

# **Panther Press**

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# Mark your Calendars

4/18 through 4/26 - Annual Greenhouse Plant Sale Starts

4/25 - GAB Spring Festival

4/26 - Last School Council Meeting of the school year at 2:00pm

5/10 - Spring Musical 10:30AM

5/16 - Prom at GAB

5/24 - Last Day of School





GAB Spring Festival for 2024 is Thursday, April 25, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

# **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

We are wrapping up this week on a "high note!" On Wednesday, April 17, 2024, we celebrated the sweet memories of our very own Donterrious Carter. The afternoon was full of reflection and participation in all the things Dee loved to do. A tree was planted and dedicated in his honor to represent the passion he had for horticulture. The Carter family joined us in the afternoon of celebration and an album filled with pictures and reflections was presented to them as a token of our love. I would like to thank the GAB family for their support and unity on this special day. I would also like to recognize and thank our community partner, Johnson's Nursery and Garden Center, for donating the beautiful tree that was planted in Dee's honor.

Please be reminded that our state mandated testing will be April 22 – 26, 2024 for middle school students and April 29 – May 3, 2024, for high school students. This is a time for our students to "show what they know!" We ask that you encourage your child to eat a good breakfast each day and to get a good night of rest each night to be able to perform their best. Also, words are powerful, especially when they are coming from those we love the most, so I encourage you to speak words of affirmation over them each day and remind them that they are MORE than a test SCORE!

Finally, next month we will have the opportunity to show our teaching staff just how much we appreciate them. May 6-10, 2024 is *Teacher Appreciation Week*. Please send cards and/or notes to your child's teachers and paraprofessionals to show them how much you value them. Again, words are powerful so please take time to "pour into" the vessels of our teachers.

Have a safe and beautiful weekend! Alicia M. Jackson, Interim Superintendent













"Dee Day"
Celebration













We celebrated the life and memory of Donterrious "Dee" Carter with his family. GAB's students and staff presented the family with a memory books and dedicated a tree in his honor. Anyone who knew Dee knew that he loved his snacks, so everyone enjoyed some of Dee's favorites, including hot fries, Sprite, chicken nuggets, and Reese's cups. His siblings enjoyed playing games with GAB's students. It was a beautiful day to honor a beautiful life!















































# GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND 2024-2025 School Calendar 180 Day Student and 200 Day Staff

Holidays

Regular School Days

Professional Learning Days

First and Last Day for Students
Open House

2024															2025
Jul 24	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Jan 25
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Work Days 3	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Work Days 20
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Jul 29-31 Pre Planning	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Jan 3 - Professinal Learning
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Oct 14-18 Fall Break/ GVEST	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Apr 1-4 Spring Break
Oct. 16-18 Prof. Learning	27	28	29	30	31			27	28	29	30				
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Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving	17	18		20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	May 26 Memorial Day
	24	25	26		28	29	30	25			28	-		31	May 27-30 Post Planning
Dec 24	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Jun 25
School Days 15	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	School Days 0
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### Emory Autism Center

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

## PARENT EDUCATION SERIES: TRANSITION PLANNING FOR STUDENTS WITH ASD

Join Dayna Holbel M.Ed. and Karla Wade, Ph.D. from the Emory Autism Center for 3 **free** presentations focused on how to support a meaningful transition to adult life for students with ASD.

Key Messages for Transition Planning

# Thursday, November, 2nd

An introduction to transition planning and how you can support your middle school and early high school student on the path to graduation and prepare for post-secondary success.

Tips for Post-Secondary Success

### Thursday, April 11

If graduation is just around the corner, learn about what you can do now to prepare your young adult to be successful after high school. We will also share many resources for post-secondary success!

Transition Planning for Young Adults with Higher Support Needs

### Thursday. April 18th

Join us to
discuss
transition
planning for
students for
with higher
support needs.
We will share
many resources
for postsecondary
supports.



# All Sessions are 6:30 to 8 PM

Follow the QR Code to register and receive the Zoom Link



April 22 – 26 – GA Milestones Testing for grades 3-8.

Monday and Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the ELA portions for grades 3-8.

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> will be the math portion for grades 3-8.

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> will be the science portion for grades 5 & 8 only.

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> will be the social studies portions for grade 8 only.

April 29 – May 3 – GA Milestones Testing for select high school subjects.

Monday and Tuesday, April 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>, will be for students taking American Literature.

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> will be for students taking Algebra: Concepts and Connections.

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be for students taking Biology.

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be for students taking U.S. History.

Students assessed using the Georgia Alternate Assessment will be tested individually by their teacher between March 25 and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Who:** Students in Grades 9

through 12

What: Aloha Ohana,

**Prom-A GAB Luau** 

When: Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from

7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: GAB Café

Why: To Celebrate a

**Successful Year at** 

**GAB** 

Please see

the

attached

**Prom** 

Packet in

this

newsletter



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Pre-Teens - 6/12 years old - June 23 - June 28, 2024

\*\*There will be no camp session: June 29 – July 5, 2024

All Adults – 18+ years old – July 6 – July 12, 2024

Teenagers - 13/17 years old – July 14 – July 21, 2024

Registrations to open on March 18, 2024 and all Applications to be completed by May 31, 2024

# April 2024 Birthdays

Jeferson 4/15

Bentlee 4/2 Dillon 4/17

Bentley 4/4 Zondria 4/20

Lauren 4/5 William R. 4/22

Landyn 4/11 Majestic 4/27

