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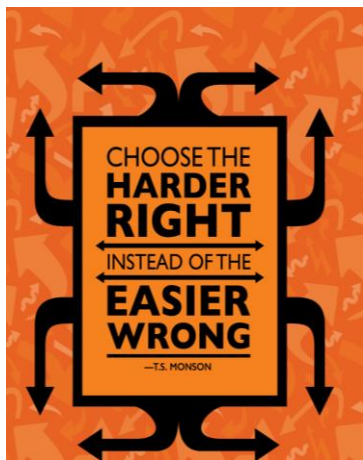
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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of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



Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful

December 21 – January 4: Winter Holidays ~ Families, remember this holiday is a good time to: 1. get updated eye report, 2. Obtain a state ID with your child who as a GAB student travels out of state and/or will be participating in our Work Based Learning. This can be done at your local drivers' license service center. Contact Sonya Milam for more information. 3. Take these TWO easy and important surveys just for parents/ guardians! GaDOE's climate survey:

<http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents> and AdvanceED accreditation parent survey: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/94664/14752> For print readers, see page 2 for QR codes for your Smartphone.

Mark Your Calendars!

**just added*

January 21: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

*January 25-26 SCASB in Louisiana (Wrestling, Cheering, Fine Arts)

*February 8-10 Short Course Weekend featuring Family Matters for families 10-4 on Saturday, see page 7 for details

February 27 and 28: AdvancED site review; please save these date and stay tuned for the day in which we will need parents/guardians to come and meet with this accreditation team. Also stay tuned for link their parent/guardian survey.

February 18: Presidents' Day Holiday

March 7: Braille Challenge

March 8: School Council Meeting, 1:00. *Open to all. Call in number: 1-888-557-8511. The access code is 2537361 followed by the # sign.*

March 25-29: Spring Break

April 4: High School Prom

April 22: Easter Holiday

April 25-28: Senior Trip

Character Education

Cleanliness: Habitually and carefully neat and clean.

Cleaning and organizing is practice, not a project. ~ Meagen Francis

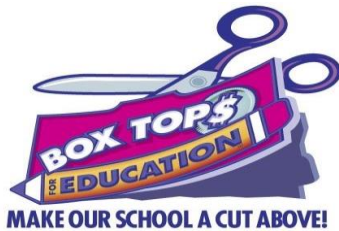
Students:

Shyann: 12/25
Dani and Seth: 12/26
Blake: 12/29
James and Logan: 12/31
Devoneta: 1/5
John: 1/14
Brayden: 1/21
Morgan: 1/23
Destiny G: 1/24
Destiny I: 1/25
Jamari: 1/31



Staff:

Ms. Thomas: 12/26
Mr. Williams: 12/29
Mr. Forrester: 1/5
Mr. Guest: 1/5
Ms. Little: 1/16
Ms. Kimbrough: 1/19
Ms. Doctor: 1/19
Ms. Bright: 1/22
Ms. Franks: 1/23
Ms. Walker: 1/23
Ms. Knight: 1/27



The Case of the Missing 1000 Box Tops Mission 3: December 20, 2018: "BEFORE YOU START COOKING PLEASE BE LOOKING"

Berkley won our contest by bringing in the most tops prior to our holiday - - over 30 by using the Boxed.com app. We are getting closer to our goal for the school year!

Remember, the money we earn through this program goes toward our students' educational field trips. As you go through the holidays, keep looking for box tops in places you might not expect.

Click here to learn of participating products:

http://www.gabmacon.org/files/EGBdS_82b3641074067f1d3745a49013852ec4/BoxTopsParticipating-Products-Flyer_mar2015.pdf

P.S. Ask your grandparents, friends, and family everybody may have them. If you let people know why we are saving them, I am sure a lot of people would love to help us reach our goal.

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GaDOE's Climate survey for parents:



QR codes for surveys to use with
Smartphones. See page 1



AdvancED Accreditation survey:



Last Week In

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A beautiful Christmas lesson in life for all our students, staff, families and friends. . . .

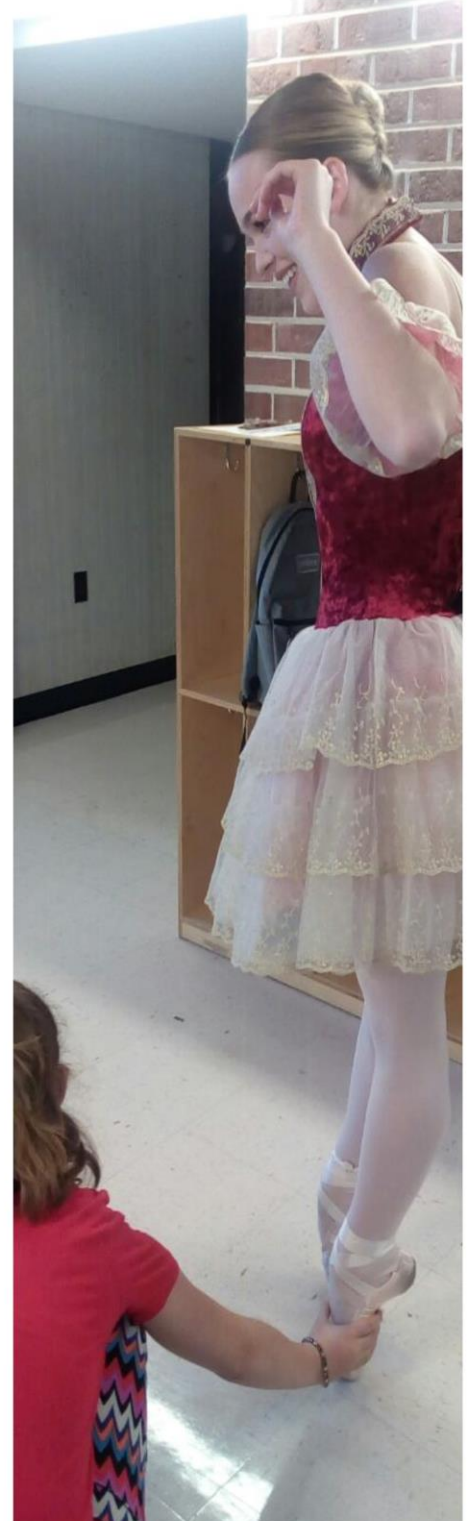
1. Embrace your uniqueness, as it is what makes you GREAT!
2. Being a misfit in others eyes is not bad if it leads you to discovering your purpose and dreams.
3. When others define "who" you are supposed to be, they will limit you and your abilities. You define who you are and will be!
4. Pursue your dreams and vision, even if it means walking away from what is "normal." Blending in never gets one noticed.... Stand Out!
5. People are intimidated and scared of what they don't know, but don't let their insecurity keep you from reaching your full potential and being who you are destined and created to be.
6. Knowing who you are gives you the strength and perseverance to never give up.
7. Be mindful of who you let speak into your life and what you believe about yourself in the eyes of others.
8. Your gift makes room for you, if you allow it too. So, walk in it!
9. The world needs your gifts and talents. Just like Rudolph saved Christmas, you can save and impact the world positively!

Be like Rudolph, let your light shine so bright in the coming year so much so that it cannot be hidden from the world. Walk in your greatness and awesomeness! Written by: Tameka Williamson



More of last week in pictures

Miss Cherry Blossom Macon and cast member of Nutcracker of Middle Georgia for eight years Micheala Heide visited our staff and students on Friday. We listened to the Nutcracker story and music, learned a few dance moves and explored the costumes and shoes worn by ballerinas.



More photos from last week





Georgia Academy for the Blind presents *Family Matters*



FREE for Parents/Guardians of Students with Visual Impairments

February 9, 2019

10 am – 4 pm

Lunch provided

Application Deadline: January 18, 2019

(All applications subject to approval)

Get your registration application from Sonya Milam smilam@doe.k12.ga.us

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a parent/guardian of a child with a visual impairment who is enrolled in the short course weekend provided February 7-10.
- Care will be provided for siblings 6-11.
- Activities for enrolled students ages 12-21 and sibling participants must display independent skills appropriate for their age.
- Must be a resident of Georgia.
- Sessions will be held for parents/guardians that will include O&M, Assistive Technology, Independent Living, Transition and much more!

For information please email or call Dawn Day mday@doe.k12.ga.us or Sonya Milam smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, Phone: **478-751-6083**

Merry Christmas for all of us at GAB! We look forward to a wonderful 2019, beginning with our residential students returning on January 6 and classes resuming on Monday, January 7!

