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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind will provide 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.

Success! Nothing Less!

Sunday, August 6: Open House, Registration, Parent Meeting, Move in Day
1-5 pm

Monday, August 7: First Day of school

Monday, September 4: Labor Day Holiday

October 16-20: Fall Break

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

December 22- January 5: Winter Holiday

check out our website to view the entire calendar for 2017-18 school year:

http://www.gabmacon.org/files/_bGCSQ_/4e91ae56587d77f23745a49013852ec4/Final_2017-2018_Calendar.pdf

**Countdown to
FIRST DAY of school:**

73

More days!!



Georgia Academy For
The Blind

Class of 2017

Congratulations

Seniors we are proud
of you!



*These Seniors are now HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES! Best wishes to all on your next step!*

Character Education

Word of the quarter: **Accomplishment**: Appreciation for attaining one's goals.

What you GET by achieving your goals is not as important as what you BECOME by achieving your goals.
~ Henry David Thoreau

Congratulations on your accomplishments class of 2017!



Berkley ~ June 1
Arienne ~ June 3
Jermaine ~ June 5
Savannah ~ June 8
Britany ~ June 12
Courtney ~ June 12
Destine J. ~ June 16
Angel ~ June 27



Noah ~ July 2
Reggie ~ July 6
Kimberly ~ July 17
Quinton ~ July 19
Hannah ~ July 21
Marquan ~ August 6
Sebastian ~ August 6

This week in pictures:



What better way for 6th graders to display numerical data in histogram? Making histogram cookies of course!



Mrs. Pope allowed a student's idea to make a histogram out of graham crackers & Twix to come true! It proved to be a great way for them to remember what histograms are like!



Happy Retirement!

Friday after school, we recognized those retiring after this school term. Pictured here with their gifts are Mrs. Melba Smith who was with us for 26 years, Mrs. Rose for 25, and Mrs. Pope for 20 years. Congratulations and best wishes!



Ms. Alligood's Splash Day and homemade ice-cream (above and left). Ms. Alligood vs. Ms. Griffith's Quiz Bowl (right)



More of this week in pictures:



Music with a friend!



Mrs. Edenfield's class is ready for summer!



Swinging into summer!

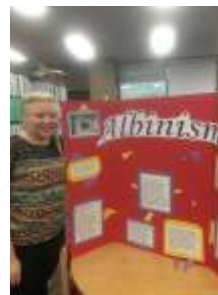


We've had our ups and downs!

Spring Fling 2017!



Social Studies Fair!



Congratulations go out to Nikita Duckworth! Nikita received the 2017 Vincent J. Dooley Award in recognition of her distinguished individual character, outstanding teamwork, and citizenship. The organization, Athletes for a Better World along with the Georgia High School Association present this annual award to senior athletes at every Georgia high school. Coach Watkins recommended Nikita after coaching her for 7 years and recognizing that she embodied the characteristics required for this award. Nikita participated in GAB track, goalball and wrestling. She also served as team captain for both girls' track and girls' goalball.



Family Engagement News!

Our Parent Mentor will be maintaining summer hours and stands ready to assist you in any way including: **DBB/DD waiver applications, summer reading resources and summer feeding program.** Feel free to call or email her smilam@doe.k12.ga.us 478-262-3303



Find Summer Meals in Your Community
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>

SUMMER READING RESOURCES:



<http://www.seedlings.org>



BARD: Braille and Audio Reading Download
<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/NLS/>



<http://getgeorgiareading.org/georgia-summer/>



<http://about.myon.com/reading->



Did you know? This year's elementary field trips have been partially funded by the money we receive in participating in the **General Mills Box Top** program? Please continue to save these and help get 2017-18 to a great start! You can send them in with your student or drop them by the Family Resource Room when you are on campus. Our coordinator for this is elementary teacher Sylvia Layson, slayson@doe.k12.ga.us For products that participate in this fabulous program go to:

http://www.gabmacon.org/files/EGBdS_/82b3641074067f1d3745a49013852ec4/BoxTopsParticipating-Products-Flyer_mar2015.pdf

Reminder of two remaining (and we promise quick and easy) surveys



Please help!

1.

If you didn't complete a survey after your child's IEP this year, please do so now. If you can't remember if you did or not, go ahead and do anyway.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev_rHWZoH0VaN0nZPRPtLHUqErF3iOinMruc4kUASOKeLa_kQ/viewform **Deadline is May 31!**

2. The Georgia Academy for the Blind is in the process of gathering information for the new 3-year technology plan. This plan needs feedback from GAB's various stakeholder groups: students, **parents**, teachers, and administrators. We ask that you please take 5 minutes and complete the following survey. Only one survey per family needs to be completed. Thank you for your participation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/63Y53CZ>

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK! This newsletter is produced by Sonya Milam, Parent Mentor. Send news and suggestions to smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303. Student Editor is Caleb Burdette.

