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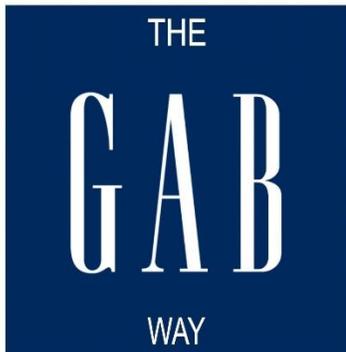


Georgia Academy for the Blind - GAB



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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>



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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 @ GAB.*

Mark Your Calendars

September 8-14 Housekeepers' Appreciation Week

September 27-October 4: Space Camp, Huntsville, AL for *pre-selected eligible high school students. Families will be contacted.*

October 3-5 Camp Courage (Helen Keller Family Camp), Tuscumbia, AL for *students ages 9-12 AND their parents/guardians. Eligible students' families will be contacted.*

October 10-12 APH Insite Art Show AND recognition of Mrs. Applebee as America's Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Louisville Ky. *For pre-selected eligible students. Families will be contacted.*

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

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:

<https://www.gabmacon.org/cms/lib/GA02225912/Centricity/Domain/8/2019-2020%20GAB%20Student%20Calendar.pdf>

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!**

September Birthdays

Angelica: 9/4

Destiny: 9/7

Lucas: 9/7

Felix: 9/9

Korey: 9/10

Jose: 9/13

Armando: 9/15

Trinity: 9/15

Dominique: 9/23



BOX TOPS NEWS

The BOX TOPS collection has started off with a BANG! One of our parents used the Boxed.com website and ordered products which gave our school 100 BOX TOPS. We collected some BOX TOPS from parents, students, and teachers these couple of weeks of school. The total from them is 137. So, the grand total so far is 237. This is at least 20% for our 100% needed to reach our goal. Our goal is 1,000 BOX TOPS by the end of 2019. I have also had several people use the BOX TOPS app. They scanned their receipt and money was added to our school account. If I can do it, I know that anyone can. The app is user friendly. Please email me at slayson@doe.k12.ga.us if you have any questions. Please keep sending in the BOX TOPS you collect with your child. The teachers will give them to me. REMEMBER: Please check the dates anything prior to 11/19 will be out of date. Our deadline for this year is Oct. 31. Thanks for helping our students go on memorable field trips.

You may get the App from iTunes and Google Play. Learn more here:

<https://www.today.com/parents/there-s-whole-new-way-collect-box-tops-education-t159507>

Saturday, September 28th

Discovering the Future

An Action-Planning Workshop for Parents/Caregivers of Young Adults with Vision and/or Hearing Loss and Additional Disabilities

Are you concerned about what your child will do after high school?

Young adults with vision and/or hearing loss and additional disabilities often require more assistance and time in planning for what they will do after high school. This workshop helps prepare families to take an active role in planning for their young adult child's future- with activities that are **purposeful, meaningful, and enjoyable**.

During the workshop, Parents/Caregivers will:

- begin to imagine what a successful future for their child looks like
- discover tools to help their family work together to imagine and implement that future
- become aware of state resources and how to access them
- create a plan of next steps: What do you need to learn? What supports do you need?

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10am to 3pm *registration is open 9:00-9:45am; workshop begins promptly at 10:00am*

Box Lunches will be provided. Register online at <https://gsap.wufoo.com/forms/discovering-the-future/>

For questions or more information, contact: Jennifer Minter, Parent Mentor for GAB, 478-751-6083 ext.1140

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 13

Field Trip Photos!



First Official Field Trip of the 2019 GAB School year was to the Dollar Tree with Mrs. Bechtel's, Mrs. Brown's and Mrs. Creech's Class. They were shopping for sensory items to make a Cooking Board and other Fun finds!

