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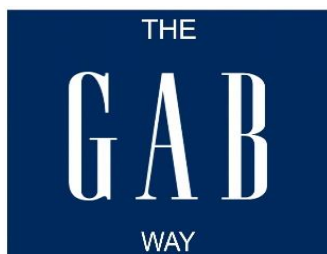


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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of independence in transition to college and career readiness.



Give it your best  
Achieve your goals  
Be respectful

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 26-29: Senior Trip

April 30-May 11 High School End of Course Milestones

May 1: Help a Child Smile Mobile Dental Clinic

\*May 7-9: Teacher Appreciation Week

\*May 11: Deadline for Annual Georgia Special Education Services Parent Survey (see below)

May 14-18: Milestones' Retests for grades 3, 5 and 8

May 17: Community Partners Recognition Day 10:30-11:30 am, Media Center

May 24: Awards, 10 am, Parent/guardian input meeting afterwards

May 24: Project Search Graduation, 4 pm at Navicent Health

May 25: Graduation, Wesleyan College's Porter Auditorium, 4760 Forsyth Road, (3.2 miles west of GAB)

## Happy Birthday

Mary Beth ~ May 4

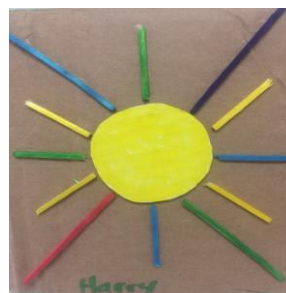
Jordon W ~ May 4

Tyzie ~ May 19

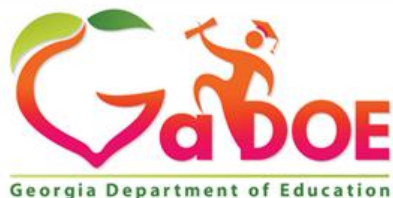
Heidei ~ May 20

Austin ~ May 24

Countdown:



20  
More  
days  
of school!



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent  
"Educating Georgia's Future"

The **Annual Georgia Special Education Services Parent Survey Deadline is May 11!** This survey can be found here: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/Parent-Survey.aspx> **When prompted to select district, choose STATE SCHOOLS, not your county! You will then be prompted to choose Georgia Academy for the Blind.**

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK! This newsletter is produced by Sonya Milam, Parent Mentor. For news items, suggestions, and resources to share, please contact her at [smilam@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:smilam@doe.k12.ga.us), 478-262-3303

# Residential Life's Spring Fling

Thank you to Mr. Reynolds, our Residential Advisors, and other GAB staff and community volunteers for all the hard work involved with this great school wide festival for our students and families as we celebrated the arrival of spring and a great school year soon coming to an end.





# Elementary Classes Visit Twin Oak Farms





## Thanks for supporting Project SEARCH and Cupcakes for Cancer!

(Right) Project SEARCH interns along with the GAB Cafe raised \$212.85 by baking and selling cupcakes to GAB faculty and staff. The fundraiser was done to enhance Project SEARCH's community involvement and to support Navicent Health's initiative Relay for Life. All proceeds are donated to the American Cancer Society to further cancer research and to assist cancer patients.



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## April is Occupational Therapy Month

(Left and below)) Our Occupational Therapists, Allison Hawkins and Dodie Good shared special treats to help us celebrate OT month. We were even encouraged to use a *supinated grasp* on the spoon when scooped! We appreciate our Occupational Therapists who are important team members teaching routines, motor planning, self-regulation, sensory processing, fine motor skills, coordination, body awareness, mealtime and dressing which greatly support and enhance our students' success in the classroom and with daily living skills.



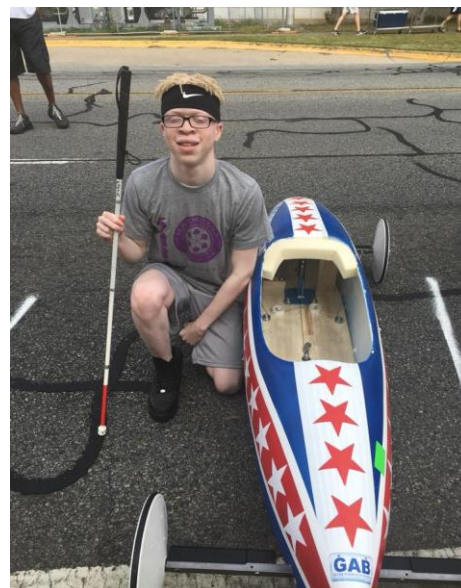
## Soap Box Derby Fun & Learning

(Right) Congratulations to our soapbox derby team for winning the crowd favorite, Best in Show at the annual Magnolia Soap Box Derby race in Macon, following weeks of STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) activities in designing and creating the car. We are proud of you!



Watch the news coverage here:

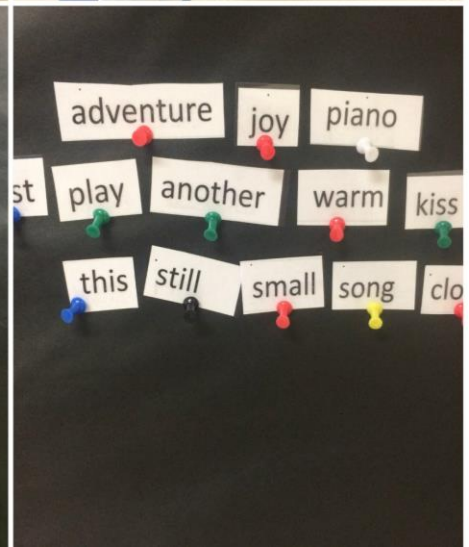
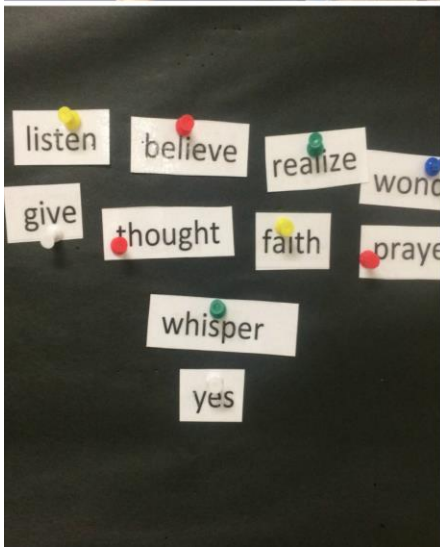
<http://www.13wmaz.com/article/news/local/legally-blind-teen-to-compete-in-this-years-magnolia-soap-box-derby/538007676>





## April is National Poetry Month

To celebrate and to help all students learn to determine the meaning of words, and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings, Middle School Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Bardash and Media Specialist Mrs. Smith, sponsored a bulletin board "Push Pin Poetry". Students and staff enjoyed pulling large print and Braille words and creating poetry for all to enjoy throughout the month.







# SCASB 2018 Track & Field and Performing Arts Showcase

**South Central Association of Schools for the  
Blind**

We loved welcoming athletes and performing artists from Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas to our campus. Thanks to all our coaches, teachers, administrators, parents Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and other volunteers for all the great team it took in hosting such a grand event!

*Mural on left was created by our  
art teacher, Mrs. Applebee.*



## Attention Middle Georgia Families:



Check out this Festival!

Saturday, April 28

Day Spring Church Campus

1045 Highway 41 South

Forsyth, GA

+ Resource and Craft Vendors

+ Kids Games and Crafts

+ Inflatables

+ Live Entertainment

+ Food

Sponsored by Anchor of Hope Foundation

[www.anchorofhopefoundation.org](http://www.anchorofhopefoundation.org)

*visit their website to learn more about this festival, Parents Night Out, Parent Support Group and the many other ways they assist families.*



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This finalized calendar was arrived through thoughtful input and approval from teachers, Student Council, School Council, GAB Superintendent Dr. Gibson and State Schools Director, Dr. Moore. It can also be found at this link:

[http://www.gabmacon.org/files/nZF0I/9bb17decc08a913c3745a49013852ec4/2018-2019\\_student\\_calendar.pdf](http://www.gabmacon.org/files/nZF0I/9bb17decc08a913c3745a49013852ec4/2018-2019_student_calendar.pdf)

**GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND**  
**180 Day Student Calendar**  
**2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

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 Holidays	 First and Last Day for Students
 Regular School Days	 Open House

2018								2019							
Jul-18	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Jan-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		27	28	29	30	31		
	29	30	31												
Aug-18	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Feb-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3	4							1	2
5th Open House 1pm -5pm	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28		
Sep-18	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Mar-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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19	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sept. 3rd Labor Day	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	30								31						
Oct-18	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Apr-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	5	6
Oct 8-12th Students' Fall Break	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
18	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31					28	29	30				
Nov-18	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	May-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2	3					1	2	3	4
Nov 19-23 Thanksgiving break	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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17	25	26	27	28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30	31	
Dec-18	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Jun-19	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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Winter Holidays Dec. 21-Jan.4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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14	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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