



Panther Press

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Mark your Calendar

- 12/5** - Student Art Exhibit at Wesleyan College from 6 to 7PM.
- 12/7** - Student Holiday Party in the Media Ctr.
- 12/8** - Next School Council Meeting, Friday at 1:00
- 12/14** - Art Sale at 9:00AM in the Foyer of the Auditorium
- 12/14** - Holiday Concert at 10:30AM in Auditorium
- 12/15 through 1/2** - Holiday Break

**Help A
Child Smile**
Mobile Dental Program

Back by Popular Demand! The Help a Child Smile Dental Mobile Dental Clinic is ready to come back to GAB. Before scheduling, they must have 20 returned forms. Parents/guardians, please check your child's bag this weekend, complete and return the forms on Monday! Any questions, contact Sonya Milam, 478-471-6083, extension 1142, sonya.milam@doe.k12.ga.us We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation!

A message from our Superintendent

Dear GAB Families,

Please join us next Friday, December 8th, for our last School Council meeting in 2023. This is a chance for families to be involved at GAB by giving input and hearing about upcoming events at our school. It means so much to have your input and creates a GAB family atmosphere. A link will be sent out next week to join by Zoom or join us in -person if you are here picking up your student on campus. We looking forward to hearing from you.

Notice in this week's newsletter, The Paw Press, a newsletter written by Ambria, one of our students in Panther PROS. Ambria has a transition goal to write a class newsletter for Critter Sitters. She loves the task of creating this and hopes to author a newsletter one day as a job. Let's here it for celebrating Ambria and her transition goals!

As Ever, Cindy



Polar Express Holiday Party

December 7th

Media Center

For all GAB students



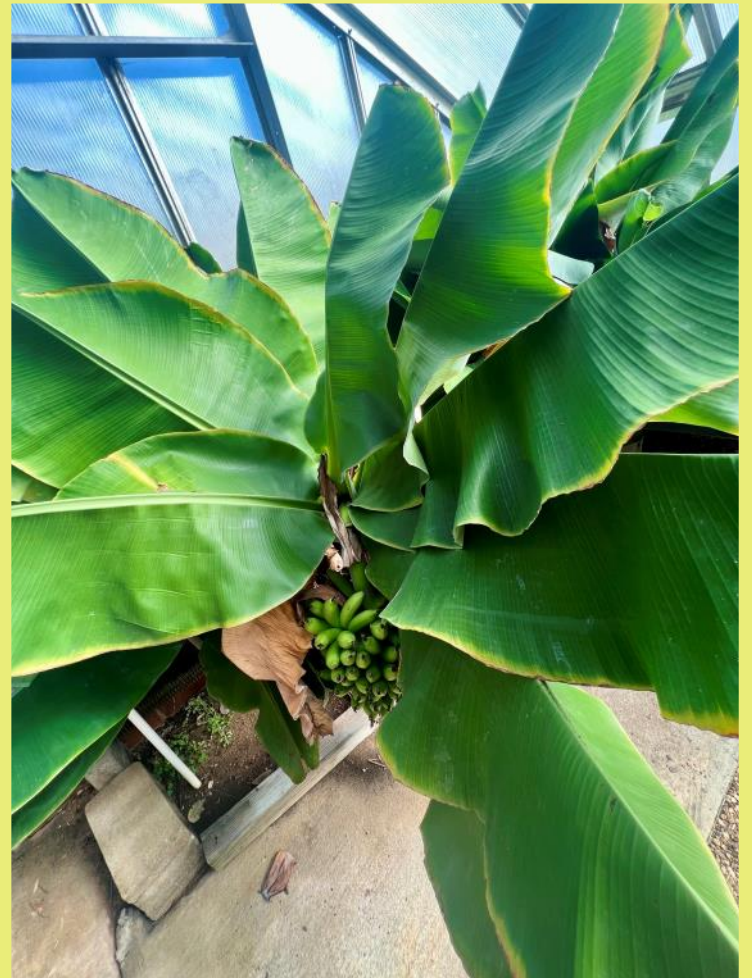
Wear your coziest pajamas, sip hot chocolate and visit with Santa. There will be karaoke, games, and fun activities for all!



Horticulture

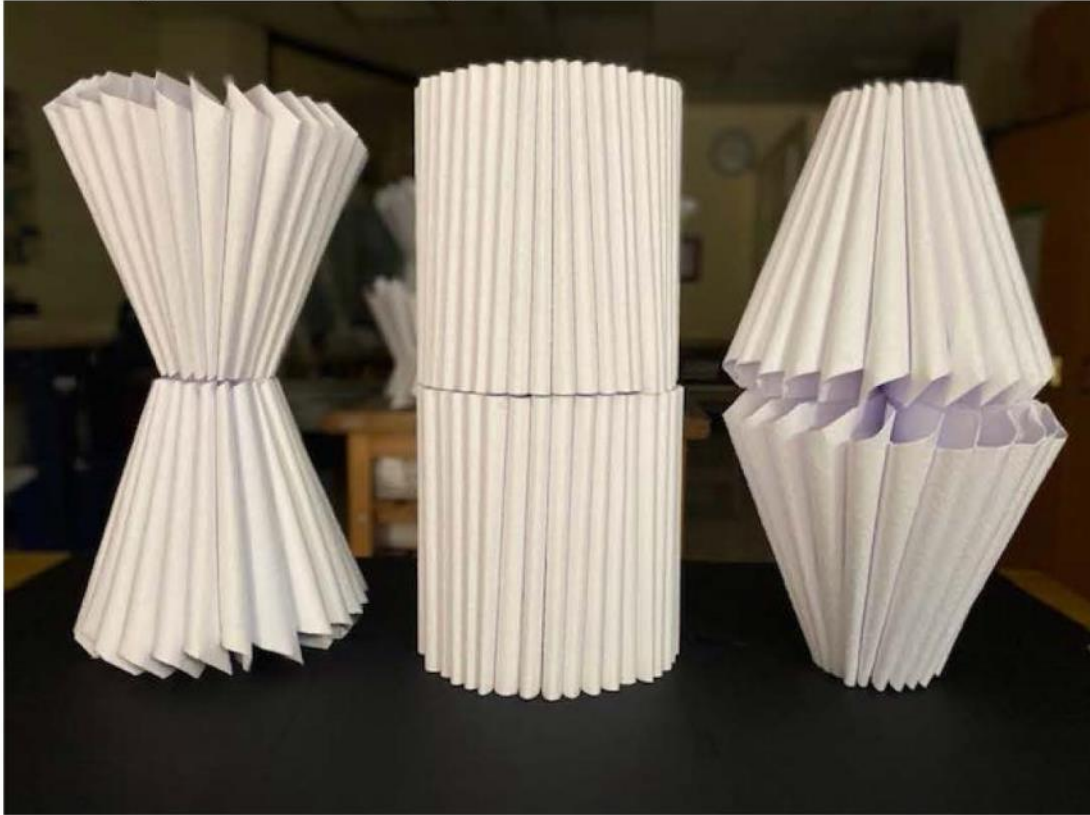


Students in Mr. Blackwell's class harvested the first bananas of the season this year. This group of banana trees typically produce 3 bunches a year. After a tree produces a crop it will never produce one again. The tree is cut down but will produce new suckers from the stump that will become future trees that will produce future bananas.....there were 98 Organic grown bananas in this bunch!!!



Vision by Touch

Georgia Academy for the Blind Art Exhibit



McCrary Gallery
Murphy Art Building
Wesleyan College
4760 Forsyth Rd, Macon

Entrance 5 off of Tucker Road and first building on your left

Opening Reception Dec 5, 2023
6pm-7pm

LIVE MUSIC performed by **OUR VERY OWN MS. CHANCE MOORMAN**
during the reception



PAW PRESS



The Weekly Newsletter for Every dog



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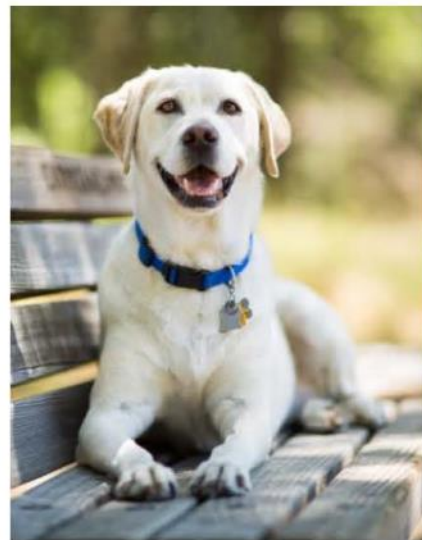


Message from Our Creator!

Hi! My Name is Ambria Tharpe. Since November is winding down, I added several new sections to this November Issue! Enjoy and Happy Reading!

Sincerely, Ambria Tharpe

[creator of paw press/Communication Specialist]



Paw Press News

Hi Doggy Divas,
This Newsletter Is Jam-packed with Info about our Dog Treats, Dog Beds and a little introduction about the Critter Sitter crew!



Introducing the Critter Sitter Crew!

**The Critter Sitters
is a group of four
students of The
Panther PROs, that
babysit, care for
and love animals!**

**pictured up:
Willam and
Ambria [Me]**

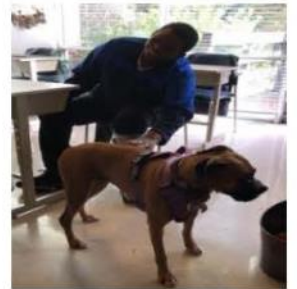
**pictured down:
Jesse and Ian**

The Critters Sitters are
looking forward to
serving your animal
needs soon!

**Meet the
Crew of CS!**



**Ambria
Tharpe**



**Willam
Hanks**



**Jesse
Collins**



**Ian
Bullock**

Doggy Spotlight!

Roxy The Princess

Roxy is one cute princess with her school clothes on, playing outside with a royal pink ball, and doing the treat puzzle with our homemade dog biscuits!



Check out these amazing photos we have taken!

Credit goes to Mrs. Holloway for donating the ball for us to use!

Now Available

We Made Dog Puzzles
that are available for
\$30.

The Dog Treats this
week are:

- Chick me out
- Cheesy Pleasy
- Barking Bacon Bites

\$1 each.



Dog Beds

- waterproof
- inner lining filled with shredded paper.

Small-\$15

Medium-\$30

(free refills as
needed)

Cat Toys
\$5.00



BRaille CHALLENGE



DATE: March 7, 2024



TIME: 8:30 - 3:00



PLACE: Georgia Academy for the Blind

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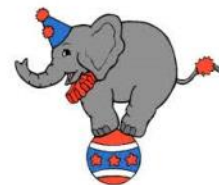
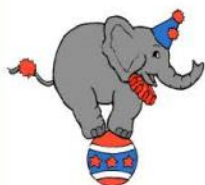


Contact For Parents: Jennifer Minter

478 - 751- 6083 ext. 1140

Contact For TVI's and Students: Dawn Day

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Counselor's Corner

Unstable Housing Happens! Now what?



GAB Families,

Times are tough! We realize that we are in a season of change and challenges with our economy that lead to temporary living situations or “doubling up” with others. Though we have no solutions for this, we have many other ways to support our students and their families, including expediting school transportation and assuring our students miss as little school as reasonable.

1. There is a federal law that aims to protect our students by keeping them in school in a stable and consistent manner. Learn more in this video:
[what is mckinney vento program - - Video Search Results \(yahoo.com\)](#)
2. This PRIVATE survey is designed to help us meet your needs. Complete from this link and we will be in touch with you promptly.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V53SCGZ>
3. We are working with the Georgia Alliance to end homelessness where there is a person dedicated to helping our families. Please reach out to Sonya Milam sonya.milam@doe.k12.ga.us 478-751-6083, ext 1142 so that she may connect you to this viable resource.

December

Birthdays

D'Shawun 12/1

Micah 12/11

Joshua 12/5

Caden 12/17

Ja'Khari 12/7

DJ 12/19

Will 12/7

Kalena 12/23

Nick 12/10

Zariyah 12/25

Svet 12/27

Jermaine 12/29

James 12/31

