



# Panther Press

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## Mark your Calendar

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

**3/14** - Visit from (SERO), School Nutrition Program

**3/13 through 3/16** - Haylie Miller will be visiting campus

**3/24** - "1, 2, 3, 4, Let's Take a Tour" Percussion concert  
and **Art Show** @ 10:30 AM in Reynold's Auditorium

**TBA** - 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

**4/12** - Spring Festival between cottages 7 & 8 from  
5- 8pm.

**4/13** - Senior Trip

**4/18 through 4/24** - SCASB Track & Field and  
Goalball in Austin Texas

**5/18** - Prom Night

**5/25** - Graduation at GAB 

# A message from our Superintendent

**Dear GAB Families,**

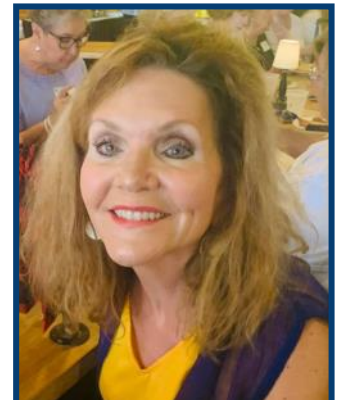
Back by popular demand are the famous GAB salads, the purest ingredients and healthiest, light luncheon dish! This is just one feature of the GAB School Nutrition Program that provides quality nutrition for staff and students for nominal or no cost. In any school it is common for students not to favor the regulations of school meals. AT GAB, we listen to our students and focus on meals that are their preferences and provide adequate choices as indicated in print and braille on the serving line itself. GAB has achieved reputation for quality of nutrition and presentation in addition to faithfulness to compliance of federal regulations. We are pleased that the Southeast Region Office (SERO) of the School Nutrition Program and GaDOE leadership Linette Dodson, Georgia State Director, and Andrea Johnson, State Schools District School Nutrition Director in addition to other representatives will make a site visit on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, to celebrate support for State Schools. Enjoy the March 8 celebration pictures Dig Into School Breakfast for National School Breakfast Week. Thank you to the Maintenance Department for the tractor and other artifacts of gardening and construction. What a team effort for students to participate and understand the concepts.



Review the calendar carefully and please make plans to join us for the School Council meeting today at 1:00. Plan to join us for the final School Council meeting on Friday, May 12, 2023, where attorney Corlice Atkins will share information on estate planning for children with special needs as well as other legal advocacies for our special children. GAB is excited to bring this important transition information to our families.

We are two weeks from spring break, but many activities including spring testing are upon us. The 2023-2024 GAB calendar will be approved for distribution shortly so that you will be able to plan accordingly.

**As ever,  
Cindy**



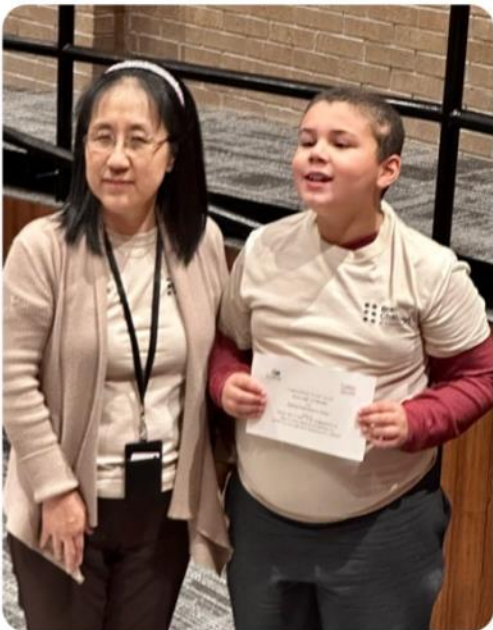
The Georgia Academy for the Blind hosted the Georgia Regional Braille Challenge. Students from across Georgia came to compete using their braille literacy skills. Braille Challenge is the only academic competition of its kind held in January through March each year in North America for students who are blind or visually impaired. The Braille Institute developed **Braille Challenge** to motivate students to practice and hone their braille literacy skills, which are essential to academic and employment success. The top winners may compete in the national Braille Challenge competition held at the Braille Institute in Los Angeles California.













**Last month our High School Health students participated in Hands Only CPR training. The training was conducted by Georgia Arrhythmia Foundation. GAF is a non-profit organization dedicated to decreasing death and disability from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. GAF teaches AED and CPR classes at no cost to the community. The students learned 3 things for Hands Only CPR: how to call 911 to get help on the way, how to do chest compressions, and how to use an AED. This valuable training will help them to act faster and with more confidence to save a life.**

**-Coach Alligood**



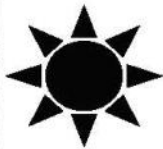
# Sound Bottle Fun!

The WBL Students  
made sound bottles  
for Dr. Creech's Class!  
How Fun!



Left to Right;  
William/A.T/Ian

## Additional Pictures!



Ambria created this  
document and did all the  
graphic design by  
herself!

Shake It Off!  
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## Word for the Month of March **Commitment**

**- the obligation and pledge to carry out some action or to support a person or cause.**

Georgia Student Health Survey – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (grades 3-5)

<https://gshs.gadoe.org/elementary>

Georgia Student Health Survey - MIDDLE SCHOOL (grades 6-8)

<https://gshs.gadoe.org/middleschool>

Georgia Student Health Survey - HIGH SCHOOL (grades 9-12)

<https://gshs.gadoe.org/highschool>

Georgia School Personnel Survey

<https://gshs.gadoe.org/personnel>

**Parents please click on the link below to complete survey:**

**Georgia Parent Survey**

<https://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>



**Save  
the  
date**

**March 18, 2023**

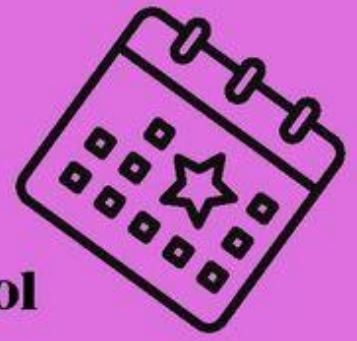
**9 am - 12 pm**

**at**

**Crawford County High School**

**400 East Agency Street**

**Roberta, Ga 31078**



**Spring Resource Fair  
for  
students with special needs  
and  
their supporters**



**FREE event for families to connect with a  
variety of vendors and discover the wonderful  
resources that Central Georgia has to offer its  
Special Needs Community.**



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For more information contact the CCSD Parent Mentor

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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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# March Birthdays

Zy	3/4	BJ	3/28
Destiny	3/14	Sammy	3/29
Ja'Mikel	3/17	Noble	3/31

