



# 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.

## *Mark your Calendars*



**10/31** - Trick-or-Treating, costume attire

**11/4** - Next School Council Meeting at 1:00

**11/3 through 11/5** - National Highschool Goalball  
Tournament in St. Augustine, FL

**11/11** - Veterans Day Program at 10:30, Auditorium

**11/18** - Fall Concert (choir & drums) at 10:30

**11/21 through 11/25** - Thanksgiving Break

**12/15** - Christmas Program "ELF", Auditorium

**5/18** - Prom Night (location TBA)

**5/25** - Graduation at GAB

# A message from our Superintendent



Look who greeted Dr. Gibson and Ms. Jackson at the Visitors' Center in Louisville. Colonel Sanders is doing well, and still protects the secret Kentucky Fried recipe! He sends greetings!

See FaceBook for a spread of GAB students honored at APH, American Printing House for the Blind International Art Contest. Thank you to Kristen Applebee and Keith Blackwell for supervising the trip to Louisville, KY.

**Red Ribbon Week has been a lot of fun with an Expanded Core Curriculum message: Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free!**

Great Popstars flock together. Dr. Gibson impersonated her icon Stevie Nicks and without wardrobe planning Ms. Neil appears on the scene dressed accordingly. Let's hear it, all of you Fleetwood Mac fans!! 🎸 🎹 🎵

Don't stop thinking about tomorrow  
Don't stop, it'll soon be here  
It'll be better than before  
Yesterday's gone, yesterday's gone





Georgia high-school  
graduation rate  
rises in 2022



Dear Superintendents and Principals,

GaDOE wants to spread the word about the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which **provides families affordable access to internet services**. The program is a long-term funding source not associated with pandemic relief funds. **ACP assists eligible households in paying for home internet access by providing a credit of up to \$30 per month toward internet service. Additionally, ACP provides a voucher of up to \$100 per eligible household toward a one-time purchase of a desktop computer, laptop, or tablet.**

Estimates indicate more than one million Georgia families qualify for ACP, but only half have applied. Income and enrollment in specified government programs, including the student free and reduced lunch program, determine eligibility for ACP.

The biggest hurdle to participation is the enrollment process which requires individual households to apply, and many may have trust and access concerns. Schools and districts are in the best position to help eligible families submit the online ACP application because they are trusted. However, your schools may not have sufficient staff to fulfill the outreach effort. To help, GaDOE has contracted with CTC Technology & Energy (CTC) to promote ACP enrollment for students and their families. CTC will assist districts with coordinating and executing an outreach effort, including reaching out to parents individually if requested. This service is free to all districts that want to take advantage of it. **CTC will be reaching out to you over the next few weeks to see what services you would like them to provide to your district.**

For more information about the services offered by CTC, please see the attached flyer and visit the Georgia Student Connect website at <https://gastudentconnect.org/>.



Sincerely,

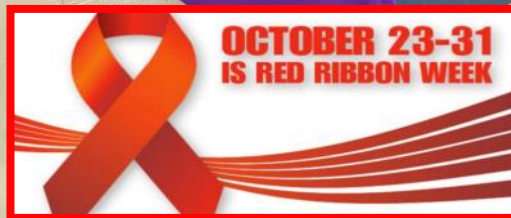
Richard Woods  
State Superintendent of Schools

As ever,

*Cindy*

**“Creating a Brighter future by Working Together!”**

# Celebrity Day



# Pop out of Bed



## A collage of 10 photographs showing various people, mostly wearing red shirts, engaged in activities like reading, cycling, and posing for photos. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion. Top row (left to right): 1. A woman in a red dress holding a book titled 'HOW TO RECOGNIZE A MONSTER' and a doll. 2. A woman in a red shirt and sunglasses posing with a young girl in a red shirt. 3. A woman in a red shirt helping a young girl in a red shirt and helmet ride a bicycle. 4. A woman in a red shirt pushing a stroller with a child inside. Middle row (left to right): 5. A woman in a red shirt posing with a young boy in a red shirt. 6. A woman in a red shirt posing with two young boys in red shirts, one of whom is holding a carved pumpkin. 7. Two women in red shirts posing in front of a red and white striped background. Bottom row (left to right): 8. A woman in a red shirt posing with a young man in a red shirt who is in a wheelchair. 9. A woman in a red shirt posing outdoors. 10. A woman in a red shirt posing with a man in a red shirt that says 'GEORGIA BULLDOGS'.

## Let's Dance—Halloween Style!







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# November Birthdays

11/2 Ja'Miyah

11/20 De'andre

11/2 Peyton

11/22 Terrence

11/6 Jazalyn

11/23 Angel

