



# Panther Press

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## Mark your Calendars

**5/21** - Water Day fun activities, bring swimwear

**5/22** - Awards Day Ceremony in the Auditorium  
at 10:30AM

**5/23** - Graduation at GAB, 11:00AM

**5/24** - Last Day of  
School

**6/9 through 6/14** -  
GAB Summer  
Program

**8/6** - Orientation,  
Required Parent  
Meeting at  
GAB

**8/7** - First Day of  
School

**Middle Schoolers at Play!**





# Tennis Clinic



# TENNIS



**This spring, ten students participated in a Blind/Visually Impaired Tennis clinic. The team and volunteers at the Randy Stephens Tennis Center modified**

**tennis techniques to guarantee success for our students with various visual and sensory abilities. Initially unsure, the students embraced new challenges and discovered the significance of focus, discipline, and consistent practice in honing their skills. They celebrated the last day with pizza and participation medals.**

**Blind Tennis closely resembles traditional tennis but incorporates several modifications. The primary distinctions lie in the ball type, court dimensions, and bounce allowances. Unlike conventional tennis, where players are limited to one bounce, Blind Tennis permits multiple bounces. Simplifying the technicalities, Individuals with limited vision usually have two bounces for ball return, whereas those with no vision can have up to three. Moreover, the court size for partially sighted players is slightly reduced compared to standard courts, while it is further decreased for blind players.**





**Dear GAB families,**

As our school's Box Tops for Education Coordinator, I want to thank you for all your support this year with Box Tops!

Our goal was to earn \$100.00 through Box Tops this year to help with our student fund, and we met our goal.

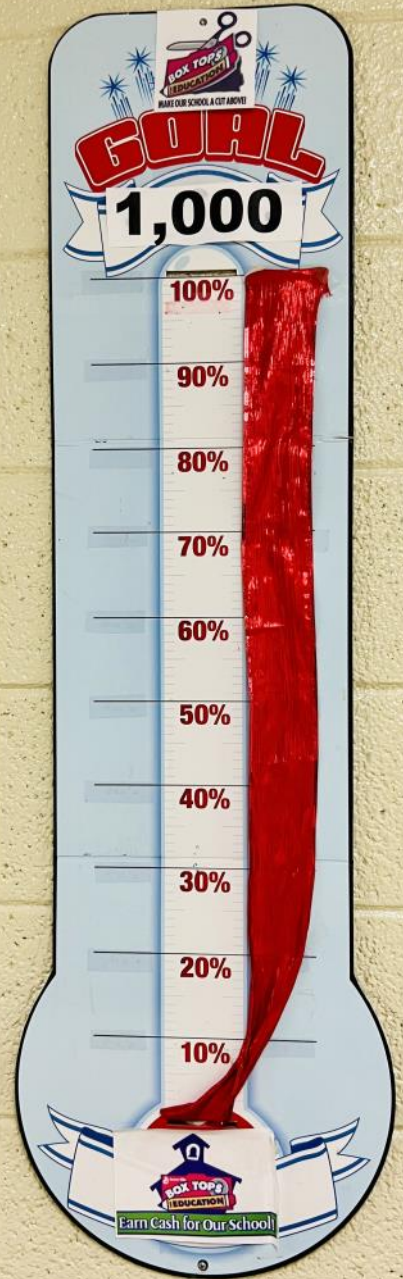
Please continue to collect box tops during the summer months for our school.

If you need help with the Box Tops app, please let me know.

**Thanks for all your support,**

**Miss Layson**

**[slayson@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:slayson@doe.k12.ga.us)**



**1.000 Box Tops equals= \$100 Dollars to support GAB!**



# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

GEORGIA PARENT SURVEY FOR STUDENTS WITH AN IEP



1. CHOOSE STATE SCHOOLS (FOR COUNTY)
2. CHOOSE GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND

## Why are you being asked to complete a Statewide Survey?

In order for all students to graduate prepared to achieve a lifetime of success, families need to be an important part of the school team. It is critical that the GaDOE assist local school systems in partnering with families to raise the achievement rate for students with disabilities. Completing this survey will assist in achieving this goal.

## Who is being surveyed?

The GaDOE is surveying parents of students with disabilities throughout Georgia.

## What will be done with the information collected?

GaDOE Division of Special Education will work collaboratively with Parent to Parent of Georgia (P2P), the statewide Parent Training Information Center, to identify needs in family involvement within the state and local districts based on statewide survey results.

## Who will see your answers?

Individual answers are kept confidential. The GaDOE has contracted with evaluators at the Georgia Center for Assessment (GCA) to guarantee confidentiality. Each response will be coded by a number – not a name.

## How do you complete the survey?

You may complete the survey online in English and Spanish at [www.gadoe.org/Parent-Survey](http://www.gadoe.org/Parent-Survey) or scan the QR code above.

## Who do you contact for help with completing the survey?

GaDOE Special Education Help Desk at 404-657-9968. You may also call your Parent Mentor, Jennifer Minter at [Jminter@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:Jminter@doe.k12.ga.us) or 478-262-3303.

# Meals for this summer...

## How to find a program?

Parents/guardians, find out where your child/children can get healthy, daily meals this summer. There are multiple programs that offer summer meals at no cost. Check all these sources to see if there is a meal distribution site in your area. Those who are looking for summer meal sites can easily find locations through their cell phone or online. Options include:

- Text “FOODGA” to 877877 from a mobile phone beginning June 1 and be provided geographically based results on the closest sites

Visit [GeorgiaFoodBankAssociation.org](https://www.georgiafoodbankassociation.org) for a GPS-enabled map of the closest sites

- Dial 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) to find locations.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>

## FoodFinder

## Opción perfecta de verano

Padres / tutores, descubran dónde su hijo / hijos pueden obtener comidas saludables y diarias este verano. Hay múltiples programas que ofrecen comidas de verano gratis. Verifique todas estas fuentes para ver si hay un sitio de distribución de comidas en su área:

- Envía un mensaje de texto a FOODGA al 877877;

Use la aplicación gratuita Summer Finder Site Finder basada en la web en [GeorgiaFoodBankAssociation.org](https://www.georgiafoodbankassociation.org)

- Llame a la Línea Nacional de Hambre al 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273)

## Directorio de Comidas Para Niños

## FoodFinder

# Unstable Housing Happens! Now what?



GAB Families,

Times are tough! We realize that we are in a season of change and challenges with our economy that lead to temporary living situations or “doubling up” with others. Though we have no solutions for this, we have many other ways to support our students and their families, including expediting school transportation and assuring our students miss as little school as reasonable.

1. There is a federal law that aims to protect our students by keeping them in school in a stable and consistent manner. Learn more in this video: [what is mckinney vento program - - Video Search Results \(yahoo.com\)](#)
2. This PRIVATE survey is designed to help us meet your needs. Complete from this link and we will be in touch with you promptly. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V53SCGZ>
3. We are working with the Georgia Alliance to end homelessness where there is a person dedicated to helping our families. Please reach out to Sonya Milam [sonya.milam@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:sonya.milam@doe.k12.ga.us) 478-751-6083, ext 1142 so that she may connect you to this viable resource.

# May 2024

## Birthdays

Adam	5/1	William	5/20
Taryn	5/1	Heidi	5/20
Mary	5/4	Lukas	5/25

