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

April 26-29: Senior Trip
April 30-May 11 High School End of Course Milestones
May 1: Help a Child Smile Mobile Dental Clinic
*May 7-9: Teacher Appreciation Week
*May 11: Deadline for Annual Georgia Special Education Services Parent Survey (see below)
May 14-18: Milestones’ Retests for grades 3, 5 and 8
May 17: Community Partners Recognition Day 10:30-11:30 am, Media Center
May 24: Awards, 10 am, Parent/guardian input meeting afterwards
May 24: Project Search Graduation, 4 pm at Navicent Health
May 25: Graduation, Wesleyan College’s Porter Auditorium, 4760 Forsyth Road, (3.2 miles west of GAB)

Happy Birthday
Mary Beth ~ May 4
Jordon W ~ May 4
Tyzie ~ May 19
Heidei ~ May 20
Austin ~ May 24

Countdown: 20 More days of school!

The Annual Georgia Special Education Services Parent Survey Deadline is May 11! This survey can be found here: http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/Parent-Survey.aspx When prompted to select district, choose STATE SCHOOLS, not your county! You will then be prompted to choose Georgia Academy for the Blind.

GIVE US YOU FEEDBACK! This newsletter is produced by Sonya Milam, Parent Mentor. For news items, suggestions, and resources to share, please contact her at smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303
Thank you to Mr. Reynolds, our Residential Advisors, and other GAB staff and community volunteers for all the hard work involved with this great school wide festival for our students and families as we celebrated the arrival of spring and a great school year soon coming to an end.
Thanks for supporting Project SEARCH and Cups for Cancer!

(Right) Project SEARCH interns along with the GAB Cafe raised $212.85 by baking and selling cupcakes to GAB faculty and staff. The fundraiser was done to enhance Project SEARCH’s community involvement and to support Navicent Health’s initiative Relay for Life. All proceeds are donated to the American Cancer Society to further cancer research and to assist cancer patients.

April is Occupational Therapy Month

(Left and below) Our Occupational Therapists, Allison Hawkins and Dodie Good shared special treats to help us celebrate OT month. We were even encouraged to use a supinated grasp on the spoon when scooped! We appreciate our Occupational Therapists who are important team members teaching routines, motor planning, self-regulation, sensory processing, fine motor skills, coordination, body awareness, mealtime and dressing which greatly support and enhance our students’ success in the classroom and with daily living skills.

Soap Box Derby Fun & Learning

(Right) Congratulations to our soapbox derby team for winning the crowd favorite, Best in Show at the annual Magnolia Soap Box Derby race in Macon, following weeks of STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) activities in designing and creating the car. We are proud of you!

To celebrate and to help all students learn to determine the meaning of words, and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings, Middle School Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Bardash and Media Specialist Mrs. Smith, sponsored a bulletin board “Push Pin Poetry”. Students and staff enjoyed pulling large print and Braille words and creating poetry for all to enjoy throughout the month.
South Central Association of Schools for the Blind

We loved welcoming athletes and performing artists from Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas to our campus. Thanks to all our coaches, teachers, administrators, parents Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and other volunteers for all the great team it took in hosting such a grand event!

Mural on left was created by our art teacher, Mrs. Applebee.
Attention Middle Georgia Families:

Check out this Festival!
Saturday, April 28
Day Spring Church Campus
1045 Highway 41 South
Forsyth, GA

Resource and Craft Vendors
Kids Games and Crafts
Inflatables
Live Entertainment
Food

Sponsored by Anchor of Hope Foundation
www.anchorofhopefoundation.org

visit their website to learn more about this festival, Parents Night Out, Parent Support Group and the many other ways they assist families.

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This finalized calendar was arrived through thoughtful input and approval from teachers, Student Council, School Council, GAB Superintendent Dr. Gibson and State Schools Director, Dr. Moore. It can also be found at this link: http://www.gabmacon.org/files/_nZF0l_/9bb17decc08a913c3745a49013852ec4/2018-2019__student_calendar.pdf