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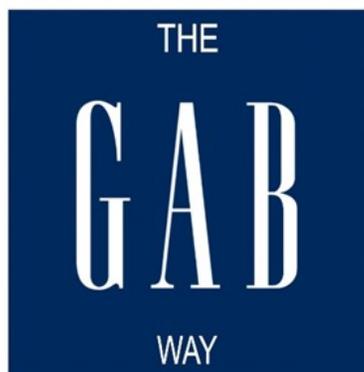


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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of 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

MARCH:



ATTENTION PARENTS/FAMILIES AT GAB:

Teachers are requesting that you join the Remind app so that they can communicate with you.

Parents please stay in contact with your child's case manager. Teachers are trying to make sure that they have the correct email and phone number to contact you? School staff have forwarded their office/classrooms phones to their personal phones.

Please feel free to contact me if you have not been in touch with your child's teacher :

Jennifer Minter cell : 478-262-3303

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

March 23 – 27: Paraprofessional & Residential Advisor Appreciation Week

March 30 - April 3 : Spring Break Week – Holiday

April 9: Prom Night: Will be Rescheduled

April 13: Monday after Easter – Holiday

May 20: Graduation at GAB

This newsletter is published by our Parent Mentor/Family Engagement Specialist, Jennifer Minter. Please send your ideas, news and resources in your community to her. JMinter@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303. ***Please remember to contact her if you've had a change in address, phone number and/or email!***

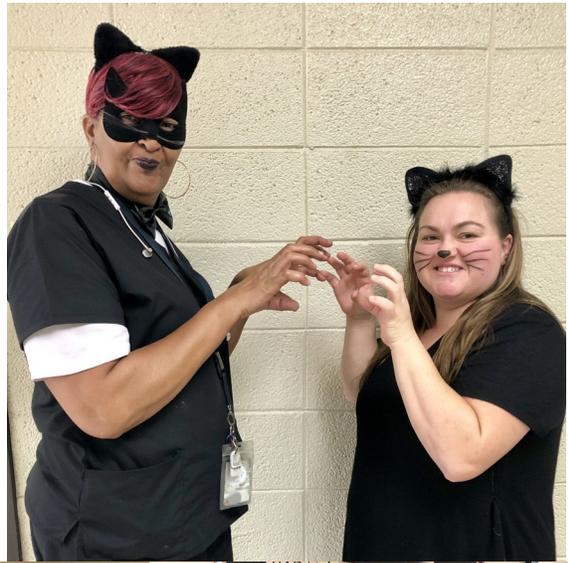
An Update from our Superintendent

This week has fast-tracked us into E-Learning, and we are rising to the challenge. Our teachers are reaching out to each family on a regular basis to ensure that students have technology access and equipment per their IEPs and classroom use. We have gathered a repertoire of free services and websites that align to Standards. We have continued Common Planning sessions and staff meetings using Teams and Zoom. We are taking care of each other and our families. This week is Paraprofessional and Residential Advisor Appreciation Week at GAB. Attached find an artifacts that bears witness: The circle is unbroken! We're in this together.

Cindy

Celebrating our GAB Paraprofessionals





Celebrating our Residential Advisors !



Tamara Adams



Wendy Williams



Chelsea Rozier



Marlene Bright



Betty Scott



Debra Wells

Celebrating our Residential Advisors !



Demetrias Walker



Gwen Ridley



Annie Gibson



Viola Thomas



Mary Johnson



Arthurene Easley

Residential Advisors do so much to support our students at GAB on a daily basis.

Not only are RAs expected to help maintain an orderly and reasonably quiet living environment for students, but they enforce the rules of the residential cottages. In addition, they act as role models, mentors, community builders, aids in personal care, and tutors.

We thank you for all you do at GAB!



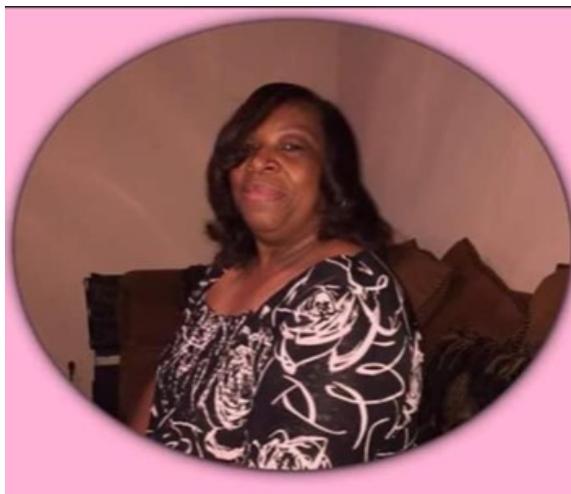
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Clara Mosley



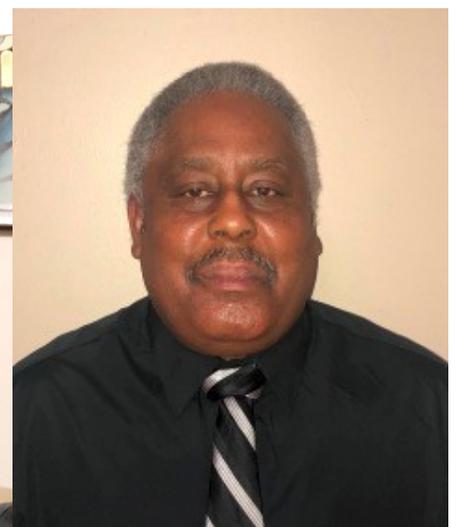
Wanda Richardson



Sally Owens



Shelton Richardson



Samuel O'Bryant



CAMP AT GAB — A week long summer camp that will start on Sunday, June 7th and end on Friday, June 12th. Fun week of learning disguised as exciting activities tailored to accommodate students who are blind or visually impaired. Stay connected for more information on GAB Camp coming soon.

CAM's Camp is held July 6 - 17, 2020 at:

Mason Creek Elementary School 3400 Johnston Road Winston, Georgia 30187

8:30am to 3:00pm daily July 6 - 17, 2020

Age groups served Kinder thru 12th grade

2Tee Morgan

Program Director, CAM's Vision Foundation, Inc.

770-598-6669

Summer enrichment geared toward blind youth :there is a twist that sets my camp apart from typical camps, my camp is for blind kids AND is open to their sighted siblings, friends and peers. We function as any other camp except the activities are adapted to accommodate and highlight the special abilities of our blind children.



An intensive camp for visually and hearing impaired children that is based at Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller in Tusculmbia, Alabama. A family member must accompany the student.

Dates: Arrive on Thursday, October 1st by 3 pm and leave on Sunday, October 4th, 2020.

For more information: Call (256) 383-4066 or email: suepililton@comcast.net



GEORGIA LIONS CAMP, INC.

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Toll Free (GA only) 888-297-1475

Email: director@www.glcb.org

Staff Training - June 5 thru June 12, 2020

Staff report to camp at 6:00 pm June 5, 2020

Session #1 Pre-Teens- Ages 6-12	June 14 thru June 19, 2020
Session #2 Senior Adults- Ages 40 & Up	June 21 thru June 26, 2020
Session #3 Young Adults- Ages 26-39	June 28 thru July 3, 2020
Session #4 Transitional- Ages 18-25	July 5 thru July 10, 2020
Session #5 Teenagers- Ages 13-17	July 12 thru July 19, 2020

LIONS DAY July 18, 2020

Come Join us for a Summer Filled with New Adventures, Programs, and Activities.

Campers can register by going to the camp's website, www.glcb.org and click on registration, which will allow them to fill out their application by using campdoc.com

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BURNING

BlazeSports All-Star Summer Camp 2020



★ June 7-12, 2020 Camp-Will-A-Way, Winder, GA ★

Cost: \$350

Early Bird Special: \$300 (Ends May 6th)

Registration opens March 6th, please email campdirector@blazesports.org to register

Ready for a summer adventure?

The BlazeSports All-Star Summer Camp is the only overnight adaptive sports camp in Georgia for youth with physical disabilities. This camp is an incredible opportunity for youth 7-18* with physical disabilities to learn and experience a wide variety of adapted sports, meet other individuals with similar disabilities, become more independent and have a summer experience to remember!



Youth eligible for camp must have a physical disability such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, acquired brain injury, dwarfism, amputation, spinal cord injury, visual impairment, muscular dystrophy or other related physical disabilities.

For more information:
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