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Mark your Calendar

2/17 - "A Celebration of Black History Through Music "
Program in the Auditorium at 10:30

2/20 - Presidents' Day Holiday



3/3 - Out of school, Professional learning for staff

3/4 - Cornhole Tournament at GAB on Saturday

3/9 - Braille Challenge at GAB, see flier on pg.12

3/10 - School Council Meeting at 1:00 on Zoom

TBA - Art Show & Spring Musical in the Auditorium
at 10:30 "Junie B. Jones Jr. the Musical"

3/27 through 3/31 - Spring Break Week



4/10 - Easter Holiday

5/18 - Prom Night (location TBA)

5/25 - Graduation at GAB







PIC•COLLAGE







The GAB pool is back up and running! Students will need to bring swim suits and anything else they might need to be prepared for swim opportunities!



Counselors' Corner

Word for the Month of February **TOLERANCE**

Respecting the individual differences, views, and belief of others

*"It is not our **DIFFERENCES** that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, **ACCEPT**, & celebrate those differences."*

~ Audre Lourde



The middle school and high school students from GAB's astronomy classes, earth science classes, and STEM ECC classes recently took a field trip to the Museum of Arts and Sciences, and it was an educational and exciting experience for all. The students began their visit by watching a planetarium show that took them on a journey through the vast expanse of the universe. The show concentrated on the constellation *Orion*, the great hunter from Greek mythology, and the students left the planetarium with an expanded appreciation for the Universe. During the show, the students had the chance to explore their own 3D-printed tactile models of Orion. The model was designed to help people with visual impairments experience the beauty of space, and the students were able to touch and feel the model, making the experience more immersive.

Next, the students headed to the animal exhibits where they encountered a wide array of taxidermized and live animals from Georgia. They felt the fur, feathers, teeth, shells, and scales of various animals and learned about their habitats, behavior, and diet. The students were especially thrilled to interact with live animals and reptiles up close, including a real baby alligator and fully grown snake! They also enjoyed a tour through the mini zoo, where they encountered various species of animals, such as monkeys, birds, and even a few exotic animals. The students were fascinated by the sights, sounds, and textures of the diversity of life on Earth, and they left the museum with a newfound appreciation for the natural world.

Finally, they got the chance to examine and touch a 1,400-year-old Bas relief carving from ancient Hindu mythology. They then created a Bas relief of their own, carving into blocks of Plaster of Paris.

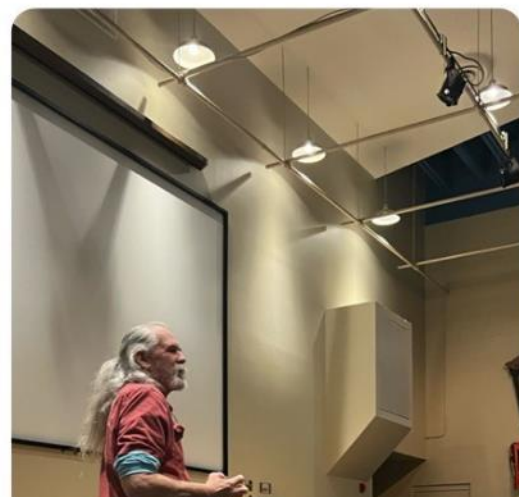
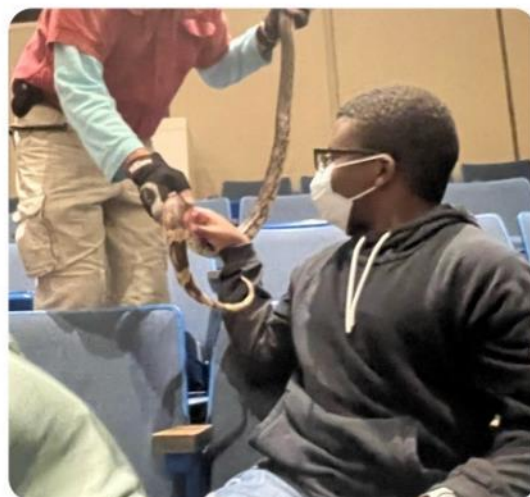
Overall, the trip to the Museum of Arts and Sciences was a great experience for the students. The exhibits and activities that they encountered provided them with hands-on learning opportunities that allowed them to engage with science and nature in a unique and meaningful way. The students were grateful for the chance to learn outside the classroom and are looking forward to the next field trip. - Mr. Lyon





Museum of Arts and Sciences







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TOURNAMENT

To benefit the class of 2023

When: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Registration 10:00 a.m.

\$40 per team of two (cash or check)

Tournament 11:00 a.m.

Where: Georgia Academy for the Blind
2895 Vineville Ave, Macon

This fun-filled day will feature a world class tournament, snacks, beverages, and other contests. This an event you won't want to miss!

\$1000 Cash Payout:

1st place - \$500

2nd place - \$300

3rd place - \$200

Shot in the
Dark Contest

Family Fun



Braille Challenge

Date: March 9th, 2023 Time: 8:30 – 3:00

Place: Georgia Academy for the Blind
2895 Vineville Ave. 31204



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BOOT SCOOTIN' BRAILLERS

2023
BRAILLE
CHALLENGE



Contact for Parents: Jennifer Minter
478-751-6083 ext.1140

Contact for TVIs & students is Dawn Day
email: mday@doe.k12.ga.us

Middle Georgia GLRS and RESA presents



Middle Georgia GLRS Transition Resource Fair



Saturday, April 29, 2023
9 am -12 pm

Roy H "Sonny" Watson Health Science Building
80 Cohen Walker Drive Warner Robins, Ga 31088



Post-Secondary Resources



Community Agencies



Q & A time to ask questions

This event is designed to provide students with disabilities, their families, or guardians with resources for transitioning from school into the community

For additional information, contact the Middle GA GLRS Transition Consortia:

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February Birthdays

Jayden	2/2	DaQuan	2/15
Ryder	2/2	Ambria	2/18
Elisha	2/3	Roni	2/22
Brian	2/6	Dorrian	2/24
Aidan	2/6		

