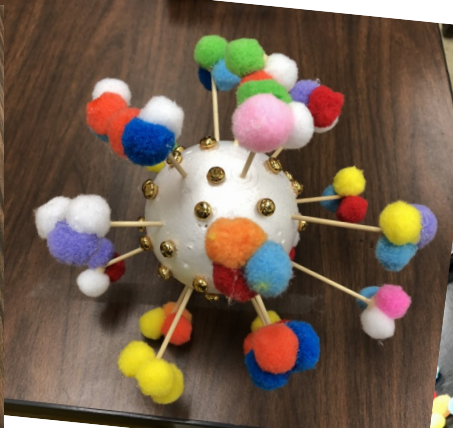
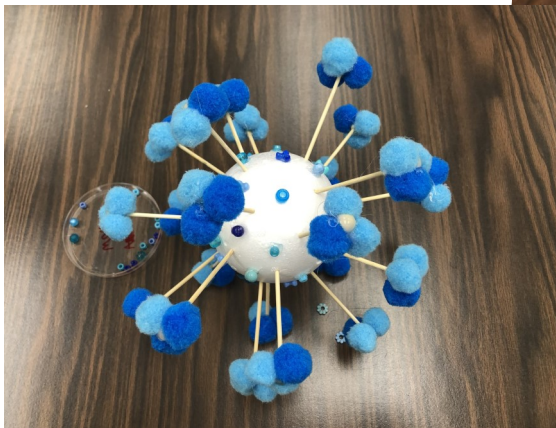
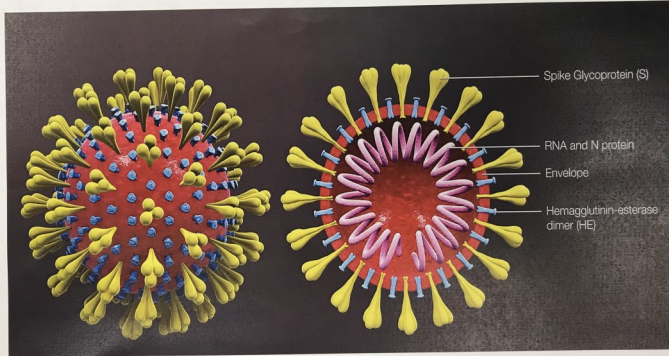
MOVIE





Biology and Environmental Science students in Dr. Bennett's class made COVID-19 Coronaviruses, also known as SARS-2 because of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome it causes in people. They used 4-inch white foam balls to represent the Envelope that holds in and protects the viruses' RNA. The toothpicks with 3 colorful balls on the end represent the Spike glycoproteins that help the virus attach and fuse itself to a wide variety of cells that eventually becomes infected with the virus.

Coronavirus: COVID-19





# **November**

# **Birthdays**

**11/2    Peyton                      11/13    Jamison**

**11/2    Ja'Miyah                      11/20    De'andre**

**11/8    Jackson                      11/22    Terrence**

**11/8    Chris O.                      11/23    Clay**

