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Mark your Calendar

1/15 - Holiday for Martin Luther King

1/25 through 1/28 - SCASB trip to Jackson, Mississippi School for the Blind & Deaf: Wrestling, Cheer, and Performing Arts.

2/14 - Valentine's Dance, Media Center 6-8pm

2/9 through 2/11 - Short Course Weekend

2/16 & 2/19 - Holidays for Presidents' Day

3/2 - Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser at GAB

3/7 - Braille Challenge at GAB

In case you missed the opening reception...it's not too late to see our GAB student art show: ***Vision by Touch***, at Wesleyan Campus. The McCrary gallery in the Murphy Art Building open hours remain, MWF: 10-5:45 and Tues/ Th 1-6:00pm until the 19th of January .

Check us out!!



A message from our Superintendent

Dear GAB Family,

Thus begins the second semester of 2023-2024! GAB welcomes two new families to the fold, and the two young men have moved in to assert themselves as Mighty Panthers of the GAB Way. That said, balancing classes and providing IEP services necessitated rotating some students and staff. Thank you to students, staff and parents/guardians for supporting smooth transition.

In other news Hutchings Career Academy and GAB's Mrs. Tony Kimbrough, Coordinator, announce that **Emily Stiles** has been nominated as Student of the Year to represent the Teaching As A Profession Pathway. Mrs. Jennifer Davis, her instructor at Hutchings, is working with her on her application. Emily was totally surprised by the nomination! We are so excited for Emily. Congratulations to Emily and her family for this accomplishment.

Thank you to Ms. Allison Hawkins for her connections to the **Macon Civic Club**. The Macon Civic Club serves the community in many ways and contributes financially to notable charitable organizations and services. As you know, our students require activities and services that state and federal funds cannot provide by law. Other schools have booster clubs and parent organizations that raise funds for these types of activities as field trips, student dances, athletic competitions, etc., that off-set what parents/guardians pay for their students to participate. The Georgia Academy for the Blind is grateful to the **Macon Civic Club** and President, **Baxter James** for their gracious commitment and donation.



Professional Learning is designed to enhance quality of instruction, safety for self and others, and self-efficacy across life events and settings. Such is the CPR/ First Aid/AED training provided by Rachel Taylor who also trains the GAB life-guards each year. At the Georgia Academy for the Blind we are in process of ensuring that every staff person is certified in these areas. While the training is serious, and understanding life threatening events may be uncomfortable, knowledge is empowering and increases confidence that we are prepared for emergencies. Emergency response doubles or triples the opportunity for survival. In the pictures, meet Gertie, Alexa, Judy, and Gracie. Gertie is Ms. Orr's baby, and Ms. Orr is a Paraprofessional. Alexa is Ms. Milam's baby, and Ms. Milam is School-based Therapist. Judy is Mr. Byard's baby, and Mr. Byard is a Maintenance Craftsman. Gracie is my baby, and I am Superintendent. Also in our group was Ms. Stroud who is a Residential Advisor and bus driver. Together we practiced 30 compressions and 2 breaths to exhaustion for assisting an unresponsive person! Then for assisting a person who is choking we practiced 5 back blows and 5 chest/abdominal thrusts! Ms. Milam also practiced hugging and cradling Alexa in anticipation of her first grandchild to be born June 2024!



Welcome to the New Year and never-wavering dedication and commitment of **GAB staff...**

As Ever, Cindy

Short Course Weekend

February 9 - 11

2/9 Friday night is the *Night to Shine* Dance in Dublin

2/10 Events Celebrating the Chinese New Year

2/11 Recreation: swimming, bowling, & scavenger hunt

Must be 14 years old and up to participate

Registration forms go home this Friday (1/12) , with students. Please fill out and return forms with **\$10 cash** or check made out to GAB.

For questions about Short Course weekend please email:
mday@doe.k12.ga.us

NIGHT *to Shine*

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BRAILLE CHALLENGE



DATE: March 7, 2024



TIME: 8:30 - 3:00



PLACE: Georgia Academy for the Blind

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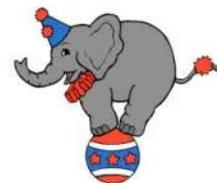
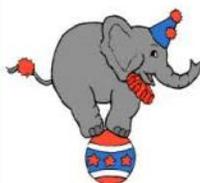


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January 2024

Birthdays

Devoneta	1/5	Shayla	1/23
Maddie	1/8	Ayden	1/24
Brayden	1/21	Jamari	1/31

