

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 14: King and Queen of Hearts Day
EECC Valentine Dance in the evening

February 16: Braille Challenge (*Details of Family Program on page 2*)



February 17-19: Short Course Weekend *Grooving and Moving*

February 20: Presidents' Day Holiday

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



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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: **ACCEPTANCE** Clever, creative, imaginative, inventive.

*We may have all
come on different
ships, but we're in the
same boat now.*
-Martin Luther King, Jr.



happy
birthday

February:

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



Parent/Guardian Program

10-2 in GAB Auditorium

Agenda

- 10:00-10:15: Report to auditorium
 - 10:15-10:45: *Mealtime Success*
 - 10:50-11:20: *Assistive Technology-important devices for school and beyond*
 - 11:25-11:55: *Important things for parents to know about O&M*
 - 11:55-12:40 Lunch on your own
 - 12:40-1:10: *Literacy Now and Later (School and Life)*
 - 1:15-1:50 Keynote address, *My Kid is Going to do WHAT? Graduation and Beyond! Helping our children in self advocacy and independence.* Dave Wilkinson, blind businessman, National Manager of HIMS, Inc. a leading manufacturer of blindness and low vision assistive technology.
- So that we will have enough printed materials, please let us know you are coming! Simply rsvp by contacting Sonya Milam, smilam@doe.k12.ga.us or 478-262-3303

This Week In Pictures

Sunday afternoon music time



Seventh grade student Shakira participated in a **project based math activity** where she used various boxes to build surface areas of two and three dimensional **quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes and right prisms.**

Friends helping friends!



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES GRADES 8 AND UP!



MIDDLE GEORGIA FAMILIES:

Mapping a *self*-Determined Future
“Where Transition Meets Real Life”

March 4, 2017 9:00am - 1:00pm

Anderson Conference Center, 5171 Eisenhower Parkway, Macon, GA 31206

A one-day conference designed to allow teachers, families and students with disabilities to dream of the possibilities for a full life after graduation! There will be a youth leadership track, a college bound track and a career/community track. **Tickets are free. You must register here:**

<https://tinyurl.com/jr6r8lb>

Refreshments served!

ATLANTA AREA FAMILIES:

All 8th Grade and High School students parents and guardians
from State Schools are cordially invited to AASD's

Register by
contacting Sonya Milam
smilam@doe.k12.ga.us
[478-262-3303](tel:478-262-3303)

“**Creating Bright Futures**”

Transition Workshop
Saturday, February 25
10:00AM – 12:00PM

Atlanta Area School for the Deaf
890 No. Indian Creek Drive, Clarkston GA 30021

Come to learn and take steps towards a smooth and successful transition for your child.

This hands on workshop includes representatives from:

- ❖ AASD's Transition Team
- ❖ Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
- ❖ All About Developmental Disabilities
- ❖ Social Security Benefits Navigators
- ❖ Disability Link
- ❖ Parent to Parent of Georgia

~Free Event! ~Spanish interpreting will be provided. ~ Coffee and light refreshments will be served.
~Childcare is not provided.

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

Act NOW!

Camps fill up quickly!



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

July 15th – July 18th (Sat. - Tue.)

July 19th – July 22nd (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/>



COLUMBUS, GA

"A LOSS OF SIGHT, NEVER A LOSS OF VISION."

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>

! 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

