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the Blind - GAB**



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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.

Mark your Calendars

9/13 through 9/17 - Housekeeper appreciation week!

9/17 - School Council Meeting at 1:00pm on Zoom

9/26 through 10/1 - Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama

U.S. Constitution. ***On September 17, 1787***, members of the
Constitutional Convention signed the final draft of the



**Constitution. ... This motion, supported by
George Mason and Elbridge Gerry, was voted
down and the Constitution was adopted!**

NEWS FROM THE EDITOR:

This newsletter is published by our Parent Mentor/Family Engagement Specialist, Jennifer Minter. Feel free to 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,

A message from our Superintendent

“Life is an exciting business, and most exciting when it is lived for others.” Helen Keller

Dear students, parents/guardians/ and staff,

What a great week of instruction this has been at GAB. We did indeed begin preparation for ongoing support in serving students with visual impairment who are also on the autism spectrum. We look forward to working with Dr. Haylie Miller of the University of Michigan. Please seize the opportunity when we get this consultation launched to ensure that we make best utilization of Dr. Miller’s time and expertise. There will be virtual meetings and ongoing exchange of feedback. Mrs. Mary Keith is the GAB Program Manager in coordinating this service. She has spent countless hours in consultation with the team, and we know pursuing programs per IEP needs of our students is what has brought so many accolades to GAB from consultants and blindness organizations. Reach out to Mary at mkeith@doe.k12.ga.us

The After School Program will begin on Monday, September 20, 2021. This program is a Title I program to support academic achievement as well as social/emotional learning to benefit the development of the whole child. Teachers may reach out to determine appropriate classes for students, or parents/guardians may contact teachers and case managers. Mrs. Dawn Day is the GAB Program Manager coordinating this program, and you may reach her at mday@doe.k12.ga.us

I hope we will see you on Zoom at 1:00 p.m. today (Friday). We want to hear what is working or not for you so that we can continue to tailor instructional delivery services for optimum benefit.

If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know.

As ever,

Cindy

Housekeeper Appreciation Week!



This week at GAB we celebrated our wonderful housekeeping staff. They went out to lunch as a group and decided to depart from GAB dress code and enjoy adult collegiality!

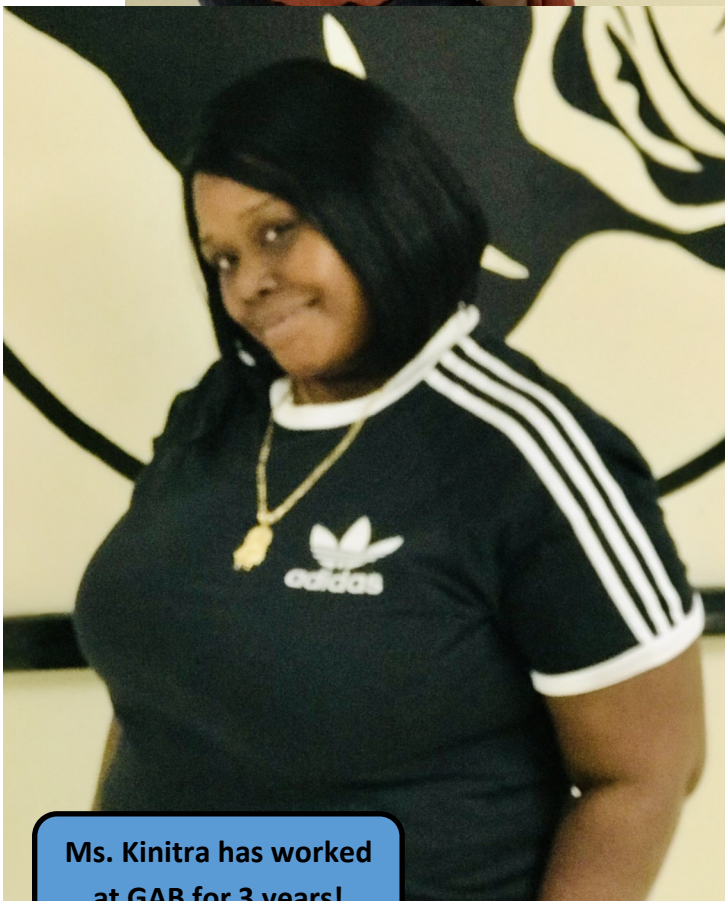
This team works so well together and they are all loved by the students and staff here at GAB!





HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR

**Ms. Tiara has worked at GAB for
21 years!**



**Ms. Kinitra has worked
at GAB for 3 years!**



**Ms. Lisa has worked at
GAB for 3 years!**



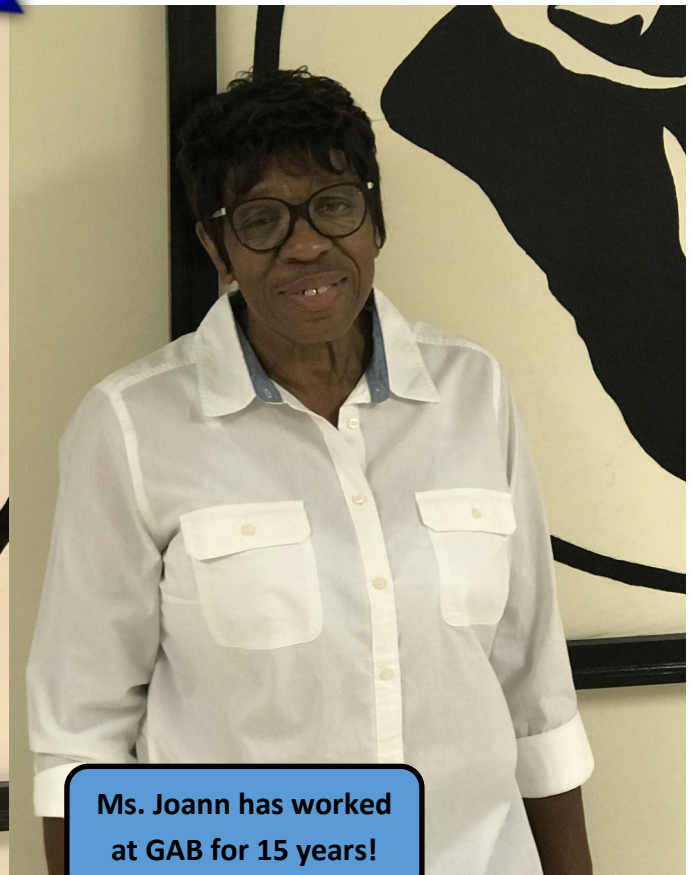
Mr. Kenon has worked at
GAB for 5 years!



Ms. Sylvia has worked
at GAB for 26 years!



Ms. Roz has worked at
GAB for 8 years!



Ms. Joann has worked
at GAB for 15 years!

September

Birthdays

9/2 Ja'Veon 9/10 Korey

9/7 Destiny R. 9/15 Trinity

9/7 Lucas 9/23 D.J.

9/9 Felix 9/25 Ryan

9/27 Aubrey

