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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!**

May 15: Mother's Day Holiday

May 19: WBL and CWA Employers and Community Partners  
Appreciation Reception, 10:30 a.m., Media Center

May 23: Social Science Fair, 10 a.m., Media Center

May 24: Middle and High School Quiz Bowl, 9 a.m., Auditorium  
Talent Show, 11 a.m., Auditorium

May 25: Awards Ceremony, 10 a.m., Auditorium  
Spring Festival, 11:30-2, Gym

May 26: Last day of school  
Graduation, 11 a.m., Auditorium

## Countdown to Summer Break

10

More days!

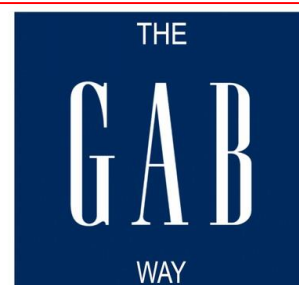


## Character Education

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

Word of the week: **Decisiveness**: The ability to recognize key factors and finalize difficult decisions.

Don't make a  
permanent decision on  
temporary feelings.



Give it your best  
Achieve your goals  
Be respectful



Tyzie ~ May 19

Heidei ~ May 20

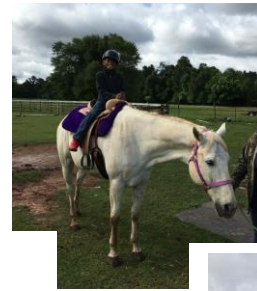
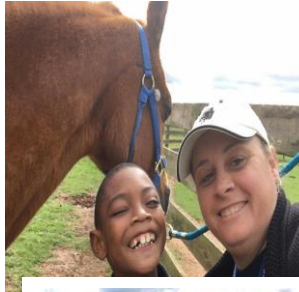
Adam ~ May 21

Austin ~ May 24

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# This week in pictures:

Mrs. Barfield and Mrs. McDavid's classes enjoyed a field trip last Friday to Brave Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center in Gray. To learn more about this wonderful organization, go to: <https://www.bravemeadows.net/>



On Tuesday, Mrs. Barfield, Mrs. McDavid and Ms. Layson's classes enjoyed a day at the Rock Ranch in Barnesville. We learned about Pond Life, including food webs, life cycles, how to tell how old a turtle is by the plates on their shell, and why worms are important. We also had a great time riding on the wagon throughout the farm. We ended the day by playing on the giant bouncing pillow, sliding down giant slides, swimming around in the corn silo, and exploring Tiny Town.



Check out the fun and learning offered this summer at the Rock Ranch!

<http://therockranch.com/>





## More this week in pictures:

The Georgia Academy for the Blind's Stock Market Game team has been named the 2017 Regional Winner for the State Schools. The students who participated are Nikita Duckworth and Caleb Burdette, and Mrs. Toni Kimbrough is the advisor. The Georgia Stock Market Game is sponsored by the Georgia Council on Economic Education. It is an online simulation with virtual investing that can be used as a great teaching tool for developing economic awareness on a local, state, national and international level. As regional winners, the students and their advisor were recognized at an Awards luncheon on May 2, 2017 at the Georgia Freight Depot at Underground Atlanta. GAB's superintendent, Dr. Cindy Gibson praised these students for this accomplishment and their eagerness to compete in this statewide event. They are pictured here with Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent.



On Wednesday, students from Mrs. Yaughn's after school ECC Dress for Success Class conducted a *fashion show to demonstrate what they learned in the class about planning, purchasing, organizing and caring for clothing.*



## GAB Summer Program Registration is Still Open



June 11-16, 2017

arrive 4:00 pm on Sunday and leave at 2:00 pm on Friday

Ages 12-21

(All applications subject to approval) **Application**

**Deadline: May 26, 2017**

Applications are being sent home or you can request one from Mrs. Day, [mday@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mday@doe.k12.ga.us)


### Media Center News!

Our **3-D printer** was fully funded through Donors Choose! Our next project is *Help Us Kick Cassettes to the Curb!* Check this out below and follow our library on **Twitter!** @gab\_library [https://www.donorschoose.org/project/help-us-kick-cassettes-to-the-curb/2540944/?utm\\_source=dc&utm\\_medium=project&utm\\_campaign=twitter&rf=twitter-siteshare-2017-04-project-teacher\\_4350282&challengeid=20918314](https://www.donorschoose.org/project/help-us-kick-cassettes-to-the-curb/2540944/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=project&utm_campaign=twitter&rf=twitter-siteshare-2017-04-project-teacher_4350282&challengeid=20918314)

### Family Engagement News!

High school parents: we are in the process of sending home proposed classes for next year that your student will need for high school credits. Please make sure to ask your student if they have received, discuss with your student, sign and return to Mrs. Stephanie Knight. Contact her if you have any questions. [sknight@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:sknight@doe.k12.ga.us), 478-751-6083 ext. 1290

### Reminder of two current surveys and the addition of another:

1. The deadline for participation in the online Georgia Department of Education's Parent Survey has been extended to **May 15**. Please go to this link and take just a few minutes to complete. REMEMBER: Where it says to **Select child's school district**, scroll down to:    
<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/Parent-Survey.aspx>
2. 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\\_rHWZoH0VaN0nZPRPtLHUqErF3iOinMruc4kUASOKeLakQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev_rHWZoH0VaN0nZPRPtLHUqErF3iOinMruc4kUASOKeLakQ/viewform)
3. 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>



