

Panther Press

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Georgia Academy
for the Blind - GAB

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!**



February 20: Presidents' Day Holiday

February 27: Track practice begins

February 28: Mardi Gras Celebration



March 14: "Drop in RPM" Bibb County

March 24: Student Art Show and Spring Music Program

March 27-31: Spring Break

April 4-6: Milestones Testing: Elementary and Middle English/Language Arts

April 6: High School Prom

April 10- 11: Milestones Testing: Elementary and Middle, Math

April 12 – 13: Milestones Testing: Science and Social Studies (5th grade only)

April 17: Easter Holiday

April 18: Special Olympics

April 19 – 24: SCASB in Texas (Track and Field)

April 25-26: Milestones Testing: High School, English/Language Arts.)

April 27 – Milestones Testing: High School, Math


April 26: Help a Child Smile Mobile Dental Clinic


April 27-30: Senior Trip

May 2-3: Milestones Testing: High School, Science & Social Studies

May 15: Mother's Day Holiday

May 26: Last day of school and Graduation

 Don't forget! Our **Student Council** is still collecting **canned goods** for local **food bank** and **change** for local **animal rescue center!**

 Don't forget the Senior Class Yeti Cooler Raffle on March 24. Get your tickets today by contacting Sonya Milam smilam@doe.k12.ga.us 478-262-3303



Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful

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Character Education

Word of the quarter: **TOLERANCE** Respectful the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.

Word of the week: **FORGIVENESS** Benefiting yourself and other by ceasing to feel resentment towards others.

Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

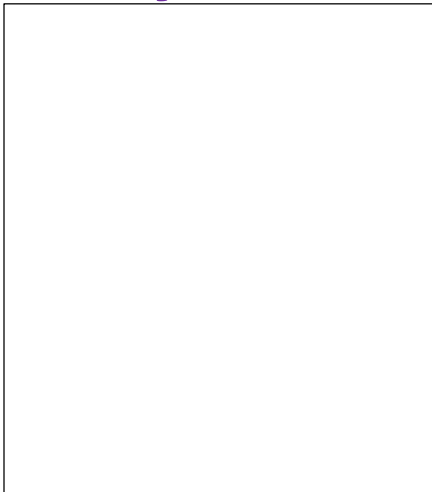


happy birthday

February:

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| Javon ~ 2 nd | Bobbie ~ 15 th |
| Brian ~ 6 | Ambria ~ 18 th |
| Stephen ~ 6 | Roni ~ 22 nd |
| JaQavious ~ 7 th | Dorrian ~ 24 th |
| Aschmid ~ 11 th | Kayla ~ 24 th |
| Daquan ~ 15 th | TJ ~ 26 th |

This Week In Pictures



Dinner fit for a Queen! These female residential students enjoyed helping in the planning and preparation of the evening meal on Valentines Day.



Beautiful roses for a talented pianist! Senior student Britany Locklear was presented roses from a local artist, Brian, who shares his visual art talent with the community at Macon Outreach at Mulberry just as Britany, through her Work-based Learning opportunity, shares her musical talent with the same community. Robin Freuschkorn with Macon Outreach said that this was a great way to say "Thank You" to Britany for the cheer she brings to so many each week.

Leah Streams, Caiden Evans, and Nikita Duckworth were GAB guests for an off-campus fine arts event as a part of the William Clisby Ford, III Fine Arts Series. The students attended the "Let It Be" Concert (a tribute to the Beatles) at The Grand Opera House in Macon on February 15th. These are exemplar students selected by their teachers to participate in this the second in the series of three events for this school year. A great time was had by all!



Act NOW!
Camps fill up quickly!

Yes, you saw that right! It is time to register for camps!



We are pleased to let you know of Camp Dreams' 2017 Camper Session Dates:

- July 15th – July 18th (Sat. - Tue.)
- July 19th – July 22rd (Wed. - Sat.)
- July 23rd – July 26th (Sun. - Wed.)
- July 27th – July 30th (Thu. - Sun.)

Camp Dream is for students with multi disabilities in Warm Springs. Registration is now open! For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.campdreamga.org/summer-camp/>



Camp Abilities is for students ages 9 to 18 years old who are blind or visually impaired.

May 26- 29, 2017. Students will stay on the campus of **Columbus State University** to engage in an array of sports and recreational activities in a safe and developmentally appropriate environment including: **goalball, beep baseball, beep kickball, tandem biking, rock climbing, swimming, soccer, tennis and team building** activities.

More information: https://hpex.columbusstate.edu/camp_abilities/index.php

To register, send email to: wert_jeanine@columbusstate.edu



JUNE 4-9, 2017 **BlazeSports All-Star Camp** is a fun, week long, overnight summer camp for students ages 7-17 with a physical disability, including visual impairments, a chance to learn and play a variety of adaptive sports and recreational activities.

More information and to register: <http://www.blazesports.org/what-we-do/camps/blazecamp/>



Georgia Lions Club Camp for the Blind

- June 11-16, 2017 (ages 6-12)
- July 02- 07, 2017 (ages 18-25)
- July 10-16 (ages 13-17)

Register by calling 912-283-4320 888-297-1775 (GA Only) or by emailing secretary@glcb.org

Deadline is April 14!
Please note their website is down for a while



* **BELL (Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning) Day Camp** July 24-28 8 am-3pm
Contact Erin Willis (229) 630-8612 erin.willis@bellsouth.net

*Scholarship information to attend **NFB National Convention July 10-15** in Orlando can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/331066810353777/permalink/1089442011182916>

Track Practice will begin on Monday February 27 2017. Practice days are Monday thru Thursday.

We will use the following schedule:

Boys: Mon & Wed. 5:00 to 5:45

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Girls Mon. & Wed. 5:45 to 6:30

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