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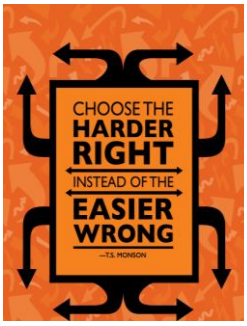
Last day of school !

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

August 4: Registration Day August 5: First day of school

THE GAB WAY

Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful

Character Education

Accomplishment: That which has been completed with skill, practice, and acquired training. "To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 4

Dear Families,

Please contact me with any questions before May 30. Happy reading!

Kim Smith, TVI, M. Ed., Media Specialist kismith@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-751-6083, ext 1280

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

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

SUMMER OF READING

3 MONTHS FOR $3

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

1 more just added:

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**

A Summer Opportunity for Middle Georgia Families

Life after High School

Transition & Resource Fair

Hosted by

New Generation Health Services

Purple Heart Activity Center

1701 Elberta Road | Warner Robins, GA 30193

Office: 478.333.3472

Any Questions or Concerns? Contact: Nikisha Bethea, (DDP)

Email: newgenwr@nghsga.com

Date: Friday, June 21, 2019

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

www.nghsga.com

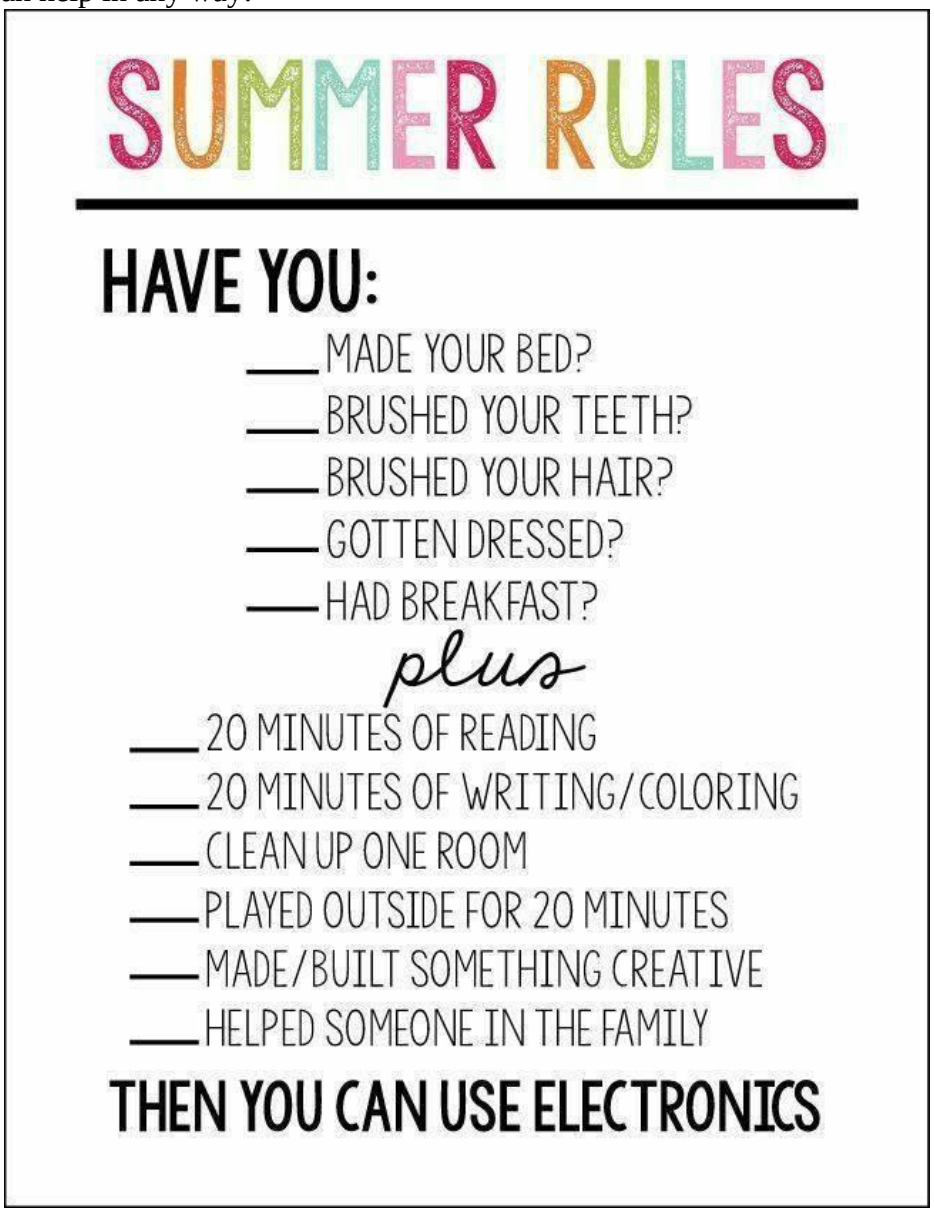
Foster Daily Living and Independent Skills this Summer

- ✓ 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/

Summer Opportunity for Coastal Area Families

Monday, June 3 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM **Regional Family Meeting** with **State Schools Family Engagement Team** and other parents from GAB and GSD at ***Wake Up Coffee Shop*** 3349 Cypress Mill Rd, Brunswick, GA 31520 Please RSVP to Sonya, smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303

Summer Opportunity for Atlanta Area Families

Tuesday, June 11 at 12:30 PM. **Family and child meet up** with **the State Schools Family Engagement Team** and other families from **AASD, GSD and GAB**! Siblings welcome too! Bring a picnic lunch to ***Welcome All Park***, 4255 Will Lee Rd. College Park 30349, meet at the playground. Please RSVP to Sonya, smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303

Happy Summer Birthdays!

Student Birthdays:

Berkley ~ June 1

Arienne ~ June 3

Jesse C ~ June 4

Savannah ~ June 8

Courtney ~ June 12

Noah ~ July 3

Juan ~ July 9

Kimberly ~ July 17

Quinton ~ July 19

Staff Birthdays:

Ms. Weldon ~ June 4

Mr. Acree ~ June 4

Ms. Day ~ June 11

Ms. Bass ~ June 11

Ms. J. Brown ~ June 19

Ms. A. Gibson ~ June 20

Ms. K. Smith ~ June 21

Ms. West ~ June 23

Dr. Gibson ~ June 24

Ms. A. Jackson ~ June 24

Ms. Bardash ~ July 2

Mr. Richardson ~ July 7

Ms. Richardson ~ July 8

Mr. Watkins ~ July 9

Dr. Washington ~ July 13

Ms. Cruise ~ July 18

Ms. M. Brown ~ July 20

Ms. Mullis ~ July 22

Ms. Akridge ~ July 23

Ms. Lamar ~ July 26

MORE
Important things for families to know and do this summer

Help our school earn money simply by joining **Publix Partners.** Simply sign up here and use your phone number each time you make a purchase! No more keeping track with key tags!
https://corporate.publix.com/retail/myaccount/register

Help us earn money for our 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

Last Week in Pictures

Our graduates with their families at the reception in the Media Center

This Week in Pictures

Our pool is finally open and we enjoyed our time in the ***Ivan Glynn Watkins Natatorium*** so much!

2019-20 Student Calendar

THIRD NOTICE

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

- Holidays
- Regular School Days
- st 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
	29	30	31				

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Jan-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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19	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
20th is MLK Day	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Feb-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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17th is Pres. Day	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Mar-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Apr-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3	4
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
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Jun-20	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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