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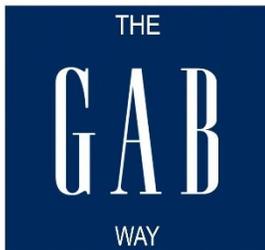
Georgia Academy for the Blind - GAB



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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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS * just added



Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful

- * March 8: GAB and Tatnall Square Academy track collaboration
- * March 11 Daylight Savings begins - - Set your clocks forward
- * March 12 Jump Rope for Heart money due
- * March 13 & 14 Jump Rope for Heart during PE
- * March 14 - PI DAY
- March 23: Spring Program (See page 3 for details)
- March 26-30: Spring Break
- April 2: Easter Holiday
- April 5: Prom
- April 10: Special Olympics
- * April 11 spring festival 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- April 9-20 Elementary and Middle Milestones
- April 19-22 SCASB
- 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 14-18: Milestones' Retests for grades 3, 5 and 8
- * May 17: Community Partners Recognition Day 1:00-2:00 pm, Media Center
- * May 24: Project Search Graduation, 4 pm at Navicent Health
- May 25: Graduation

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Character Education

PERSEVERANCE Part 2 We're watching a video series about perseverance. watch it at:

<https://ideas.classdojo.com/i/perseverance-the-dip-2>, and ask your child these questions over the weekend:

1. How do we escape the dip? (Discuss the process.)
2. Talk about a time that reflecting on a mistake improved your product/work/brain!
3. Let's help one another! What can we say/ do when we make a mistake to encourage each other to reflect?

Learn more about our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program by visiting:

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-andAssessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/Positive-Behavioral-Interventions-andSupport.aspx>



A note from Mrs. Holloway

SECOND NOTICE



Greetings from the GAB music department!

We will be having our Spring Program on Friday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the location of the Spring Program will be at Vineville Baptist Church, a half mile east of GAB at 2591 Vineville Avenue Macon, GA 31204

Students will be transported to and from the church by bus.

Parents are to check their child out at the school and not take them from the church. We want to make sure all students are safely and securely transported back to the school after the program. Per Dr. Gibson, if you are signing your child out before the 1:00 p.m. end of the day, sign out in the Hendricks office. See Shirley Bronner and Brittany Jackson.

This is a mandatory performance, and all students will receive credit for the performance. The students are very excited about this performance opportunity. I hope you will be able to join us to support GAB and our music department! Thank you for your patience and your ongoing support to help the students be successful!

From Mrs. Milam: Before and after the performance, at GAB you can browse the Art Show, see 3-D printer exhibition, learn about reading resources for your home and get a snack from GAB Café. There will be a very important parent meeting afterwards at the school "Discover Summer Camp Opportunities". All activities will conclude at 1:00.

SECOND NOTICE! Special Education State Advisory Panel Needs a GAB Parent/Guardian!



The Georgia Department of Education Division for Special Education Services and Supports is currently accepting applications for the **State Advisory Panel for Special Education (SAP)**. The SAP is comprised of parents, persons with disabilities, educators and administrators who are knowledgeable about the education of all children. SAP members provide input and advice into meeting the statewide needs of students with disabilities. Deadline is March 19, 2018!

More information and the application can be found here: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/SAP/SAP%202017-18/SAP%20Letter%20and%20Application%202018-19.pdf>

Media Center News

Ms. Layson's class completed a genre reading challenge by reading 3 books from 6 different genres. They were rewarded with a special lunch in the media center. I am so proud of them and thankful that Ms. Layson and Ms. Bain encouraged them to complete the challenge. YAY!



Mrs. Kim Smith, Media Specialist



Georgia Braille Challenge 2018



We loved hosting this statewide event again this year! Students showed off their Braille skills while parents, guardians and TVIs in attendance enjoyed learning about summer camps, Georgia Industries for the Blind, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation, Project Search and Parent to Parent of Georgia.

We are so proud of our winners!

Apprentice:

(left) 2nd Austin Rogers

(right) 3rd Felix Walker



Freshman: 1st Shyann Miller

2nd Blake Smith

3rd Berkley Terry



Varsity: 1st Judy Charles

2nd Armando Vias

3rd Crystal Hase



Yes, it's barely March ! **No** it is not too early for summer camp registration to begin!

Scholarships and spaces are limited so act now!

Come to our meeting after the Spring Program to meet with these folks and learn more! Contact Sonya Milam with questions and/or assistance with registration process. smilam@doe.k12.ga.us 478-262-3303



SECOND NOTICE! Just for high school students! Envisioning Youth Empowerment (EYE) Retreat, July 14-21, Raleigh, NC

The mission is to expose participants to college transition activities through mentoring, real work experiences and identification of support services. To learn more, and to register, go to <http://www.eyeretreat.org/>



FOURTH NOTICE! Camp Dreams 2018 Camper Session Dates

- July 15th – July 18th (Sun. - Wed.)
- July 19th – July 22nd (Thu. - Sun.)
- July 23rd – July 26th (Mon. - Thu.)
- July 27th – July 30th (Fri. - Mon.)

Visit their website where you can watch a video and learn more:
<http://www.campdreamga.org/>

Contact Sonya Milam for more information including how to register and how to apply for a scholarship!



FOURTH NOTICE! May 25 - 28, 2018

Camp Abilities Columbus GA at Columbus State University (CSU) is a non-profit (501c) organization for children that are blind or visually impaired. Camp Abilities Columbus, GA is a residential camp that will be open for a maximum of 16 campers, ages 9 to 18 years old who are blind or visually impaired. They will stay on Columbus State University's campus to engage in an array of sports and recreational activities in a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. Sports and recreational activities include: goalball, beep baseball, beep kickball, tandem biking, rock climbing, swimming, soccer, tennis and team building activities.

Visit their website and watch a video here:
https://hpex.columbusstate.edu/camp_abilities/index.php

SIXTH NOTICE: Announcing the Georgia Lions Club Camp for the Blind's 2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE



Session 1	June 10-15	Family Camp (ages 5-9)
Session 2	June 17-22	Pre-teen (ages 6-12)
Session 3	June 24-29	Older Adults (ages 35-up)
Session 4	July 1-06	Young Adults (ages 18-34)
Session 5	July 8-15	Teenagers (ages 13-17)

Deadline line for completed applications is April 21! You may get a paper application or learn how to register and how to apply for a scholarship by contacting Sonya Milam, or go to <http://www.glcb.org/>



More of this Week in Pictures



(Left) Students in the *Real Life Money* afterschool class compare the costs and quality of various skin care products.

(Below) Boy Scouts enjoyed an afternoon of activities including hot dogs over a campfire.



"It's a wrap!" This week's newscasters bidding their viewers a farewell!!



Proudly contributing Box Tops. Keep them coming!

Special guests at Braille Challenge!

