



Panther Press

A publication of the Georgia Academy for the Blind

Friday, April 16th, 2021

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Dr. Cindy Gibson, Superintendent

2895 Vineville Avenue

Macon, GA 31204

478-751-6083



Georgia Academy for
the Blind - GAB



Follow our library:

@gablibrary

Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides 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. *Check out this student produced video featuring this Mission Statement:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRbkhkGSe98>

Mark your Calendars

4/16 - School Council Meeting at 1:00PM

4/19 through 4/23 - Paraprofessional & Residential Advisor
Appreciation Week!



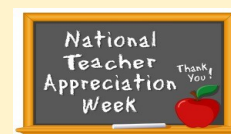
4/21 - Administrative Assistants Appreciation Day!

4/27 - School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day!



5/1 - Summer Program Applications due!

5/3 through 5/7 - Teacher Appreciation Week!



5/20 - Prom at Morgan View Farm.

5/21 - Graduation on GAB campus.



This newsletter is published by our Parent Mentor/Family Engagement Specialist, Jennifer Minter. Please send your ideas, news and resources in your community to her: JMinter@doe.k12.ga.us or call **478-262-3303**. ***Please remember to contact her if you've had a change in address, phone number and/or email!***

A message from our Superintendent

Dear GAB Family,

What an excellent week this has been at the Georgia Academy for the Blind. We are planning for the return of some of virtual students in these next weeks as activities are becoming less restrained from the pandemic! In the name of GAB, we are all ecstatic for our students to be with us in person! Also, this week we welcome four new employees, Ms. Scruggs, Paraprofessional; Mr. Fuller-Green, Paraprofessional; Ms. Morgan, Property and Supply Assistant; and Mr. Simmons, Maintenance Craftsman. The GAB family is a very special network, and we are all focused on being the best home-away-from-home that any child could have.

Speaking of FAMILY events, notice our pictures for Drop Everything and Read! This dedicated time has brought us closer together and given spark to conversations as we read items of particular interest to us. I hope you will ask your child what he or she read or what was read to them in this time. In addition, you should know that our plant sale was a huuuuuuge success. We are down to bare bones. It is awesome to meet friends in the community who are so proud to have plants nourished by our students!

We have waited with bated breath for a clearance date to get back in the pool. As of yesterday, we were told that the gym roofing project is ahead of schedule, and we may be jumping in as early as three weeks from now. The pool is a great boon to the Summer Program planning which is in full swing. Please return applications by May 1, 2021. Many activities in addition to pool fun are being discussed. If you want to retrieve one super tired, well-fed child after a few days, just send your child to the GAB Summer Program! If you have any questions, reach out to Dawn Day mday@doe.k12.ga.us. The Senior Committee has sent out information on prom and graduation exercises to be held on Thursday, May 20 and Friday, May 21, 2021. We are so excited to host both these glamorous events, and to see our Class of 2020 just one more time! Thank you to the teachers who have worked tirelessly on myriad details to be able to have the big traditions on consecutive days. Our graduation guest speaker will be Georgia Board of Education member Mike Long. If you have not seen Mr. Long in action with our students and staff, get ready to laugh! Where is it written that "Bored" members have to be stuffed shirts?!?! Graduation is at 11:00 a.m., in the Reynolds Auditorium at GAB.

Once again be reminded that GAB will provide onsite instruction and related services only for the 2021-2022 school year. The first day of school is August 9, 2021. Mark your calendars for a great beginning. Should you feel that onsite services are not best for your child, please reach out to me or to your Special Education Director in your home district. We all want what is best for each child that we serve.

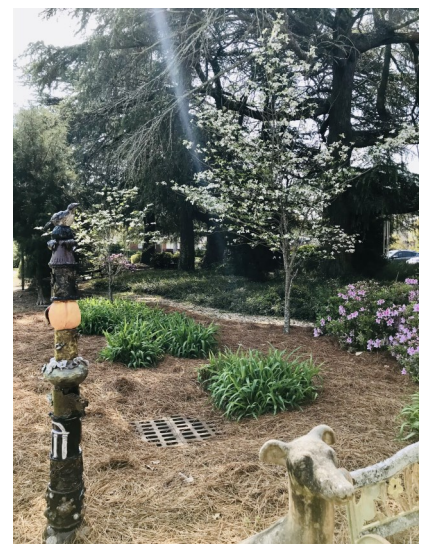
I hope you will join us for School Council today at 1:00. Jennifer Minter sent the link and call in on Thursday. Thank you to Donna West and Leslie O'Neill for co-chairing the School Council and to all who have been taking the time to attend.

With 27 days left in this school year, we have a lot to accomplish with testing underway and end of year events. Thank you for allowing us to serve you this year, and we hope you have found this crazy time to be productive and fruitful.

Always,

Cindy

GAB's Sensory Garden



Important Testing Dates

The Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0

Currently - April 30

End of Grade Milestones April 26 - 30

Monday - English Language Arts section 1

Tuesday - English Language Arts sections 2 & 3

Wednesday - Math sections 1 & 2

Thursday - Science sections 1 & 2 grades 5th and 8th

Friday - Social Studies sections 1 & 2 grade 8th

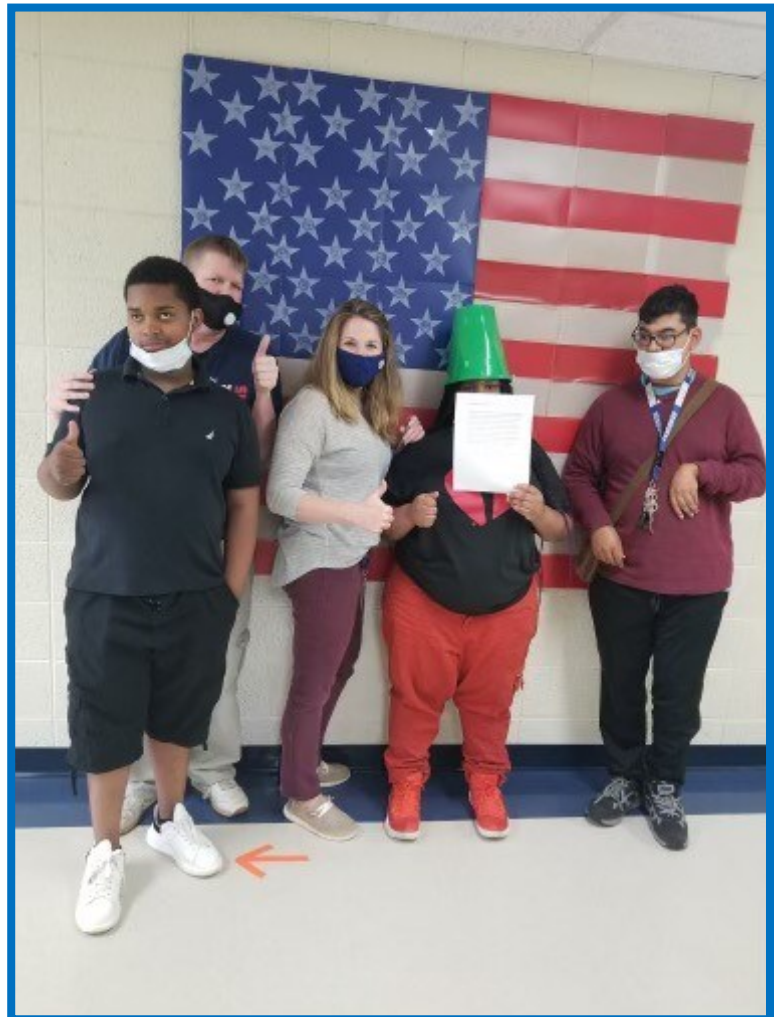
End of Course Milestones May 3 - 6

Monday - American Literature section 1, Biology sections 1 & 2

Tuesday - American Literature sections 2 & 3

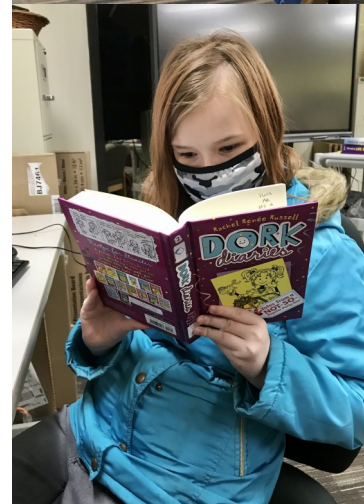
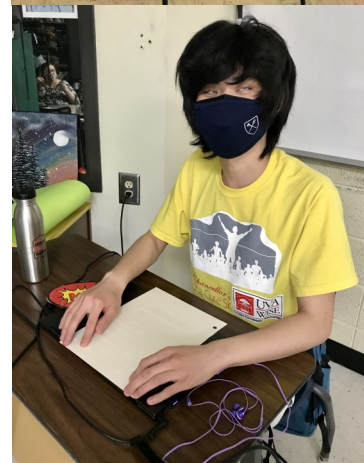
Wednesday - Algebra 1 sections 1 & 2

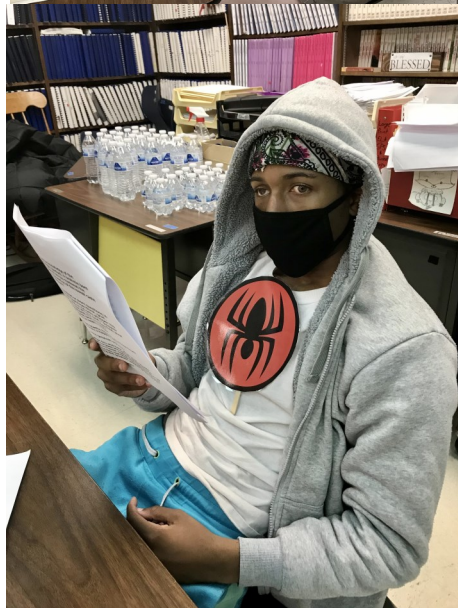
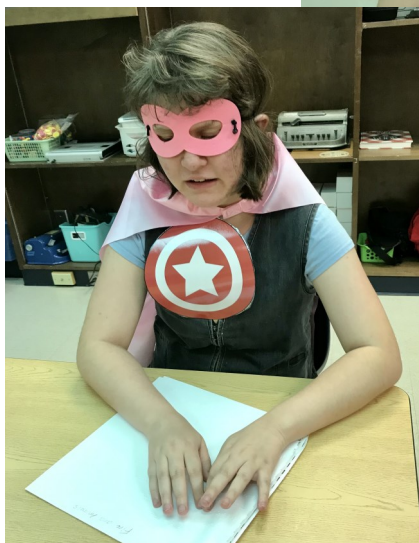
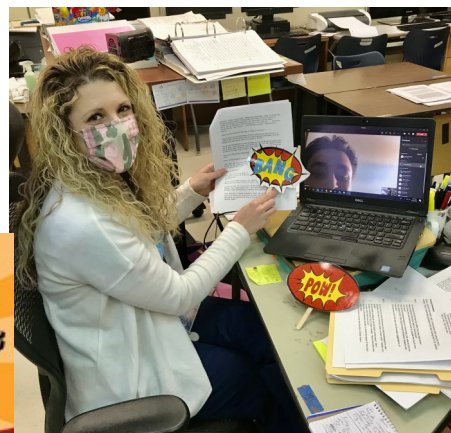
Mr. Acree's American Government class has been studying the Legislative Branch and How a Bill becomes a Law. As a class activity, they became a House and Senate committee dealing with proposed bills. They served on a transportation committee and an immigration committee. They learned to discuss the bill, propose amendments, and vote on different issues. They passed a City bus Transportation Bill and sent it to President Barfield for her approval. She signed it and it became a law. The class also voted on another bill that they passed and sent to the president. This bill was vetoed and they learned how Congress will try to override a veto.

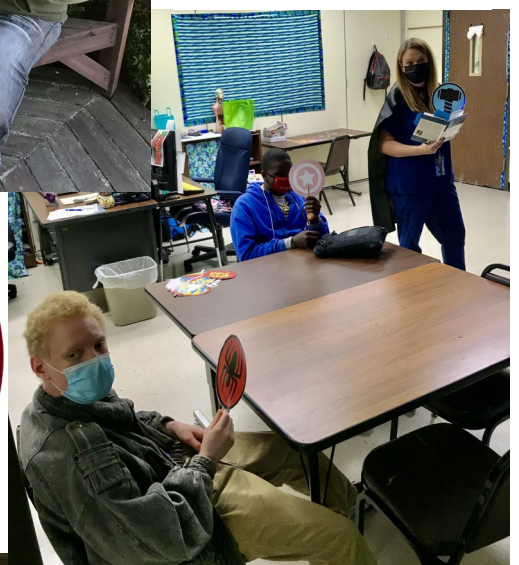
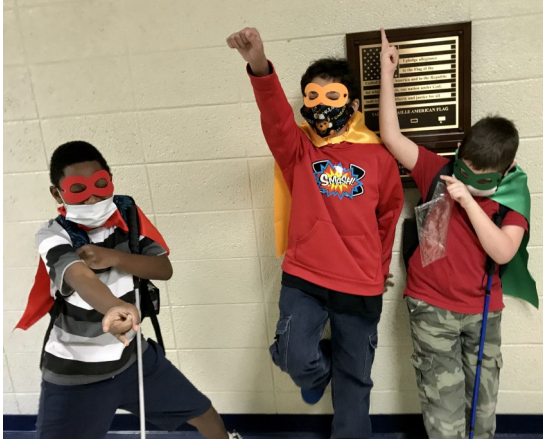
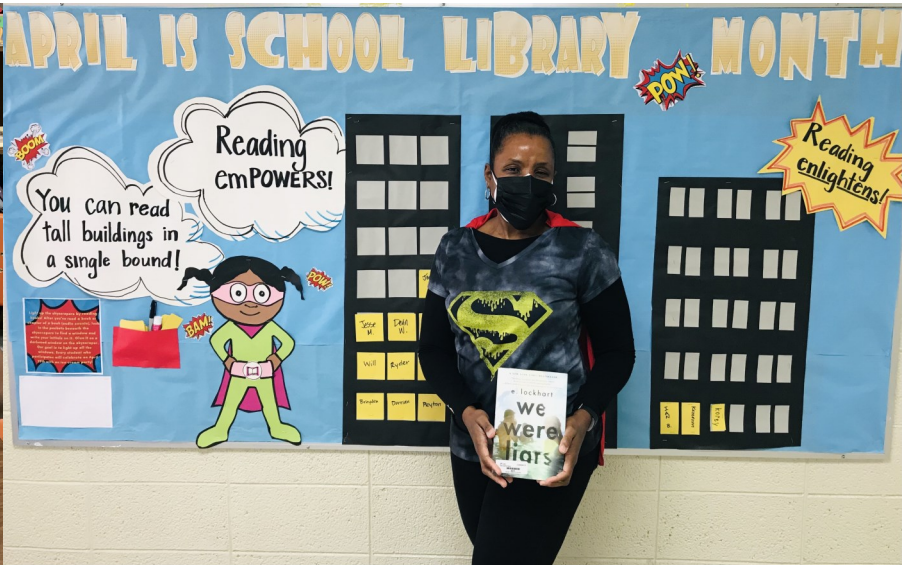
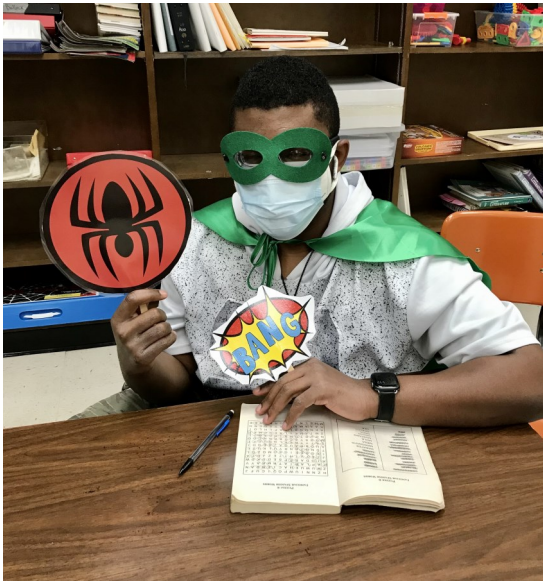




On Monday all of GAB stopped
what they were doing to READ!
Some listened, some used
braille, some used technology,
and some just held a book the
old fashioned way!







Lions Camp is BACK! Please see the schedule below and come by my office if you want to go to camp. I will have all the forms or parents can now fill them out online.
Just let me know: Jennifer Minter 478-262-3303 or email me: jminter@doe.k12.ga.us

GEORGIA LIONS CAMP INC.

5626 Laura Walker Road; Waycross, Georgia 31503-6488

Phone (912) 283-4320/Fax (912) 283-5130/Email: Director@glcb.org/www.glcb.org

Dear Campers, Parents, & Teachers:

The administration of the Georgia Lions Camp is very excited to invite you to join us for our 2021 summer program! We are looking forward to our summer camp with eager anticipation and with hopes of seeing you all there!

Please complete the application to ensure your reservation. No camper will have a secure spot until ALL paperwork and FEE is submitted back to the camp, including the physical, which is the Healthcare Form 2, which is known as the; **"Physical", must be filled out and signed by licensed medical personnel.**

NOTES:

- 1- You can now go to CampDoc.com online to register and complete your application process. You will need an email and a password to sign in.
- 2- Carefully view the following 2021 Summer Schedule information carefully as changes may occur, such as sessions, dates, and age groups.

2021 Summer Schedule

Session 1– June 20-25	Pre-teens Camp (6-12)
Session 2- June 27- July 2	Senior Adults Camp (40-plus)
No Camp- July 3-8	4 th of July Break
Session 3- July 09-18	Teenager Group (13-17)
Session 4- July 18-23	Adults (18-39)

Anyone under 6 years of age will require a guardian/parent. Fee will be required for the guardian/parent.

April

Birthdays

4/2 Pierce 4/17 Dillion

4/2 Bentlee 4/21 Ashlyn

4/4 Caden W. 4/28 Hope

4/11 Landyn

