



Panther Press

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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

10/11 through 10/14 - Fall Break Week

10/25 through 10/28 - Red Ribbon Week



10/26 - Fall Dance on Wednesday, from 6 to 8pm

11/4 - Next School Council Meeting at 1:00

11/3 through 11/5 - National Highschool Goalball
Tournament in St. Augustine, FL

11/11 - Veterans Day Program at 10:30, Auditorium

11/18 - Fall Concert (choir & drums) at 10:30

11/21 through 11/25 - Thanksgiving Break

12/15 - Christmas Program "ELF", Auditorium

5/18 - Prom Night (location TBA)

5/25 - Graduation at GAB

Red Ribbon Week 2022

Life is Poppin Drug Free!

Monday, October 24: GAB School Spirit Day!

- Show your **Panther Pride** and *wear your GAB spirit wear or GAB colors: **Blue and White!**

Tuesday October 25: True *Pop Stars Are Drug Free*

- *Dress to represent your favorite **Drug Free Pop Star** – Real or Fiction, Contemporary or Retro, Music, Art, Culture, Athletics! Let your creativity show!

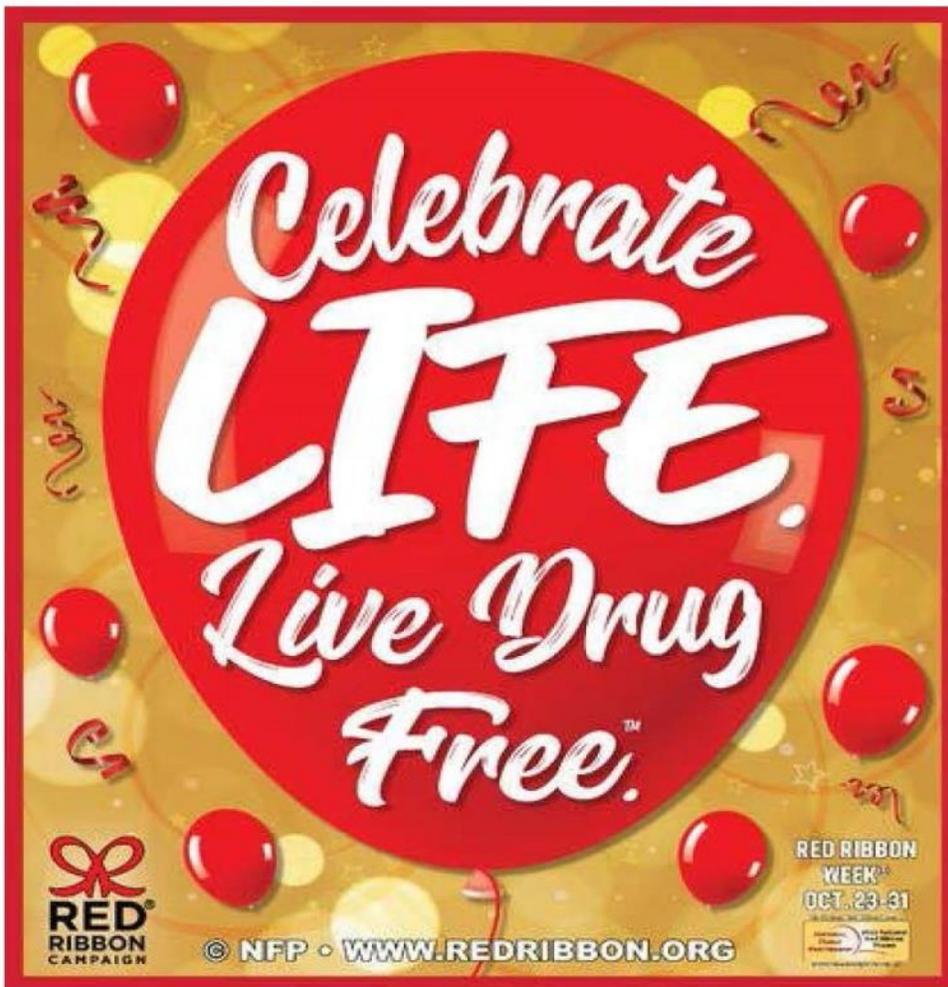
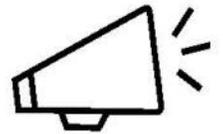
Wednesday, October 26: Roll out of bed and *pop* on over to school - - in your pajamas! *

Thursday, October 27: Drug Free Looks Like Me - - even inside out!

- *Wear your favorite **red** shirt, pants, socks, shoes, nail polish, et and change it all up by going inside out, and/or backwards, mismatched, and more fun change ups!

Friday, October 28: Let Halloween spook you - - NOT DRUGS!

- *Dress for trick or treating this Friday before Halloween!



*****Attention!**

Compliance to dress code will continue to be enforced this week!! (Clothing should cover and fit appropriately, and graphics should in a manner appropriate for school environment!

Transition Talk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you begin to think about your student transitioning from school to postsecondary options, GAB would like to introduce you to an additional service that your student may be eligible for. This service is Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides services to help eligible persons with disabilities prepare for, start, and maintain competitive employment. The goal of VR is to assist students after they leave high school to become productive and independent citizens in their communities.

[VR offers many services such as:](#)

Counseling and Guidance

Postsecondary Support

Supported Employment

Work Readiness Training

Work Adjustment Training

Vocational Training

On-the-job training

To receive VR services, your student needs to be on a caseload. If you would like to begin the process for your student to be placed on the VR caseload, please email me at ajackson@doe.k12.ga.us and I will send you the Transition Parental Permission form. Please complete this form and return it to me, Alicia M. Jackson, and I will then send the paperwork to GVRA for processing. I also encourage you to contact Ms. Jennifer Arnold, GVRA Counselor at 478-245-7576 (c) or 478-953-1095 (office) to begin the process of ensuring that your child is on the GVRA caseload and to gain additional information regarding their services. For your student, time is of the essences for these services to be in place before they graduate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.



Alicia M. Jackson
Principal of Transition



Greetings Panther Parents!

This is your GAB counselor, Mr. Burch, letting you know about a Mobile Dental Program. Some of you have already turned forms in for Help A Child Smile, however, if you are interested in having Help A Child Smile service your child then let me or Ms. Minter know so that we can make sure to send a form home with your child. Thanks and have a great day!



The Project Search crew went downtown to visit the bank and eat lunch. While in downtown on such a beautiful day, they explored Macon's latest Artwork.



This year is starting off with a “BANG” in our BOX TOPS collections.

Here are a few places that you have gone and uploaded your receipts.

Kroger, Publix, Ingles, Boxed.com, Dollar General, Walgreens, Walmart, CVS Pharmacy, and Harris Teeter. The places you can buy products that have BOX TOPS are everywhere, so be on the lookout for that symbol.



Our total since the beginning of July 2022 is unbelievable. We have a total of \$84.00!!! * That is 80% of our 100% goal. *

We are going to be able to set another goal before the end of this school term!

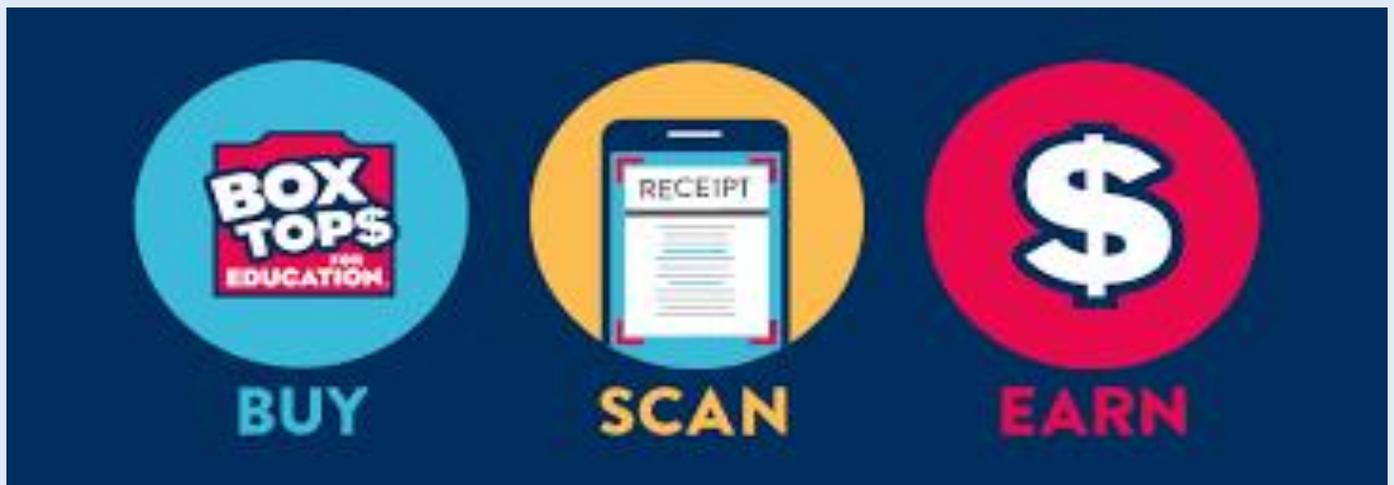
I am so thankful for all your support. This money is earned is used for field trips with our students.

Please continue to shop and upload your receipts. Remember to select: Georgia Academy for the Blind.

Thanks,

Ms. Layson

If you need any help is getting started contact me at slayson@doe.k12.ga.us.



October Birthdays

10/2 Kemet 10/13 Kayleigh

10/2 Ame 10/17 Kevin

10/3 Jordon 10/20 Hope

10/6 Santi 10/24 DaShia

10/9 Jordan 10/31 Jackson

