Mark your Calendars

4/27 - School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day!

5/1 - Summer Program Applications due!

5/3 through 5/7 - Teacher Appreciation Week!

5/20 - Prom at Morgan View Farm.

Limited Attendance for GAB Prom and Graduation 2021

Prom and Graduation are for GAB staff, students, students’ two representatives and GaDOE officials only. These are closed events, not open to the public. The Senior Committee is communicating procedures for inclusion on the guest lists. Your name must be on the approved guest list to be admitted. Please contact Supt. Dr. Cindy Gibson for additional information cgibson@doe.k12.ga.us 478-751-6083 X 1110.

5/21 - Graduation on GAB campus

This newsletter is published by our Parent Mentor/Family Engagement Specialist, Jennifer Minter. Please send your ideas, news and resources in your community to her: JMinter@doe.k12.ga.us or call 478-262-3303. Please remember to contact her if you’ve had a change in address, phone number and/or email!
School Calendar for 2021-22

Sunset on Virtual Instruction; New Day for Onsite Instruction Exclusively

Once again be reminded that GAB will provide onsite instruction and related services only for the 2021-2022 school year. The first day of school is August 9, 2021. Mark your calendars for a great beginning! Should you feel that onsite services are not best for your child, please reach out to me or to your Special Education Director in your home district. We all want what is best for each child that we serve.

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2021-2022 School Calendar

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Sem 1 Total: Work Days =100; School Days =87
Sem 2 Total: Work Days =100; School Days =83
Girls in Cottage 7 have fun with their Residential Advisors:

Heide > (She is on the swing with her glasses on and enjoying the breeze while swinging.)

Morgan > (She is sitting on the bend with a red blouse on enjoying the sunshine.)

Savannah > (She is outside bouncing on her ball for her exercise.)

Dashia > (She is sitting on the swing next to Morgan and they are relaxing after a long day in class.)

Angelica & Kimberly > have numerous pictures because their primary Residential Advisor is Authurene Easley who took the pictures...LOL!

Angelica (pink & black tops and Kimberly with a black top are on the swing.) They are enjoying swinging on the swing, the see-saw and they are striking their pose in varies areas of the campus.

The following RA’s assist the girls in Cottage (7):

Arthurene Easley    Wendy Williams
Cynthia Cotton      Tamara Adams      Clara Mosley
Lions Camp is BACK! Please see the schedule below and come by my office is you want to go to camp. I will have all the forms or parents can now fill them out online. Just let me know: Jennifer Minter 478-262-3303 or email me: jminter@doe.k12.ga.us

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5626 Laura Walker Road; Waycross, Georgia 31503–6488
Phone (912) 283–4320/Fax (912) 283–5130/Email: Director@glcb.org/www.glcb.org

Dear Campers, Parents, & Teachers:

The administration of the Georgia Lions Camp is very excited to invite you to join us for our 2021 summer program! We are looking forward to our summer camp with eager anticipation and with hopes of seeing you all there!

Please complete the application to ensure your reservation. No camper will have a secure spot until ALL paperwork and FEE is submitted back to the camp, including the physical, which is the Healthcare Form 2, which is known as the; "Physical", must be filled out and signed by licensed medical personnel.

NOTES:

1- You can now go to CampDoc.com online to register and complete your application process. You will need an email and a password to sign in.

2- Carefully view the following 2021 Summer Schedule information carefully as changes may occur, such as sessions, dates, and age groups.

2021 Summer Schedule

Session 1– June 20-25  Pre-teens Camp (6-12)
Session 2- June 27- July 2  Senior Adults Camp (40-plus)
No Camp- July 3-8  4th of July Break
Session 3- July 09-18  Teenager Group (13-17)
Session 4- July 18-23  Adults (18-39)

Anyone under 6 years of age will require a guardian/parent. Fee will be required for the guardian/parent.
April 16, 2021 Email Blast

Office of Federal Programs - Division for Special Education

Directors,

Governor Brian P. Kemp has issued a press release regarding Applications for Families of Children with Special Needs Reimbursement. You may access the press release by Clicking Here. For additional information, you may watch a brief training video: Click Here. Please assist us in sharing this information with your local families. You may access additional information on the Georgia Department of Education webpage: Click Here.

On Tuesday, April 20, the Georgia Department of Education will host jointly an awareness session with Parent to Parent of Georgia. You may access the information using the following link: Click Here.

Thank you for joining the Directors' Webinar on April 13; you may access the recording on the Directors' Webinar Webpage: Click Here.

2021 Special Needs Summer Camp and Respite Directory

Each year, Metro East Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS) provides a special needs summer camp and respite directory. Here is the link to the new FY21 Summer Opportunities Directory for Students with Special Needs.

Feel free to print and send to parents or simply provide them with the online link. As needed, additional updates will be made the the directory and available using in the webpage link: Click Here

Georgia’s Special Education Teacher Induction Program
Beginning in Fall 2021, the Georgia Department of Education will provide a Special Education Teacher Induction Program for local school systems identified induction level Special Education Teachers. The induction program will be supported regionally through GLRS to improve the retention of new special education teachers through the development and implementation of high-quality mentoring and induction programs.

Training Objectives:
Increase innovation in teaching the high-leverage practices (HLPs) using mixed-reality simulation labs
Increase coaching and immediate performance feedback for new special education teachers

Induction Flyer: Click Here.

To facilitate planning, please complete the survey by April 30, 2021 to indicate your school system’s interest. Click Here

Collaborative Leadership Launch

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) and School and District Effectiveness (SDE) Collaborative Leadership Launch.

The purpose of the Leadership Launch is to provide updates on the SSIP collaborative work with School and District Effectiveness and to highlight local best practices.

We will showcase Georgia’s Implementation of Check and Connect mentoring program, which is a proven evidence-based intervention to increase graduation rates and decrease dropout rates for all students. Crisp County School District and Dekalb County School District will provide an overview and share the benefits, successes, and challenges they have experienced with implementing Check and Connect.

The SSIP/SDE Leadership Launch will be held on Wednesday, May 5th at 2:00 pm. Please register using the following link: SSIP/SDE Leadership Launch-Check and Connect.

FY21 Student Record (SR) Warnings and Reports

There are several SR Warnings and SR Reports listed below that should be closely reviewed in Student Record before submission in June. A careful review can prevent reporting errors in discipline which can result in Disproportionality
and inaccurate reporting for Continuation of Services. After SR is signed off/closed by your Superintendent, it cannot be reopened to correct these reporting errors.

SR Warnings
• W861- ACTION CODE is either ‘20’ (ISS) or ‘30’ (OSS), NUMBER OF DAYS suspended normally is not greater than 20 days.
• W862- Possible duplicate- the SYSTEM CODE, SCHOOL CODE, GTID, INCIDENT DATE, INCIDENT TYPE, ACTION and AUXILIARY CODE are the same for more than one discipline record. For most current data, see Report DIS092.
• W863- Multiple suspensions reported for same student and date. For most current data, see Report DIS091. See SR Reports below.
• DIS090 Suspensions with the Same Date and Days
• DIS092 Possible Duplicated Safety Records
• DIS095 OSS Greater than 10 days w/out Services
• DIS097 SWD System Totals by Discipline Action

Positive Behavior Support (Parent Training)

Parent to Parent of Georgia in partnership with Center for Leadership in Disability is hosting a series of virtual training sessions for parents/caregivers on Positive Behavior Supports. The sessions will include understanding the purpose/function of behavior and practical tips and suggestions on managing and preventing challenging behavior.

Flyer: Click Here

Parent to Parent of Georgia Trainings

Webinar: Georgia Medicaid - NOW/COMP

Thursday, April 22 at 12 pm
Calendar link: Click Here
Facebook photo link: Click Here

Webinar: Georgia Medicaid Basics and Katie Beckett Deeming Waiver
Tuesday, April 27 at 2 pm
Calendar link: Click Here

Webinar: Peace, Love and Harmony and the IFSP/IEP
Thursday, April 29 at 6 pm
Calendar link: Click Here
April Birthdays

4/2 Pierce
4/2 Bentlee
4/4 Caden W.
4/11 Landyn
4/17 Dillion
4/21 Ashlyn
4/28 Hope