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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*

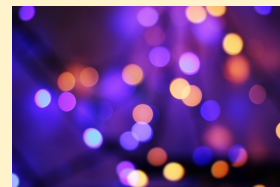
Mark your Calendars

5/14 - 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.

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!***



Here at GAB we have been working on upgrading the cafeteria over the past year. From new flooring and a brand-new serving line designed especially for visually impaired students to the new furniture that was specifically picked out for the needs of our students, with soft corners and padded booths. We are so proud of the way it has turned out! Pictured here is the committee that helped with the upgrading- Kimberly Smith our Media Specialist, Kristie Robinson our School Nutrition Manager , Jon Smith one of our Assistant Principals, and Allison Hawkins our Occupational Therapist. The committee spent a lot of time working on every detail, from a sleek modern design to the functionality of the cafeteria to be used as a classroom.

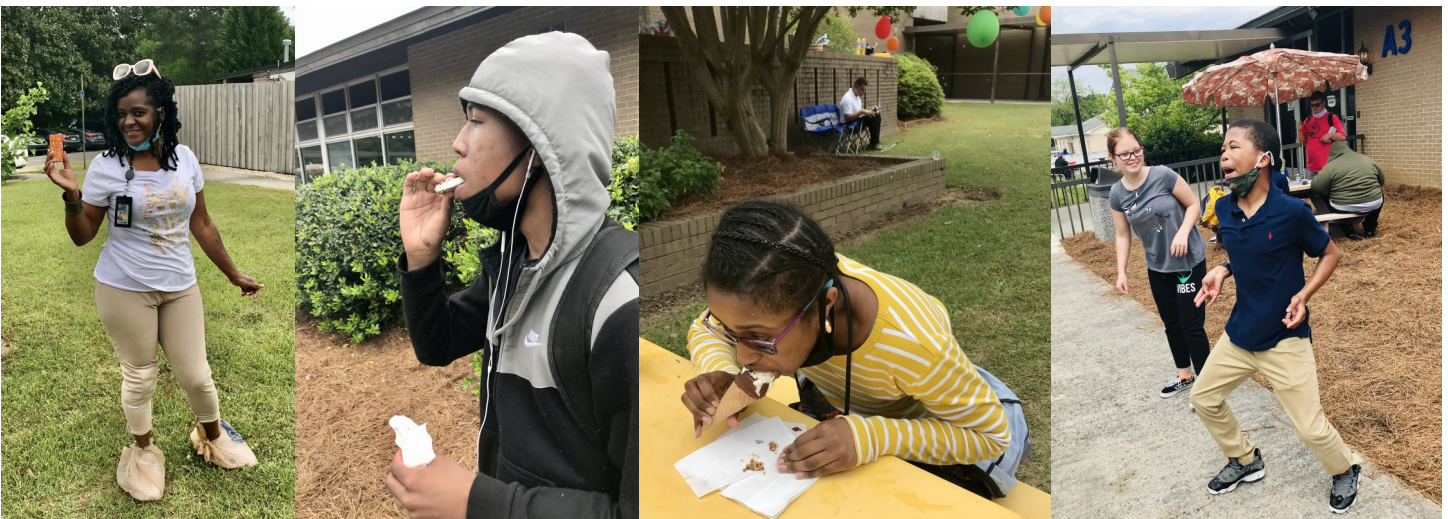


New Stainless Steel serving line with plexiglass cases and faux wood paneling across the front. Braille signage enables our students to read every menu item and utensils on the serving line for more independence. Our new wooden sign hangs with silver lettering, "GAB Café" announcing it's location.





April was School Library Month and Poetry Month. Throughout the month, students read books and wrote poems for a poetry contest. At the end of the month, we had an ice cream party to celebrate. Students enjoyed music, dancing, corn hole, sidewalk chalk, hammocks, peddle cars, and a bubble machine along with their cool treats. The winners of the poetry contest were Ayden: 1st place in elementary, Hope: 1st place in middle school, DeAndre: 2nd place in middle school, Ambria: 1st place in high school, and Felix: 2nd place in high school. First-place winners received a gift card and second-place winners received panther tickets. It was a great way to celebrate reading, the end of testing for middle schoolers, and SPRING!





School Calendar for 2021-22

GAB will offer onsite instruction services only for the 2021-2022 school year that begins August 9, 2021.

If any family feels that onsite services at GAB are not appropriate for their child, then IEP meetings must be scheduled to plan accordingly. I have included this information in the Panther Press for several weeks now and School Council has approved. We want to ensure that plans are in place for each student in a timely manner. Dr. Cindy Gibson, Supt., GAB

GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND 2021-2022 School Calendar 180 Student/ 200 Day Teacher and Para													
2021							2022						
Jul-21							Jan-22						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Work Days: 5							Work Days: 20						
School Days: 0							School Days: 19						
Special Days:							Special Days:						
26-30 Pre-planning							3rd PL						
17th MLK Jr. Holiday													
Aug-21							Feb-22						
Work Days: 23							Work Days: 19						
School Days: 17							School Days: 19						
Special Days:							Special Days:						
8th Open House							21st President's Day						
9th First Day of School													
Sep-21							Mar-22						
Work Days: 21							Work Days: 19						
School Days: 21							School Days: 18						
Special Days:							Special Days:						
6th Labor Day							28-31 Spring Break						
Oct-21							Apr-22						
Work Days: 21							Work Days: 19						
School Days: 20							School Days: 19						
Special Days:							Special Days:						
15th PL							1st Spring Break						
18th Easter Holiday													
Nov-21							May-22						
Work Days: 17							Work Days: 21						
School Days: 17							School Days: 18						
Special Days:							Graduation TBA						
22-26 Thanksgiving Holidays							25th Last Day of School						
							30th Memorial Day						
							26-31 Post Planning/ PL						
Dec-21							Jun-22						
Work Days: 13							Work Days: 2						
School Days: 12							School Days: 0						
Special Days:							Special Days:						
17th Professional Learning							1-2 PL at discretion of Superintendent						
20-31 Winter Holidays													
Sem 1 Total: Work Days =100; School Days =87							Sem 2 Total: Work Days =100; School Days =93						

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.

May Birthdays

5/1 Michael

5/19 Tyzie

5/1 Taryn

5/20 Heidi

5/4 Mary

5/20 William

