



Panther Press

A publication of the Georgia Academy for the Blind

October 11th, 2019

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Dr. Cindy Gibson, Superintendent

2895 Vineville Avenue

Macon, GA 31204

478-751-6083

www.gabmacon.org



Georgia Academy for the Blind - GAB



Follow our library:

@gablibrary

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>

Mark Your Calendars

October 14-18: Fall Break. GVEST for our teachers. *Family members may attend. Registration information is forthcoming.*

October 22: Mobile Dental Van will be on campus for
"Help a Child Smile."

October 23: Wear **Orange** for Unity against bullying

October 30: EECC Halloween Dance at GAB

November 16: Announcing Cornhole Tournament at
GAB with a Silent Auction

November 25-29: Thanksgiving Holidays

December 19: Annual Winter Music Program and Art Show w/Families

December 20-January 3 : Winter Holidays

January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

See our completed calendar on our website: GABmacon.org



THE
GAB
WAY

Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful



Don't miss out on important announcements from our Parent Mentor.

Text your student's name and your name to 478-262-3303 and you will be subscribed to *Family Engagement @*

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!**

October Student Birthdays

Jordan L: 10/3

Jordan P: 10/5

Angelica: 10/9

Alicia: 10/10

Kayleigh: 10/13

Jayla: 10/20

Hope: 10/20

LaShayla: 10/20

DaShia: 10/24

BOX TOPS CONTEST COMING SOON!



MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

I **love** a good contest. We will be announcing the easy, easy, and did I say easy rules for this contest in the upcoming newsletter on Oct. 25. Here is a hint: start collecting BOX TOPS now and be ahead of your competition.

EECC Annual Halloween Dance

Wednesday, October 30th, 2019

Location: GAB Media Center

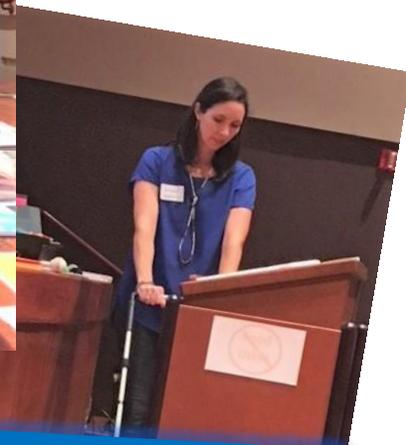


HAPPY
Halloween

Costumes are Encouraged !!!

Our Awesome Therapist at GAB

Teresa Yaughn, Dodi Good, and Allison Hawkins went to the Georgia Alliance of School Occupational and Physical Therapists Fall Conference 2019!



GAB's very own, Allison Hawkins, was a presenter this year! She spoke at GASOPT, a state-wide organization for therapists working in schools throughout the state. Allison presented on supporting students with visual impairments in the school setting. She shared information regarding priorities to assess skills with the VI population, as well as, the role therapist can play in supporting ECC skills. It was a wonderful opportunity to share about services we provide at GAB and help educate therapist on how to best support

About Unity Day – Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Together against bullying. UNITED for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Make it **ORANGE** and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to showing that you believe that all youth should be safe from bullying? Come together in one giant **ORANGE** message of hope and support, WEAR AND SHARE **ORANGE** to color our nation, and even the world, visibly showing that our society believes that no child should ever experience bullying. *"A universal message that bullying is never acceptable behavior."*

**Wear Orange
on Wednesday,
October 23rd !**



National School Lunch Week Oct. 21-25

Mark your calendar for National School Lunch Week! The #NSLW19 theme is "School Lunch: What's on Your Playlist?" which spotlights the wide variety of flavors, dishes, delivery options and tastes that can be customized in today's school lunch. We will celebrate with fun, food, and Music. Special daily drawings for some cool swag!



Inviting Families, Parents, Grandparents, Guardians, and Teachers to Serve on our Wellness Committee as Stakeholders:

The Wellness Committee's mission is to improve the health and wellness of its students and community. Our goal for State Schools staff, students, and community are that we become leaders of change through enhancing the well-being of the school community by creating a lifelong culture of healthy lifestyles.

Please sign up at the link below:

[Local School Wellness Committee Member Request Form](#)

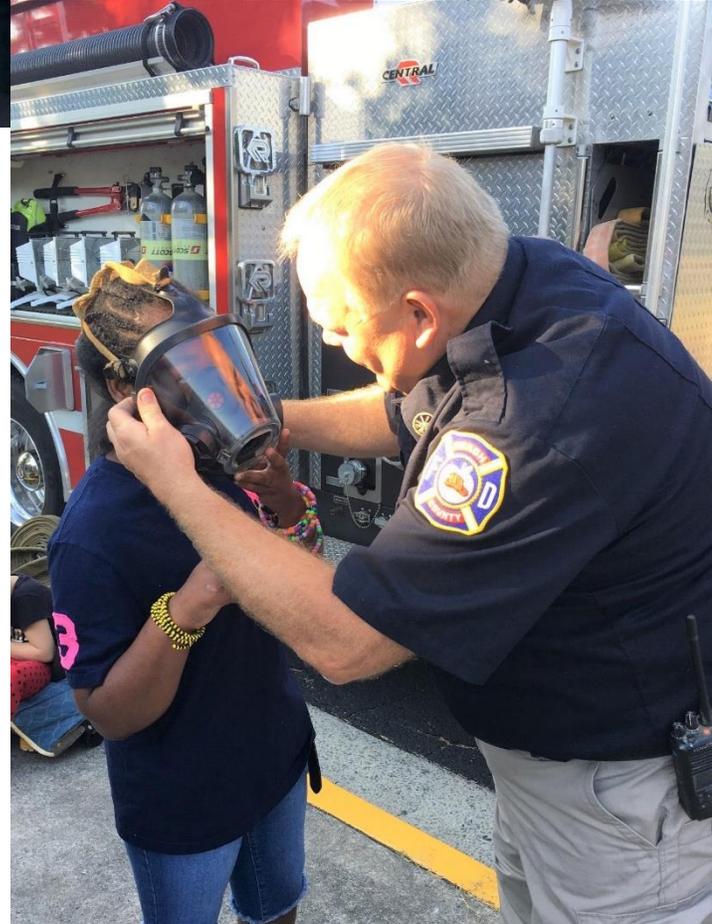


GAB had 4 campers that attended Camp Courage this last week! This was the largest group this year that has attended with campers from 3 states.

There is no charge to the campers or their families who attend Camp Courage. Generous donations from sponsors make the camp possible. Student teachers from the University of North Alabama serve as counselors for the camp. They are supervised by a team of Helen Keller Fellows, who are highly-qualified teachers of the deaf-blind.

The concept for Camp Courage originated with state Rep. Johnny Mack Morrow of Red Bay and Dr. Kenji Hamada of Oregon.

A Fire Truck visits the Cottages



Several classes in the cottages got to visit the fire truck this week. Mrs. Bechtel's husband, Tim Bechtel, is Assistant Fire Chief for Peach County. He brought the fire truck for various classes to visit. The students enjoyed hearing the bell, horn and siren on the truck. They got to try on the Fire equipment and sit up in the big seat!

