

Panther Press

A weekly publication of the Georgia Academy for the Blind

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WELCOME BACK!



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!

January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 16: Application Deadline for Short Course Weekend due (ages 12-21)

January 18: Georgia Department of National Resources comes to GAB!

January 19-23: SCASB in Mississippi (Wrestling, Cheering and Fine Arts)

January 31: "Drop in RPM" Gwinnett County (eliminated February East Gwinnett)

February 6: GAB T-shirt order deadline

February 7: "Drop in RPM" *Chatham County (location change from Dougherty)

February 16: Braille Challenge (*Program for parent/guardians is being planned*).

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 19 - 24: SCASB in Texas (Track and Field)

April 6: High School Prom

April 17: Easter Holiday

April 27-30: Senior Trip

May 15: Mother's Day Holiday

May 26: Last day of school and Graduation

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Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful

Character Education

Word of the quarter: **RESILIENCE**

The capacity to successfully manage high levels of change.

Word of the week: **FLEXIBILITY**

The quality of showing adaptability and versatility.

The measure of intelligence is the ability to change. ~Albert Einstein



happy
birthday

JANUARY

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Shakira ~ 10th	Destiny I ~ 25th
John ~ 14th	Devon ~ 25th
Johnny ~ 15th	Sydney ~ 30th
Morgan ~ 23rd	Jamari ~ 31st
Dante ~ 24th	

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Grooving and Moving

Short Course Weekend

February 17-19, 2017

Students with Visual Impairments

GAB Student Application can be found here:

http://www.gabmacon.org/files/_YFBTm_/b23167c01b1a653b3745a49013852ec4/ShortCourseApplication2017GABStudents.pdf

Application Deadline: January 16, 2017

(All applications subject to approval)

- **ALL INFO MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED AND LEGIBLE OR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ACCEPTANCE.**
- Students must have a documented vision loss that impacts their learning.
- Students must be Georgia residents and enrolled in school.
- Students must display independent living skills appropriate to their age.
- Students must have the physical, mental, and behavioral capabilities to benefit from the programs offered.
- Students ages 12-21 may attend.

For questions or more information, contact: **Dawn Day** (478) 751-6083 x 1114 mday@doe.k12.ga.us





It's time for Braille Challenge! We will be hosting the 2017 Braille Challenge at GAB on Thursday, February 16. Remember we have a **program for parents/guardians** going on during the challenge. Stay tuned for details! Application link is below and also in the School Office and Family Resource Room. For questions or more information, contact: **Dawn Day** (478) 751-6083 x 1114 mday@doe.k12.ga.us

http://www.gabmacon.org/files/_YKLu5_/dc963e8db423b2bc3745a49013852ec4/BC_application_2017Form_copy_1_1.pdf

Order your GAB T-Shirt today!

Long and short sleeves available in youth and adult sizes! Deadline is February 6. Don't miss out!



Order form can be found at this link below as well as on our website, in the School Office and the Family Resource Room. http://www.gabmacon.org/files/_YKBL0_/dfd016c62b6935913745a49013852ec4/shirt_16_order_form.pdf

A terrific hands-on learning experience is coming to GAB!



Our Science Department is pleased to announce a school wide event! On **Wednesday, January 18, 2017, The Georgia Department of Natural Resources** is setting up **Hunting and Fishing Simulators** for the students here at GAB.

What a wonderful hands on learning activity! For the hunting simulator, students will experience how to hold, aim, and shoot a hunting rifle with a digital video game. For the fishing simulator, students will choose a traditional Georgia freshwater fish and experience how much pull the fish provides and how to reel in the fish. In addition to the simulators, the students will be able to encounter various skulls and skin hides from a variety of animals known to be in Georgia. For more information about this exciting event, contact Mr. Bennett at RBennett@doe.k12.ga.us.

Upcoming online seminar from Perkins School for the Blind "Raising a Confident Child" January 26, 2017 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm. To register, go to <http://www.perkins.org/get-involved/events/learning-with-blindness-jan> Let Sonya Milam know that you have registered or if you need any assistance with this!





Read this great information from our friends and the Foundation for the Blind (AFB)'s *FamilyConnect* about Extended Core Curriculum (ECC). The ECC program at GAB is called *Ready for the World* where each of the nine areas of focus are embedded in IEP goals presented throughout the day PLUS a dedicated ECC 2-hour time every Friday. This article explains the nine areas of focus; Recreation and Leisure, Sensory Efficiency, Age-Appropriate Career Education, Self Determination Skills, Orientation and Mobility. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

<http://www.familyconnect.org/blog/familyconnect-a-parents-voice/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-expanded-core-curriculum-for-children-who-are-blind/12>

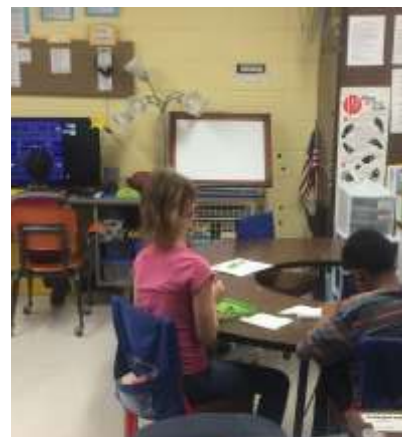
Senior Class of 2017

65 quart Yeti Cooler Benefit Raffle! Tickets are now on sale! See a member of our senior class or contact Sonya Milam at 478-262-330, smilam@doe.k12.ga.us to buy yours!

Price: 1 raffle ticket for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00

Winner announced on March 24, 2017

A great big thanks to GAB parents Tommy and Rachel Towery of Vidalia Small Engine Service



Teachers and Students - - - So Happy to be Back at School!!!!



January 13, 2017

Families and students,

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you – we ALL thank you, for your patience with our boiler outages this week that left us without hot water and heat. I know that inconvenient is terribly inadequate to describe the whirlwind that we threw you into. Please know that we would never close unless safety and emergency standards require it. We do strive to be a part of your dependable structure that supports the rhythm of your family life. Thank you for understanding.

Have a happy weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

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