Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia’s students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of independence in transition to college and career readiness. Check out this student produced video featuring this Mission Statement: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lRrbhkGSe98

Mark Your Calendars

April 25–28: Senior Trip
*May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2: GAB students attend Macon Little Theatre’s “Miracle Worker” (details, page 2)
May 7: 11 am Community Partners Appreciation Day
*May 9: Special Olympics (rescheduled from the April rain out)
May 16: 10 am Awards Day
May 16: 4 pm Project SEARCH graduation lobby of the Navicent Health Heart Tower
May 17: 11 am Graduation in our new and improved auditorium!
May 24: Last day of school

Georgia Milestones Assessments Continue

April 29 –Literature – Writing (grade 9)
April 30 –Literature (grade 9) and American Literature
May 1 – Algebra I
May 2 – Geometry
May 3 – Make-up
May 6 – Biology
May 7 – Physical Science
May 8 – US History
May 9 – Economics
May 10– Make-up

Parents/guardians, you can help your child by assuring he/she:

- Gets a good’s night sleep.
- Eats a healthy breakfast.
- Gets to school on time.


This newsletter is published by our Parent Mentor, Sonya Milam. Please send your ideas, news, and resources in your community to her. smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303 Please remember, to contact us if you’ve had a change in address, phone number and/or email!
May Staff Birthdays:

Mary Beth   May 4  Tyzie   May 19
Jordan W.   May 4  Heidei   May 20
Hope M   May 7  Austin   May 24

Remaining April Student Birthdays:

Marquez   April 26
Majestic   April 27
Hope D.   April 28
Joe   April 30

May Student Birthdays:

Mary Beth   May 4
Jordan W.   May 4
Hope M   May 7

The Macon Little Theatre has invited GAB to attend their final dress rehearsal for The Miracle Worker on Thursday, May 2 at 7 pm.

Families of day students: if you want your child to attend, you must make arrangements to pick them up from GAB by 9:15 pm, OR make arrangements with Mr. Reynolds to stay in cottages this night. Our art students will be displaying their work during the duration of the play May 3-12. See their website for ticket information and show times. https://www.maconlittletheatre.org/  We are so thankful for these good neighbors!

Remaining April Staff Birthdays:

Ms. Thompson April 30

May Staff Birthdays:

Ms. Stokes   May 1
Ms. Francis   May 3
Ms. Neil   May 4
Ms. Drinkard   May 6
Ms. McDavid   May 6
Ms. Patterson   May 10
Mr. Jackson   May 22
Mr. Moore   May 24

(Right) Before being whisked away for a lunch out, our Administrative Assistants enjoyed being serenaded by the “Rebel Rousers” on Thursday. This duo of high school students planned and presented some toe stomping tunes using their voices, keyboard and guitar. We appreciate all our Administrative Assistants and all they do to help our school run smoothly!
Atlanta Area Families:

PRESENTS A FREE WORKSHOP

Sifting Through Your Parental Rights

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: North Douglas Elementary School
1630 Dorris Road
Douglasville, GA 30134

Provides basic information about parental rights under IDEA, including confidentiality, notice, consent, surrogate parents, free and appropriate public education (FAPE), least restrictive environment (LRE), evaluations and dispute resolution methods such as mediation and due process.

For more information contact Renee Davis (Parent Mentor)
@ 770-651-2081 or via email: Rhonda.R.Davis@dcssga.org

Or call Parent to Parent of Georgia at 1-800-229-2038.

See our Training Calendar for additional trainings and webinars at www.p2pga.org

All services and resources offered by Parent to Parent of Georgia are free.

Let Sonya know if you are planning to go and/or if you need assistance in the registration process!
Atlanta Area Families:

Supported Decision Making:

A Path to Empowerment

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
TIME: 12:00 PM—1:00 PM

Presenter: Dana Lloyd with the Georgia Advocacy Office
Light refreshments will be served.
Childcare is not provided.
Please tell your child’s teacher if Spanish interpretation is needed.

PLACE:
Factory Shoals Middle School
3301 Shoals School Rd.
*Douglasville, GA 30135*
*Please sign-in at the main office.*

QUESTIONS:
Renee Davis, Parent Mentor
770-651-2081
rhonda.r.davis@dcssga.org

Let Sonya know if you are planning to go and/or if you need assistance in the registration process!
LIONS CLUB CAMP AND CAMP ABILITIES have now closed their registrations! Act fast as spots at these remaining camps are limited and deadlines are approaching. Scholarships are available! Contact Sonya for details! Note: these camp resources are simply provided as a courtesy to our families. Though we are confident that they are appropriate for and accessible to our students, GAB does not endorse or sponsor any camp.

**Camp Dreams, (Camp Grace, Roberta, GA)**
July 21st – July 24th (Sun. - Wed.) and July 25th – July 28th (Thur. - Sun.) Only online applications are accepted. See the link below. Let Sonya know if you would like assistance in registering.
http://www.campdreamga.org/summer-camp

**Blaze Adaptive Sports Camp, Camp Twin Lakes, Winder, GA**
July 21-26 Ages 7-17 Only online applications are accepted. See the link below. Let Sonya know if you would like assistance in registering.

**FINAL NOTICE!** **STARS Day Camp at the Center for the Visually Impaired, Atlanta.** Transportation from 7 points in Atlanta area provided. All grades for day camp 9 am-3pm. To register go to
https://www.cviga.org/userFiles/en/STARS%20Summer%20Enrichment%20Registration%202019.pdf Sonya has paper applications available as well.
Deadline is May 3!

- Week 1 - June 3 to 7... STARS & the Arts
- Week 2 - June 10 to 14... STARS & the Arts
- Week 3 - June 17 to 21... Sports and Recreation
- Week 4 - June 24 to 28... ECC Week, with a focus on Activities of Daily
  - ncision, Social Skills & more!

**Second Announcement:** The NFB BELL (Braille Enrichment for ing) Academy will offer one location in Columbus State University for students age 4-3-Friday, June 28 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The registration fee is $100. Lunch will be provided. Parents and care givers will be responsible for dropping off and picking up their child, and checking them in and out. Register at this link:

Program Coordinator: Hayley Alli
Phone: 404-789-8535
Email: hayleyalli10@gmail.com
Second announcement!

**Just in time for summer reading:** Did you know that blind children in the U.S. and Canada can receive three free braille books per year!? Just register your child by clicking here [http://www.seedlings.org/bkangel2009.php](http://www.seedlings.org/bkangel2009.php) or contact Sonya Milam for the paper application. The website includes Newberry winners, book reviews, recommendations and special events.

**Just in time for summer movies and educational programs:** Streaming TV and Movies, DVDs, Interactive Media, Resources, and more from our friends at Described and Captioned Media Program. Subscribe by clicking here: [https://dcmp.org/](https://dcmp.org/)

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**More photos from prom**

(and finals ones to come next week!)