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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

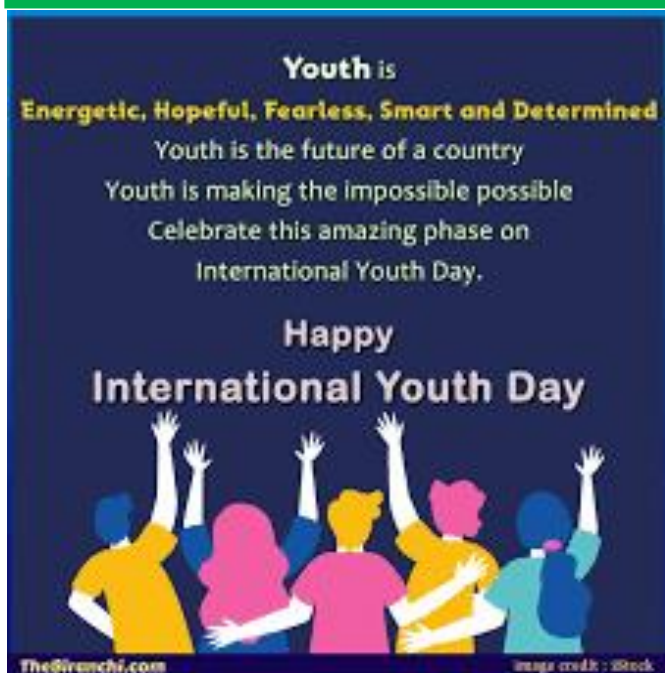
9/5 - Labor Day Holiday

9/11 through 9/17 - Housekeeping Appreciation week

9/16 through 9/23 - Space Camp in Huntsville, AL

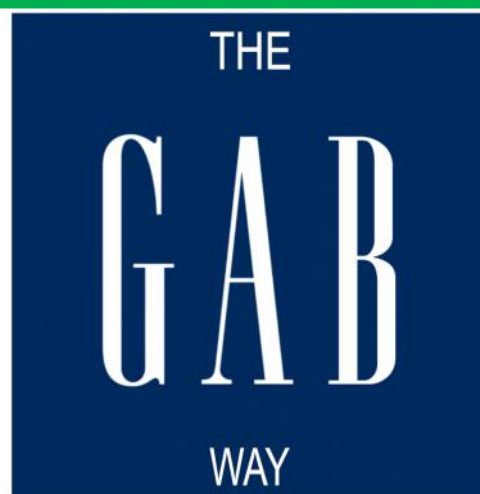
9/23 - First School Council Meeting on Friday at 1:00

10/11 through 10/14 - Fall Break Week



**Next week's
Motto:**

**“Respect
for Others”
Appreciation
for the
importance
of and efforts
of others.**



**Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful**

A message from our Superintendent

Safety Is Our #1 Priority

While all 22 acres in the heart of Macon, GA., are buzzing with instructional activity of all manner of assessments, OT, PT, SLP, BRI, ECC, IOTA, O&M, CTAE, SLK, GLoSS, IKAN, and others. These various acronym services are only possible in a safe and healthy school environment. Representatives of the GAB Safe Schools Committee, Mr. Jon Smith, Chair, consulted with Code Red Guard to investigate the use of technology which quickly secures a classroom door and covers the windows of classroom doors in the event of an emergency requiring lock down. Notice Camden Atwater has blocked Ms. Z, who is our intruder! I think he is proud of himself! It was a teachable moment about safety, and we appreciate the participation of Mrs. Rushing's and Ms. Barfield's classes. Next month we will have Visual Weapons training provided by GEMA. Georgia Emergency Management Agency. That training will provide awareness and scrutiny skills for identifying people who may be carrying hidden weapons. In our vigilance to maintain a safe campus, we limit non-essential visitors and encourage calling ahead for appointments and visits. When anyone arrives at our closed and locked gates, the person will need to be buzzed in by the office. The person who answers the call will ask for names and purposes for the visit to GAB. Once inside the building all people must sign in at the office. Please have identification/drivers license available. For many of our students GAB is their home away from home, and we want them to feel as secure with us as their own homes!

We have had a very smooth opening of school, and it is my favorite time of year!

As ever,
Cindy



**"Creating a
Brighter
Future
by Working
Together"**



Transition Talk



The students pictured above are learning the Nemeth code will allow them to access the Georgia Standards of Excellence math curriculum. Nemeth is a Compensatory Skills under the Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC). Compensatory skills include skills necessary for accessing the core curriculum including concept development; communication modes; organization and study skills; access to print materials; and the use of braille/Nemeth, tactile graphics, object and/or tactile symbols, sign language, and audio materials (Perkins, 2022). Learning Nemeth allows our Braille readers to be able to read, compute, and solve math problems.

You can
help
support

your child/children in the areas of math by including some basic counting skills into their everyday routines at home, and for your older students, you can review basic math facts but make it fun by making it “real-world” and relative to their surroundings.

Examples:

Number recognition:

What is your phone number?

What is your address?

Count the number of coins in a jar and sort them into their denominations

Have your child help fold towels and then count the number of towels folded

Simple tasks such as these will make a big difference with your child's transitional goals and needs.



-Alicia M. Jackson
Principal of Transition



FLASHBACK FRIDAY



Mary Beth with Roni

This school year makes Mary Beth's 12th year at GAB and Roni's 7th year here.



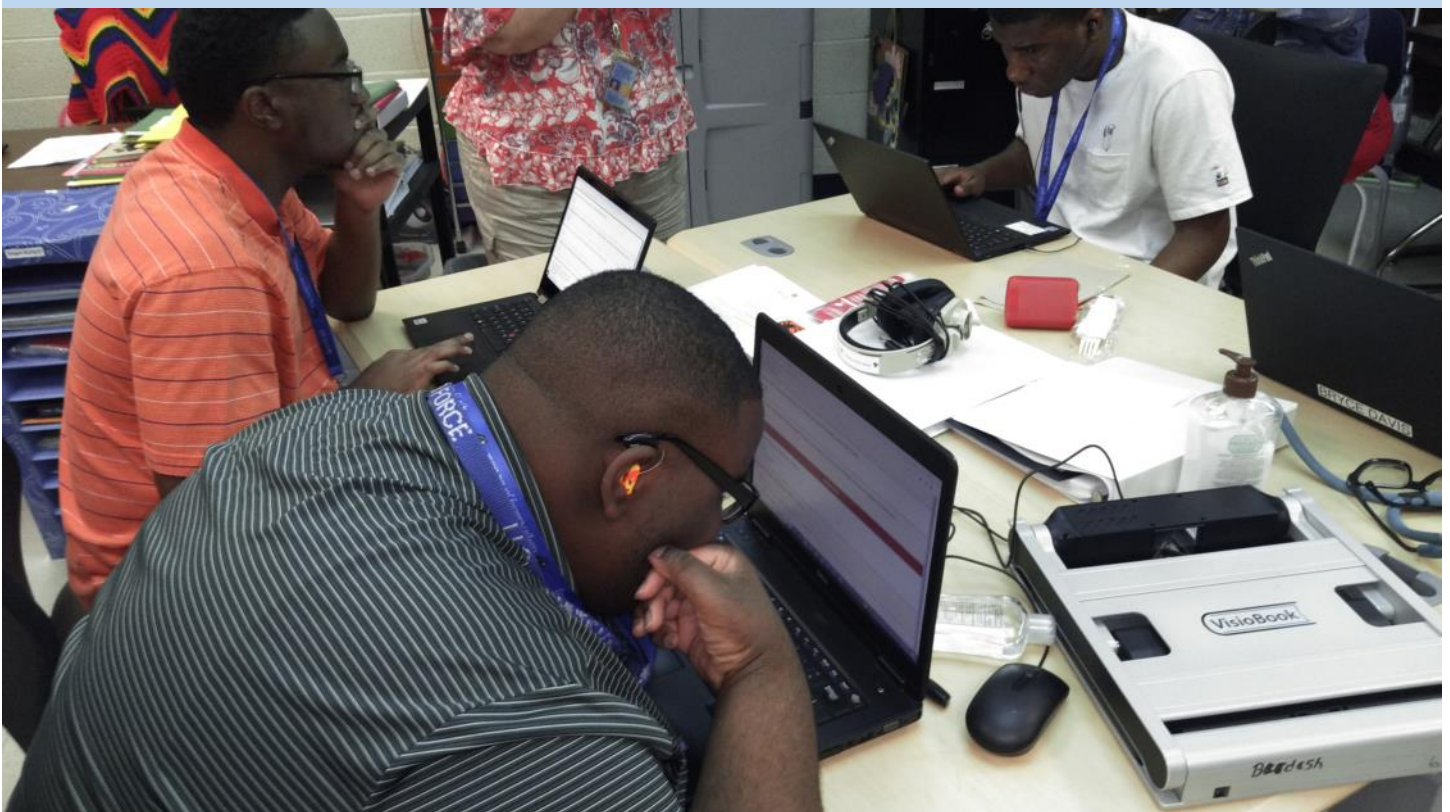
Trinity with Mrs. McDavid

This school year makes Trinity's 8th year at GAB and Mrs. McDavid's 13th teaching here.



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In these pictures the Project Search interns are completing a pre-employment exam on their computers. This is one of several steps in the on-boarding process to work at Atrium Navient Health, and all applicants must complete the full process. The Project Search interns have been working hard to complete all of their requirements to be able to start working as soon as possible.



August

Birthdays

8/2	Devin	8/20	Karma
8/3	Logan A.	8/25	Josie
8/3	Justice	8/29	Rickoy
8/5	MJ	8/30	Emily
8/6	Marquan	8/30	Jesse

