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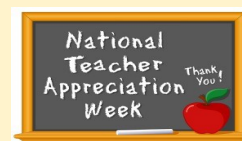
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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of independence in transition to college and career readiness. *Check out this student produced video*

Mark your Calendars

5/1 - Summer Program Applications due!

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



5/14 - School Council Meeting at 1:00, Friday

5/14 - Mrs. Holloway is having an in-person concert (9:30 AM).

This is only open to GAB students and staff/faculty.

5/20 - Prom at Morgan View Farm.

Limited Attendance for GAB Prom and Graduation 2021

In accordance with COVID-19 safety measures, GAB prom and graduation exercises 2021 are closed to the public. Only students, their approved 2 representatives, and GAB staff are invited. Names must be on the guest list to be admitted. See a member of the Senior Committee if you have questions.

They have sent clear instructions for inclusion on the guest lists .

5/21 - Graduation on GAB campus.

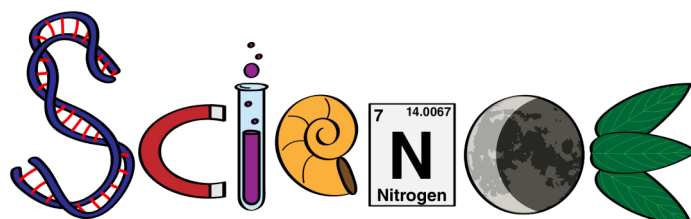


This newsletter is published by our Parent Mentor/Family Engagement Specialist, Jennifer Minter. Please send your ideas, news and resources in your community to her: JMinter@doe.k12.ga.us or call **478-262-3303**. ***Please remember to contact her if you've had a change in address, phone number and/or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

GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND 2021-2022 School Calendar 180 Student/ 200 Day Teacher and Para															
<div> <div>Holidays</div> <div>Regular School Days</div> <div>Graduation TBA</div> </div>							<div> <div>First and Last Day for Students</div> <div>Open House</div> <div>Required Professional Learning</div> </div>								
2021							2022								
Jul-21	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Jan-22
Work Days: 5															1 Work Days: 20
School Days: 0					1	2	3	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8 School Days: 19
Special Days:	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Special Days:
26-30 Pre-planning	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	3rd PL
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	17h MLK Jr. Holiday
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	30	31						
Aug-21	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Feb-22
Work Days: 23										1	2	3	4	5	Work Days: 19
School Days: 17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	School Days: 19
Special Days:	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Special Days:
8th Open House	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21st President's Day
9th First Day of School	22	23	25	25	26	27	28	27	28						
	29	30	31												
Sep-21	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Mar-22
Work Days: 21				1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4	5	Work Days: 19
School Days: 21	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	School Days: 18
Special Days:	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Special Days:
6th Labor Day	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28-31 Spring Break
	26	27	28	29	30			27	28	29	30	31			
Oct-21	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Apr-22
Work Days: 21						1	2						1	2	Work Days: 19
School Days: 20	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	School Days: 19
Special Days:	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Special Days:
15th PL	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	1st Spring Break
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	18th Easter Holiday
	31														
Nov-21	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	May-22
Work Days: 17		1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Work Days: 21
School Days: 17	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	School Days: 18
Special Days:	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Graduation TBA
22-26 Thanksgiving Holidays	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	25th Last Day of School
	28	29	30					29</							



Dr. Rajeev Dapke, Chemistry professor from Columbus State University, worked with DaQuan in person and John and Madison virtually on their current research with QR codes helping individuals with visual impairments in the science lab. Students used their cell phones to scan the QR code to listen to the link tell them the piece of lab equipment and its different parts and functions. Madison and John were able to scan the QR code I put on screen for them to listen on their phones and later they responded to questions from Dr. Dapke...You might even be able to zoom in on your phone's camera to scan the QR code I have in my hand to listen. – Dr. Bennett



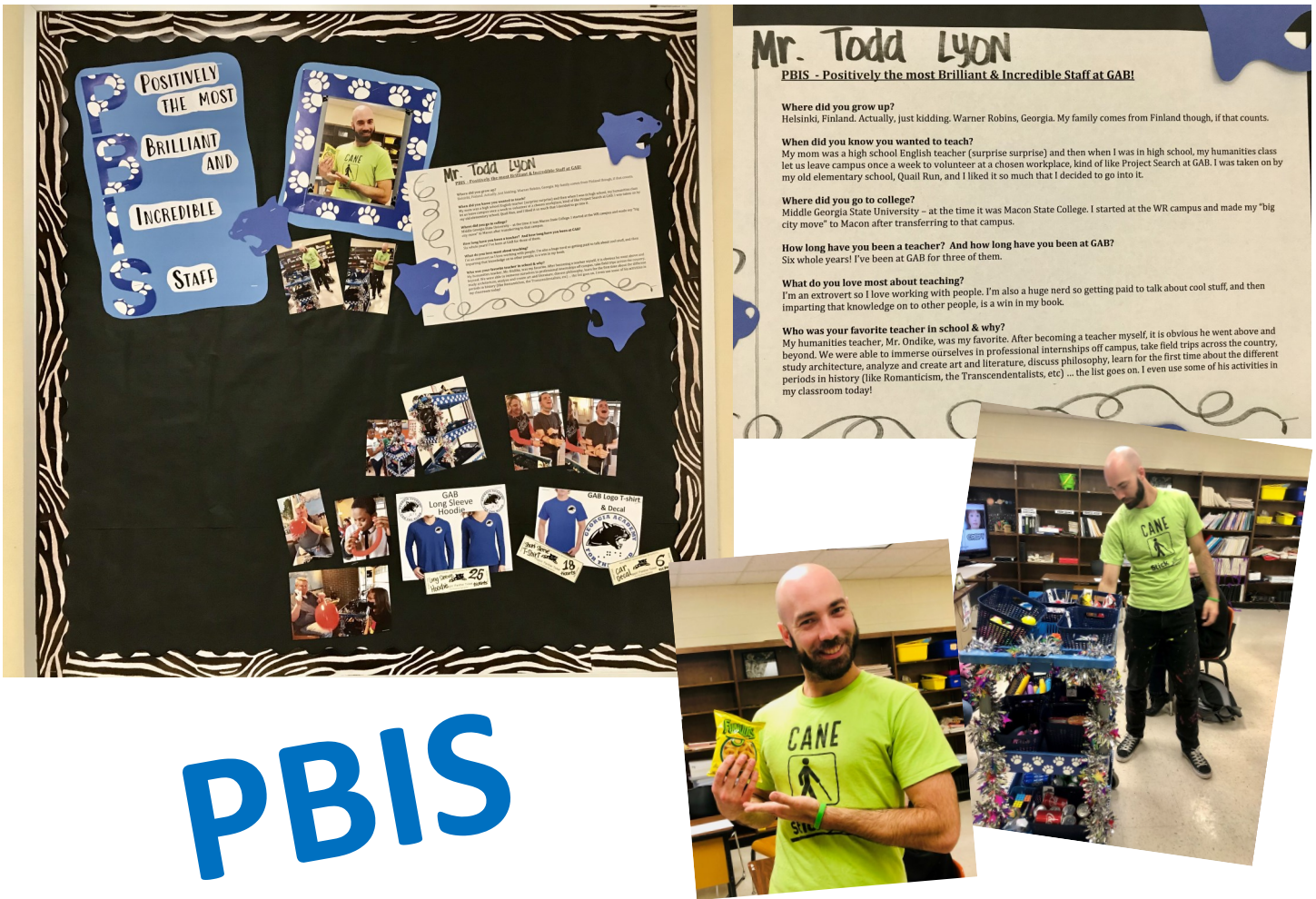


Let's Play

Ms. Thompson and Ms. Lynch's economics class put a modern spin on the classic Parker Brothers game, PayDay! Students took their knowledge of economics concepts and used the original games framework to create "Pandemic Payday." A game board was made and with the help of Ms. Smith, 3D game pieces were made. These game pieces include a qtip covid test, toilet paper, a mask, a syringe for the vaccine, a bottle of hand sanitizer and of course the covid-19 virus. Spaces on the board include things such as a space that requires the player to roll the Brailled dice to determine if they lose a turn (get quarantined) for one or two weeks (turns), win money for being a part of the vaccine clinical trial, and paying a fee for not having exact change among other spaces. Deal cards include opportunities to buy businesses such as "Asymptotic Airlines" and "Lynch's Lysol." Email cards give players instructions to receive payment or pay other players for things such as sewing masks, donating PPE, and not wearing their mask properly. Students have enjoyed the creation of the game just as much as they have playing it.



There's a New Board in Town!



PBIS

The new PBIS bulletin board is located in the main hallway on the wall facing the parent resource room. In order to showcase staff that give out Panther Paw tickets, we are drawing tickets from the Panther every Friday. When students are shopping the PBIS cart, after they make their selection, then they pay the panther by putting their tickets in. When Mr. Smith draws a ticket out of the panther with a staff member's name on it, then he announces the staff member of the week. The winner gets their picture on the board with a few details about them. They also get to pick an item from the Panther Pantry Cart! Our new GAB merchandise (hoodies, t-shirts, and decals) are big ticket items that students can save their Panther Paw tickets to purchase.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based three-tiered framework to improve and integrate all of the data, systems, and practices affecting student outcomes every day.

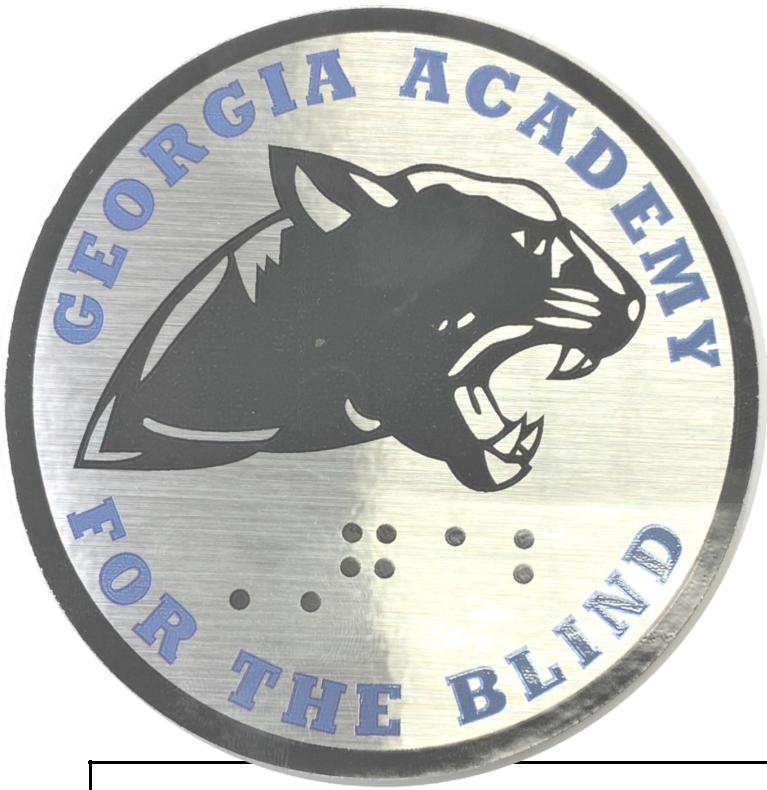
Hay Day for Clay!

Art students
have been
getting their
hands a little
dirty while
making coil
pots, slab,
dishes, napkin
rings, and
haniwa (a clay
ceramic
sculpture that
was placed on
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MRS.
APPLEBEE'S
CLASS





GAB Logo Decal

\$5

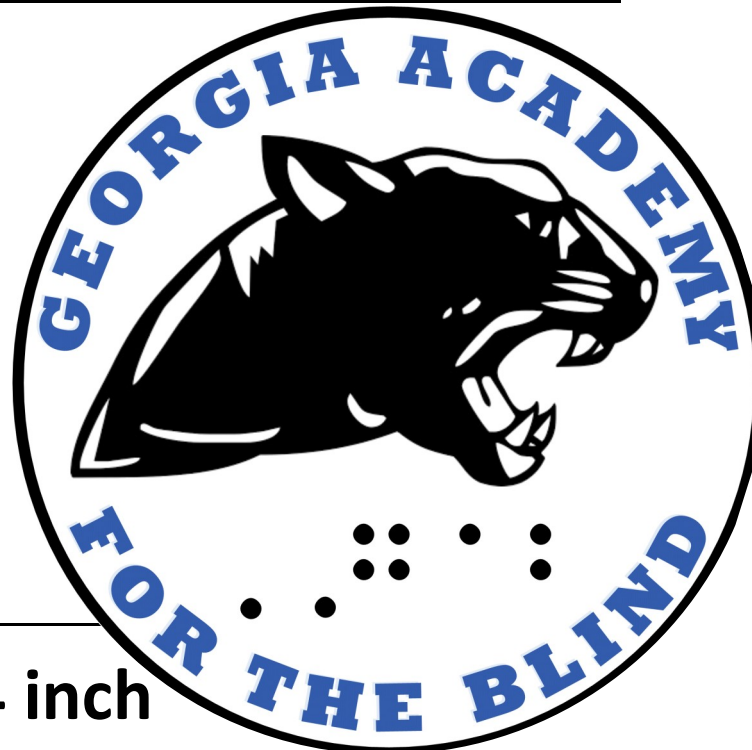
Silver Edition GAB Decal 4 inch

Quantity X \$5.00 each

Name

Total

\$4



White GAB Decal 4 inch

Quantity X \$4.00 each

Name

Total

We welcome cash or checks. Make checks payable to GAB.

Lions Camp is BACK! Please see the schedule below and come by my office if 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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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	4 th 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

Birthdays

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

