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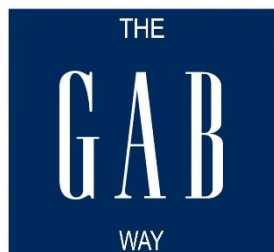


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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of independence in transition to college and career readiness.



Give it your best  
Achieve your goals  
Be respectful

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS \*just added

- \*April 9: Plant sell begins (see below for details)
- \*April 10-12: GABWILL's Bag Days (see below for details)
  - April 9-20 Elementary and Middle Milestones
  - April 10: Special Olympics
- \*April 14: GAB participates in Middle Georgia State University's Soapbox Derby, Macon.  
More information coming soon!
- April 19-22 SCASB, Thompson Stadium, 1210 Shurling Dr, Macon, GA
- 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 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)

## GAB's Greenhouse annual spring plant sell

Go here to see products and prices:

[http://www.gabmacon.org/files/\\_nFIAJ/\\_a333b49dcd024a383745a49013852ec4/2018\\_Spring\\_Plant\\_Sale\\_List.pdf](http://www.gabmacon.org/files/_nFIAJ/_a333b49dcd024a383745a49013852ec4/2018_Spring_Plant_Sale_List.pdf)

**Remember, you must sign in at the office before going to the greenhouse.** For more information, contact Mr. Blackwell, [kblackwell@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:kblackwell@doe.k12.ga.us) See pictures on page 4



1 <sup>st</sup> Kevin	12 <sup>th</sup> Taylor	21 <sup>st</sup> Ashlyn
2 <sup>nd</sup> Pierce	17 <sup>th</sup> Dillon	26 <sup>th</sup> Marquez C
4 <sup>th</sup> Caden W	18 <sup>th</sup> Frankie	27 <sup>th</sup> Majestic
7 <sup>th</sup> Marquez H	21 <sup>st</sup> Eugene	30 <sup>th</sup> Joseph

\*What are "GABWILL Bag Days" you ask? Well . . . each day will be an opportunity to fill up a plastic shopping bag with certain items at a very low cost. For example, on Tuesday the theme will be "all the shirts & pants" you can fit in to a plastic shopping bag for \$3.00. We will announce each day on the GAB news the theme for Wednesday & Thursday. Send a little money with your child next week or come shop for yourself!! We hope to see you at GABWILL!!!

# This Week and Last Week in Pictures



Week 3 of **Lunch in the Library** winners:

Elementary school (Left): Berkley, Ja'Miyah, and Joshua (seen on right with middle school boys)

Middle school (right): Jonathan, DaQuan, and Zy'Quavious

High school (not pictured—sorry): Noah, Sebastin, and Kameron



## March was complete Madness at GAB!

The Math Department focused on **March Madness** for their **Pi Day** theme this year. Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th each year to focus on the approximate number of Pi, 3.14.

March Madness follows College NCAA Division 1 teams as they try to win the National Championship game to be crowned the best basketball team in the Nation. March Madness centers on basketball which contains a ton of **data and statistics, geometry and measurements**. Everyone was encouraged to post their favorite team's logo and fill out a bracket for a chance to be the best statisticians or best guessers at GAB! The beauty of March Madness is that anyone can win because anything can happen!

The winners for the overall contest were Mr. Smith won first place for the staff bracket challenge and Tay Primus won first place for the student bracket challenge. The runner ups included:

Staff Category - Mrs. McDavid, Mrs. Applebee and Mrs. Lynch

Student Category - Leah Streams, Kaleb Evans and Caiden Evans

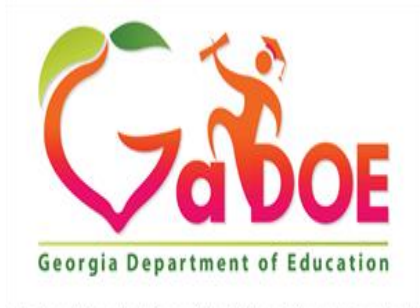
Congrats to the winners and thank you for playing to everyone that turned in a bracket!



# Parent/guardian survey continues!

Your voice matters and we want to hear from YOU! Please take a few minutes and complete this quick survey from the Georgia Department of Education. Sonya Milam stands ready to assist you!

**Annual Georgia Special Education Services Parent Survey.** This online anonymous survey with 10 questions also takes only 5 minutes to complete. It is available to all Georgia's families who have a student with a disability. This survey helps the state determine parents' perception of the success of parent engagement between them and schools. Georgia is required to conduct a parent survey collection process to measure parent/family perceptions. The information is gathered as a component of the **State Performance Plan, Indicator 8: Percent of parents with a student receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving results for children with disabilities.** The data collected is reported as a percentage of parental involvement in the **Annual Performance Report** for each district. 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.*



## Stay in the Know About the Issues in Education!

The April **Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) Media Update** is now available! To learn about Superintendent Richard Woods' proposal to fund Georgia's Schools, creating the Senate School Safety Study Committee, rural CTAE labs, National School Library Month and more here:

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/GaDOE-Library-Media-Update-April-2018.aspx>

## Mystery Theatre Presents: *The Case of the Missing 300 Box Tops: Part 2*

No Box Tops were found during our Spring Break. Those Box Tops are hiding. We must find them!

If everyone "springs" into action by the end of May, we can reach our second goal of 1,000 Box Tops. The clue to finding Box Tops is to look on items you buy such as cereal boxes, can goods, and frozen items. They hid in the funniest places. Get them before they "spring" into the trashcan unnoticed. To see a list of participating products, go to:

[http://www.gabmacon.org/files/EGBdS/82b3641074067f1d3745a49013852ec4/BoxTopsParticipating-Products-Flyer\\_mar2015.pdf](http://www.gabmacon.org/files/EGBdS/82b3641074067f1d3745a49013852ec4/BoxTopsParticipating-Products-Flyer_mar2015.pdf) Get them to GAB before they "spring" into the trash can unnoticed.



**Middle Georgia Families and Friends!** Help **GAB's Boy Scout Troup** by purchasing a camp card for just \$5. This camp card comes with discounts to stores and restaurants in the Macon area! Contact Mr. Bennet for details or see a Boy Scout to purchase! [rbennett@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:rbennett@doe.k12.ga.us)





## Atlanta Area Families: *Spring Toward Success!*

A transition training sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind of Georgia

April 27- 29, 2018  
Decatur, GA



Students, come join us for a weekend filled with exciting activities!!! Discover the latest technologies for travel, school, and fun. Get to know other students like yourself from around the state while learning skills that will help you move towards your future goals. Meet adult mentors who can coach you as you look toward your future.

The NFB of Georgia has partnered with the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency to provide this training.

## Atlanta Area Families: **STARS Summer Enrichment at the Center for the Visually Impaired.**



**Mondays through Thursdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

June 4 – 7 “*STEAM Week*”

June 11 – 14 “*Olympics Week*”

June 18 – 21 “*Career Week*”

June 25 – 28 “*Nutrition Week*”



If you are interested in attending either of these, please contact Sonya Milam for more information! 478-262-3303 [smilam@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:smilam@doe.k12.ga.us) **Space is limited, so sign up ASAP! The deadline to sign up is April 13, 2018**

## More of this Week in Pictures



(Left) On Thursday, Allied Arts in Milledgeville hosted an exhibition and opening reception of GAB student work. Professor Forrest's Students from Georgia College and State University joined Mrs. Applebee's students for the show.



(Right and below) As indicated on page 1, our Spring Plant Sell begins Monday!

