



# Panther Press

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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>

## Mark Your Calendars

**October 30:** EECC Halloween Dance at GAB

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



**November 25-29:** Thanksgiving Holidays

**December 13,14, and 15:** GA Lions Camp – “Christmas Camp”  
Please see the attached camp flier to click the link and register!

**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](http://GABmacon.org)

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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](mailto: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

## NEW BOX TOPS CONTEST!



Please look for a snack bag with a BOX TOPS label in your child's bag. All you need to do is collect as many Box Tops and put them in the bag. Bags will be collected on Monday, November 18, just before our Thanksgiving break. (**Do not** turn in your bags until that date.) The student who collects the most Box Tops will receive tickets to shop at the Panther Pantry.

**1<sup>st</sup> prize will receive 15 tickets**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize will receive 10 tickets**

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize will receive 5 tickets**

# **EECC Annual Halloween Dance**

**Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Location: GAB Media Center**



**HAPPY**  
*Halloween*

***Costumes are Encouraged !!!***

**6:00 to 8:00 PM**



Kristen Applebee, our Art Teacher here at GAB, was recognized as the 2019 Outstanding Teacher of Students who are Visually Impaired for the Nation! Below is Dr. Cindy Gibson on the left who nominated and introduced Mrs. Applebee (in the middle) and on the right is Trustee, American Printing House for the Blind, Adrian Amandi, awards chairman.



Kristen Applebee is exemplary in her teaching and in the recognition that her students earn in shows and competitions. Eight other students and two teachers also went with Mrs. Applebee to Louisville, KY. The students accepted awards for their own artwork they created at Georgia Academy for the Blind and submitted for the APH contest.



# REGISTER NOW FOR LIONS CLUB CAMP

**Georgia Lions Camp Inc./ for The Blind "CHRISTMAS CAMP"**

**December 13,14,15 2019**

**IT'S GOING TO BE A**

**"COUNTRY CHRISTMAS"**

Dress for the weekend. Plan to wear your best Country or Western outfits. Hats (cowboy or straw), shirts, jeans, bandannas, cowboy and cowgirl boots, belt buckle. Anything country or western is welcomed.

Activities for the weekend will include;

Hay Rides/ Horse and Wagon Rides

Songs around the Camp Fire

Churn some Ice Cream (then we get to eat and enjoy) (special toppings)

Country Crafts; what would you send someone for Christmas made by you?

Shop at The Camp's Country Store (shop with camp tokens)

Horseback Riding

Ride the Swamp Train

Reptile Adventure

Learn to Square Dance at the Country Hoedown.

Jam packed fun for everyone

Attendance open to all age groups

Get your Application in soon

Limited space Available

**Register on Line by using the  
camp's web site.**

**[www. glcb.org](http://www.glcb.org)**

**Follow the link provided.**

**[app.campdoc.com/register/  
georgialions](http://app.campdoc.com/register/georgialions)**

**Registration is easier than  
ever.**

**Call office at 912-283-4320**





**Rachel Taylor (left)**  
has over 15 years' experience training pool, Water Park, and lake lifeguards. Instructor  
Certifications include American Red Cross, Ellis & Associates, and National Swimming Pool Foundation. She trained our GAB Staff.



Dr. Cindy Gibson's vision and advocacy for our newly restored Ivan Watkins Natatorium continues with our new pool and newly trained lifeguards. Ten of our GAB staff members have worked so hard for the past few weeks through rigorous physical and mental test to become Certified Lifeguards! From Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Media Specialist, and Therapist, here at GAB we can say that we have covered the campus with a range of skilled professionals to ensure water safety for our students!