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Summer Edition 1

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

After July 4: Registration packets mailed

August 4: Registration Day

August 5: First day of school

THE GAB WAY

Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful

6 More weeks until school starts back!

We hope all our students and families are having a safe and happy summer. Check out this first summer edition of *Panther Press* to learn of ways to get ahead before the 2019-20 school year begins!

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 **Mrs. Milam is available to our families throughout the summer.** ***Please remember to contact us if you've had a change in address, phone number and/or email!***

Creating a literacy-rich summer! PART 5

Introducing **SYNC** , a free summer audiobook program for teens 13+ is available for IOS®, Android™, Kindle® and Windows Phone®, as well as for Windows and Mac desktop platforms. https://www.audiobooksync.com/

Learning Ally Learningally.org Apple or android device: Learning Ally Link

Bookshare Bookshare.org, Apple Device: Capti App Android Device: Go Read App

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/

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 or contact Sonya Milam paper application. http://www.seedlings.org/special.php

Here's a link where families can download free audiobooks from APH to a thumb drive or blank NLS cartridge to be played on an NLS player. https://www.aph.org/dolly-partons-imagination-library/free-audio-books/download/#help

SUMMER OF READING

3 MONTHS FOR $3

https://www.getepic.com/summer-of-reading

And don't forget your **local library** for GLASS services, summer reading clubs, park passes and more! http://pines.georgialibraries.org/pinesLocator/

The partnership between Renaissance® and Get Georgia Reading provides every child, educator, librarian, and parent or guardian in Georgia **unlimited, free access to thousands of enhanced digital books–plus daily news articles–through August 31, 2019.**

- Go to **www.myon.com/login/index.html** and enter your login information:
  - *School Name:* **Get Georgia Reading** *(type the first few letters and select from the drop-down menu)*
  - *Username:* **gadoe**
  - *Password:* **read**

1 more just added:

Check out these great summer project ideas and summer travel tips from our friends at Paths to Literacy!
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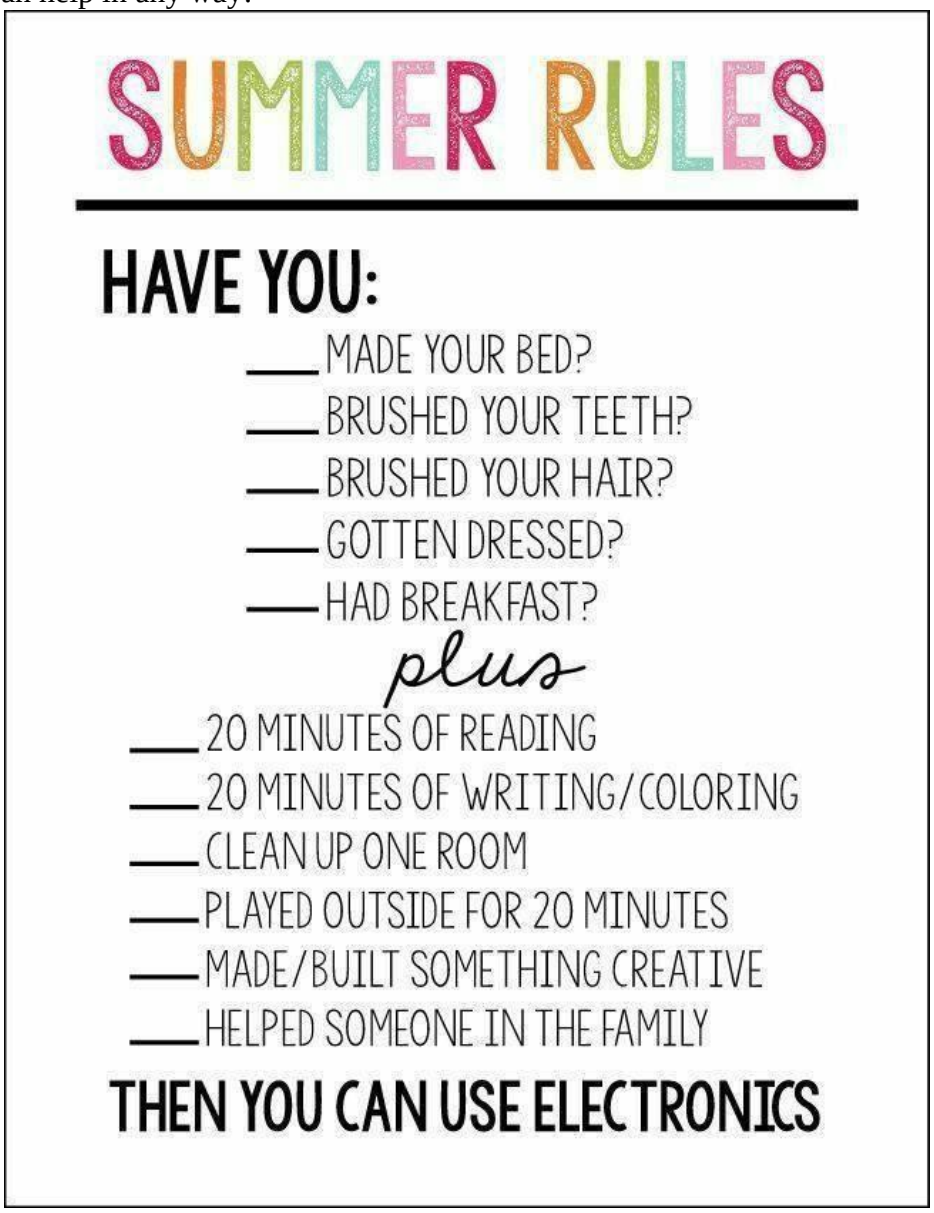
Foster Daily Living and Independent Skills this Summer

- ✓ Check out this article "Why Blind Kids Need Chores" from our friends at the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children here: https://nfb.org/images/nfb/publications/fr/fr11/fr03fa17.htm

- ✓ Check out this video from our Facebook page about making a chore chart from simple household items. https://www.facebook.com/Georgia.Academy.for.the.Blind/videos/1641861615909222/

- ✓ Learn more about tactile chore charts from our friends at Paths to Literacy here: http://www.pathstoliteracy.org/strategies/accessible-job-chart-home

- ✓ Remember we can send things in Braille or large print and tactile markers! Contact Media Specialist Kim Smith or your child's teacher before May 30 or Parent Mentor Sonya Milam throughout the summer if we can help in any way!



Important things for families to know and do this summer:

Families of Work Base Learning (WBL) students AND all students who travel out of state for SCASB, APH Art Show, etc.: please use this summer to get your child's state ID. This is done through the Georgia Department of Driver Services (GaDDS). They are open Tuesday- Saturday. Click here to find your local customer service center: https://dds.georgia.gov/locations/customer-service-center

Summer is also the perfect time to make appointments for **school physicals**, **sports physicals, immunization updates** and **eye report updates**. Registration packets including medical forms will be mailed after the 4th of July holiday.

Second Notice! Learn more and get involved! Read and/or watch this webinar to learn more about the **Bill of Rights for Children with Visual Impairments and their Families** https://cosbvi.org/cosb-news/a-bill-of-rights-for-all-children-with-visual-impairment-and-their-families/

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We met our goal this past year, help us earn money for our 2019-20 educational field trips by saving Box Tops and bringing them in in August! Click here for a list of participating products: https://corporate.publix.com/retail/myaccount/register

2019-20 Student Calendar

FOURTH NOTICE

GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND
180 Day Student Calendar
2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

- Holidays
- Regular School Days
- at discretion of Superintendent
- First and Last Day for Students
- Open House
- required professional learni

2019

Jul-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			

Aug-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	18	19	20	21	22	13	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sep-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Labor Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
20	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30					

Oct-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4	5
Fall Break	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
18	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		

Nov-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Thanksgiving Break	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Dec-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Holiday Break	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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2020

Jan-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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20th is MLK Day	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Feb-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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17th is Pres. Day	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Mar-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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Apr-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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April 12th is Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30		

May-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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15th Graduation	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Jun-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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