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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!



November 5: Daylight Saving Time 2017 ends! Turn your clocks back one hour! Also, change the battery of your smoke detectors!

November 5: 🌟 Goalball team returns from Austin, TX

November 9: Senior Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction & Old Bo

November 10: School Council Meeting, 1:00 pm

November 16: South Fulton *Drop in RPM* (Regional Parent/Guardian Meeting)

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

December 21: Winter Student Music Program and Art Show.

Family Meetings before and after. Hustler Raptor Mower Raffle Winner chosen. 3D printer exhibition.

December 22- January 5: Winter Holiday

February 2-3: GaDOE's Family Engagement UnConference, Macon

February 28: Braille Challenge

March 26-30: Spring Break

April 2: Easter Holiday

April 5: Prom

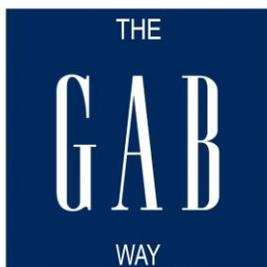
April 19-22 SCASB

April 26-29: Senior Trip

May 25: Graduation



🌟 Our Goal Ball teams are competing in the **USABA High School National Goalball Tournament** this weekend at **Texas School for the Blind**. The game will be live streamed at: <http://www.tsbvi.edu/live>. Note: game times are **Central Time Zones**, so 1 hour behind Georgia time!



Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful

November Birthdays

- 2nd ~ J 'Miyah
- 8th ~ Chris
- 16th ~ Crystal
- 17th ~ Judy
- 20th De'andre

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK! This newsletter is produced by Sonya Milam, Parent Mentor. Give her your news and suggestions. smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303



Georgia
Family Engagement
Unconference

FREE EVENT!
2 more spots
left!

2018 Georgia Family Engagement UNconference

February 2-3, 2018

Macon Centreplex and Macon Marriott City Center

The Georgia Department of Education’s Division of State Schools is offering scholarships to parents/guardians and students to attend. This will include your conference fee, hotel and a majority of meals. This unique event will bring families from all over Georgia to hear dynamic presentations and share with other families in a fun filled environment that will include activities for all students in your home. **DEADLINE IS APPROACHING! ACT FAST AND CONTACT SONYA**

MILAM TODAY! 478-262-3303 Smilam@doe.k12.ga.us



Learning with Blindness: Using All the Senses to Learn

Wednesday, November 15 at 12 p.m. EST

FREE Webinar!

For students who are visually impaired, learning how to use all their senses to explore the world around them is crucial to their ability to learn and engage with their surroundings. With strong sensory efficiency skills, students can use their senses – including any usable vision – to get information about objects and their environment. Parents can help build these skills by setting up safe opportunities for their child to explore.

This hour-long webinar will cover:

- How to understand your child’s visual impairment and what his or her usable vision might look like
- Ways to encourage and facilitate exploration in a safe manner
- How all the senses can be used to gain information about objects and surroundings
- Tips for building sensory exploration into everyday activities like errands or even a walk around the block
- How to monitor your child's progress and adapt to the constant evolution of building sensory efficiency skills

Webinar presenter: Donna Duggan Edwards, *Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Orientation & Mobility Specialist* Perkins School for the Blind Register here:

<http://perkins.createsend1.com/t/ViewEmail/d/B86AA8BCB3790343/3AA3602BE98C32FDC4DA2C823DDA3384>

Middle Georgia Families, grades 8-12: Save this date! “Mapping a Self-Determined Future: Where Transition Meets Real Life” will be back in Macon, **January 27, 2017**. You don’t want to miss this interactive day with other students and families preparing for life after high school!



Atlanta area Families: attend a holiday party on **Saturday, December 16th** at Center for the Visually Impaired. **12:00 – 3:00 PM**

Make your reservation here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LR92Z3S>

Georgia Lions Club Camp for the Blind announces their Christmas Camp 2017 -- act now, don't miss out! **DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS NOVEMBER 17**



December 9-10

Get your application by contacting Sonya Milam: smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303

or by going to their website: <https://www.glcb.org/>

Cost: \$100 Cost with transportation from Macon: \$175

Scholarships available by calling Gail Williams, (912) 283-4320

DON'T FORGET! We will be having an **Old Book Sale** during the Senior Dinner and Silent Auction on Thursday, November 9, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM & Friday, November 10 9:00 AM-12:00 PM ½ Price on Friday, 11:00-12:00

Over 1000 Books! *Fiction*Non-Fiction*Children's*Cookbooks*Large Print

\$1.00 hardback

More Than Books... *Audio Books on Cassettes *VHS

\$.50 softback

THIS JUST IN! Before and after the Winter Music Program and Art Show there will be a live exhibition of our new 3D printer in action in the GAB Tech Lab. Make plans to attend!

DON'T FORGET! Follow us on twitter! gab_library



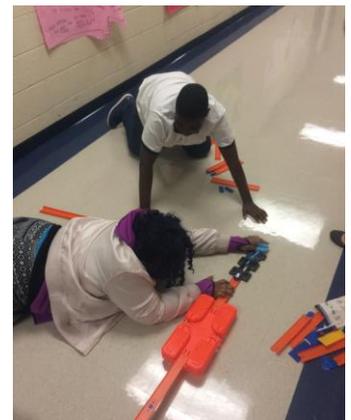
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This week in pictures!

More on page 5!



Left top and bottom: Mrs. Thompson's Music Appreciation students serenaded the office staff with some fun spooky tunes on Tuesday.



Hands on kinesthetic learning! Above left: Mrs. Mullis' students learning about motion. Right: Mrs. Moore's class learning the difference between Kinetic and Potential energy, transferring their energy to the launch paddle and problem solving when the car did not do as expected.



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Keep them coming!



We made our goal of 400 Box Tops. Thanks to all. This is \$40.00 toward our field trips.

I would like to encourage you to ask friends, family members, neighbors and civic organizations to help.

I would like to make a goal of 1,000 Box Tops before the end of the school year. This would give us \$100.

Thanks, Ms. Layson slayson@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-751-6087, ext 1200

Senior Class Fundraiser



Calendars **now** on sale! They are \$8.00 each and contain a free menu item each month. Supplies are limited, so see a senior class member or staff member to order today!

Mr. Collins, mcollins@doe.k12.ga.us, or Mrs. Thompsom, mthompson@doe.k12.ga.us

Senior Class Lawnmower Tickets **now** on sale!



Make a donation of at least **\$10** and get a chance to win this **Hustler Raptor SDX 23hp Kawasaki 54 inch Mower** donated by **Vidalia Small Engine Services** to be given away December 21. Contact a member of the 2018 Senior Class or Rachel Towery, rtowery@bellsouth.net, 912-403-9302

MONDAY IS DEADLINE!

Senior Fundraiser Dinner Tickets

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Serving: 5:00- 6:45, Carry out begins at 4:30 in the GAB Cafeteria

ENTREES: Chicken Divan with salad OR roast beef with green beans
mashed potatoes OR veggie lasagna with salad. Dessert & drink included

Catered by TOMMY'S Café and Bakery of Macon

The evening includes ~Silent Auction ~Tours of GAB ~Old Book Sale

~Student Entertainment

Tickets are \$13 Get your tickets today
from a member of the senior class or Dr.
Gardiner: mogardiner@doe.k12.ga.us



More of This Week in Pictures!



Left: GAB Café's Work Based Learning (WBL) students



Right : WBL students at Kroger



Left: Mrs. McDavid's and Mrs. Barfield's classes seeing "Dragons Love Tacos" at the Grand Opera House then having tacos for lunch



Left: Ms. Bechtel's class at the pumpkin patch



Right: Ms. Alligood's and Ms. Griffith's classes trick or treating at the school office



Right and left: EECC's Costume Party

