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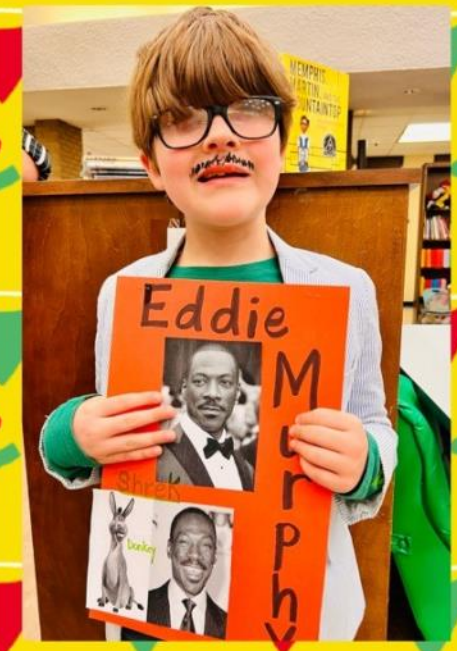
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## Mark your Calendar

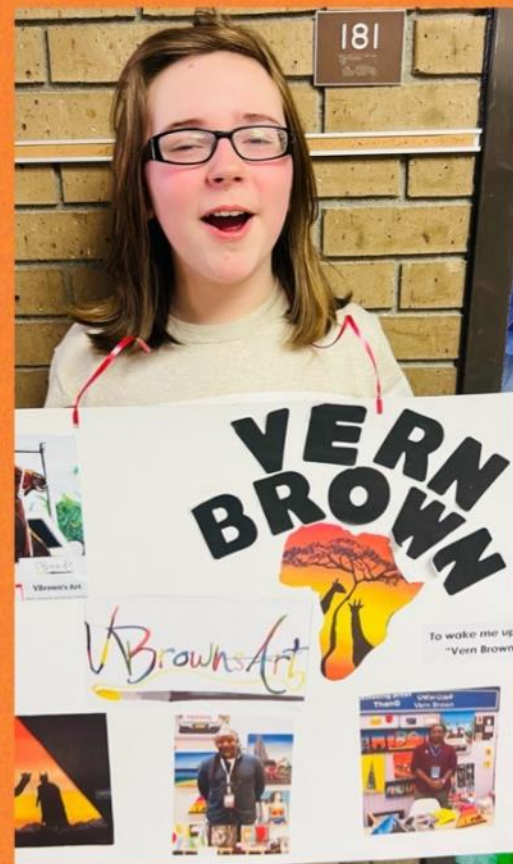
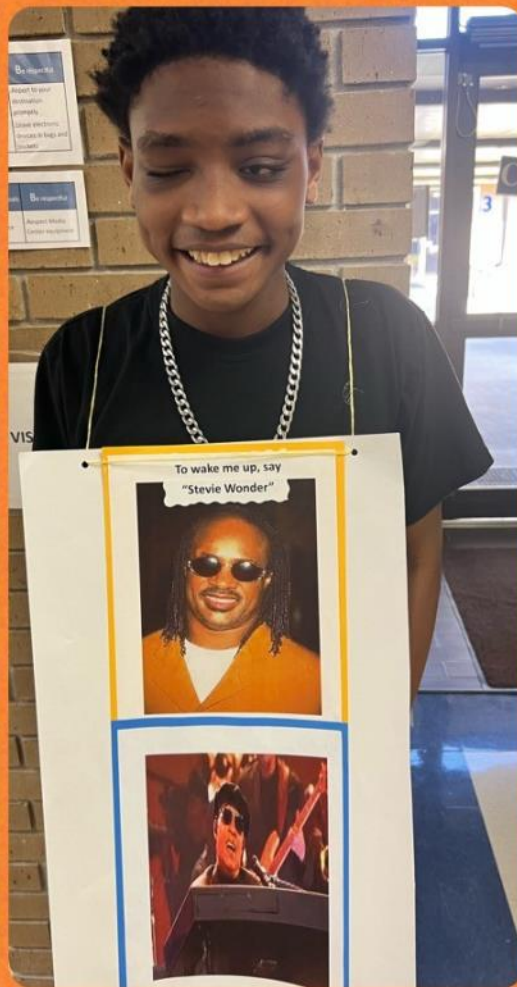
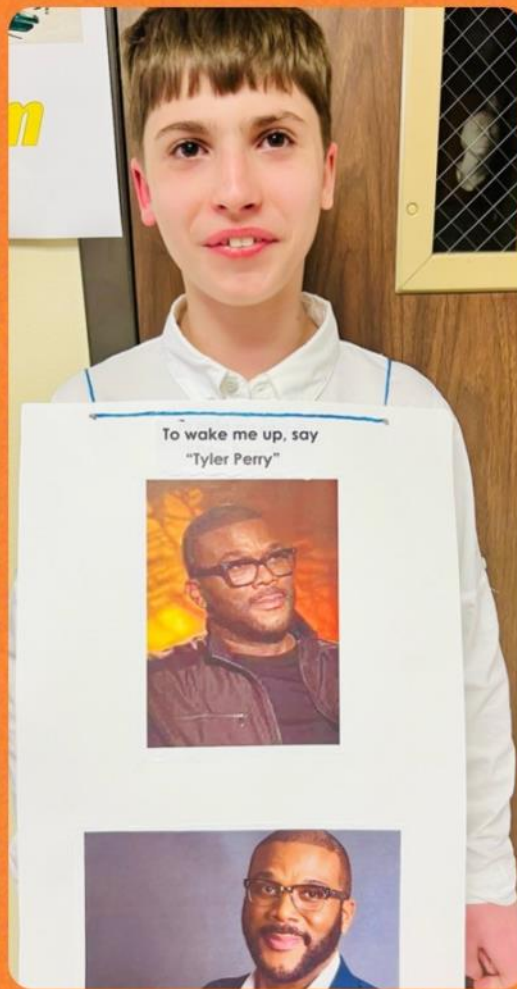
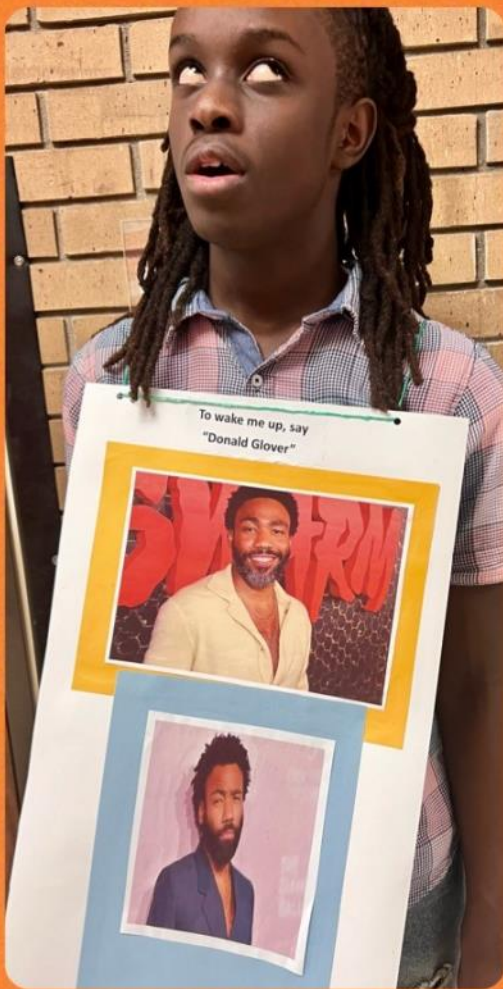
- 2/23 - Black History Program at 10:30AM
- 2/23 - School Council Meeting at 2:00pm
- 3/2 - Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser at GAB
- 3/7 - Braille Challenge at GAB
- 3/28 - Spring Concert at 10:30AM
- 3/29 through 4/5 - Spring Break
- 4/11 through 4/14 - SCASB Track & Field
- 5/9 - Spring Musical 10:30AM & 6:30PM
- 5/10 - Spring Musical 10:30AM
- 5/16 - Prom at GAB
- 5/23 - Graduation 
- 5/24 - Last Day of School



**Georgia Academy for  
the Blind celebrated  
Black History Month  
with all students  
participating by  
creating a Living Black  
History Museum...  
It was FABULOUS!**













**"Get up, stand up.  
Stand up for your rights."**

**-Bob Marley**



Adam, Lucas, Logan, Savannah

**"When the door is closed,  
don't you know, another is  
open."**

-Bob Marley



Creesh/Washington Class  
Adam, Lucas, Logan, Savannah

**Marley  
Mania**

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-Bob Marley

**"Get up, stand up.  
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-Bob Marley

**"Tell the children  
the truth."**

-Bob Marley

**\* 1945-1981**

**\* Jamaican-born Musician  
\* Reggae Superstar  
\* Highly Influential  
\* Advocate for Peace**

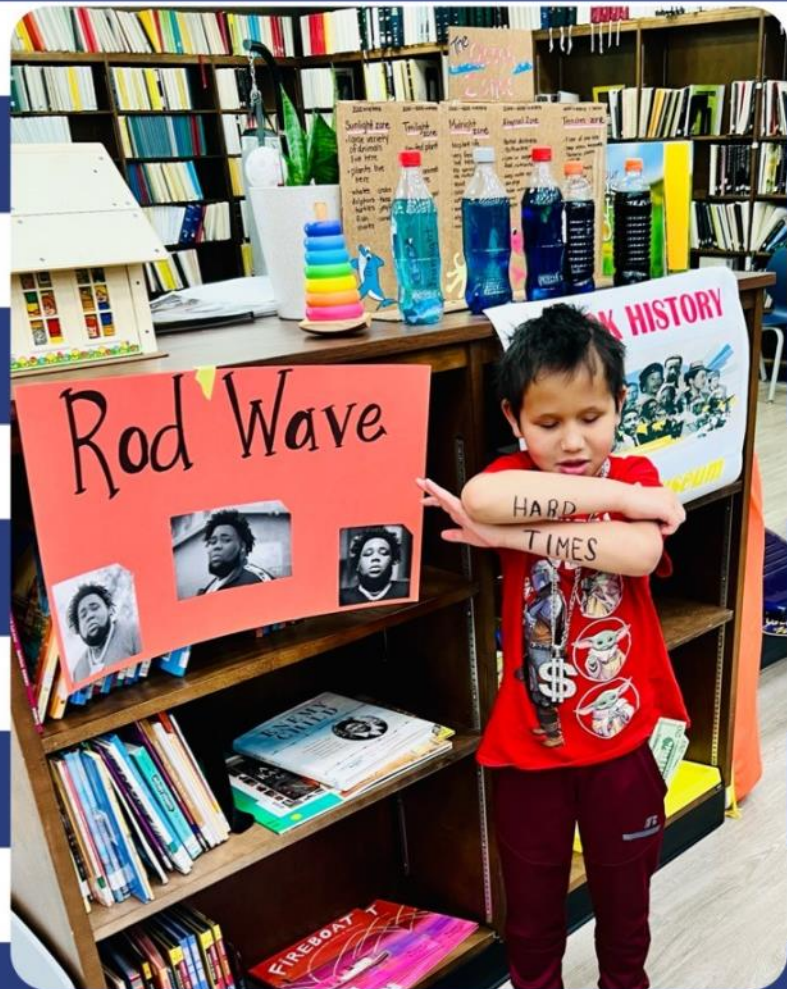
**"Love the life you live.  
Live the life you love."**

-Bob Marley

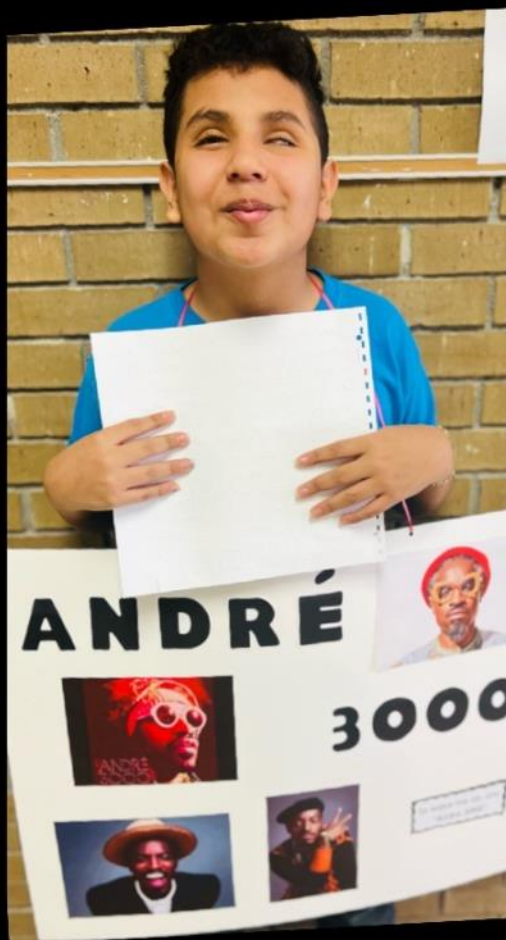
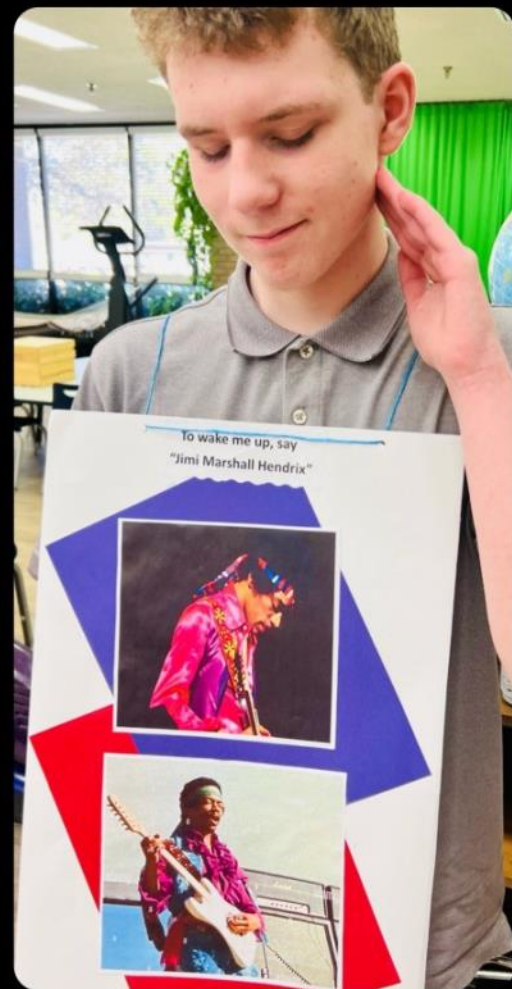
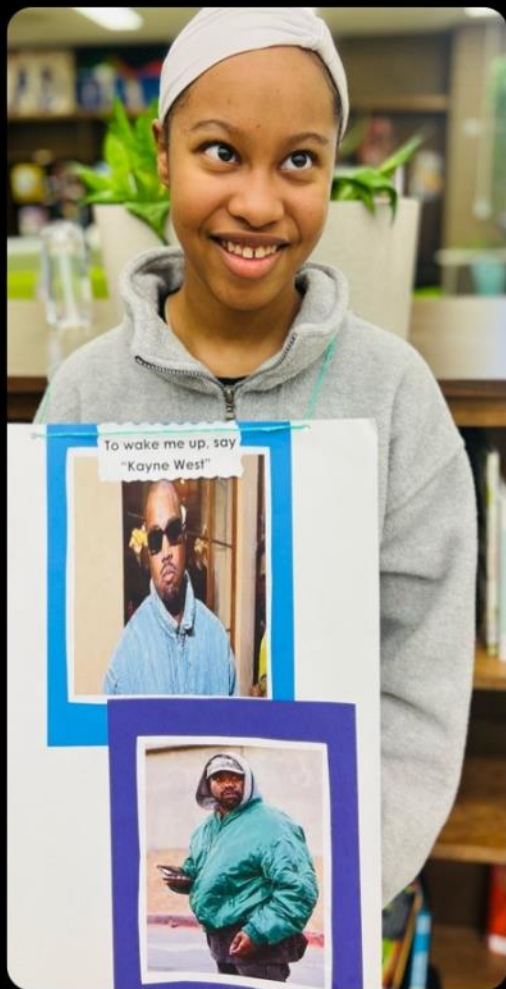
**"One good thing about  
music, when it hits, you  
feel no pain."**

-Bob Marley











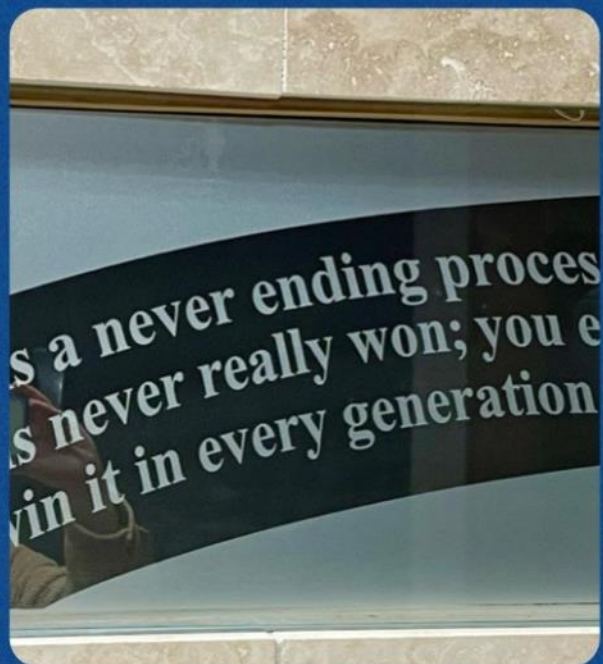
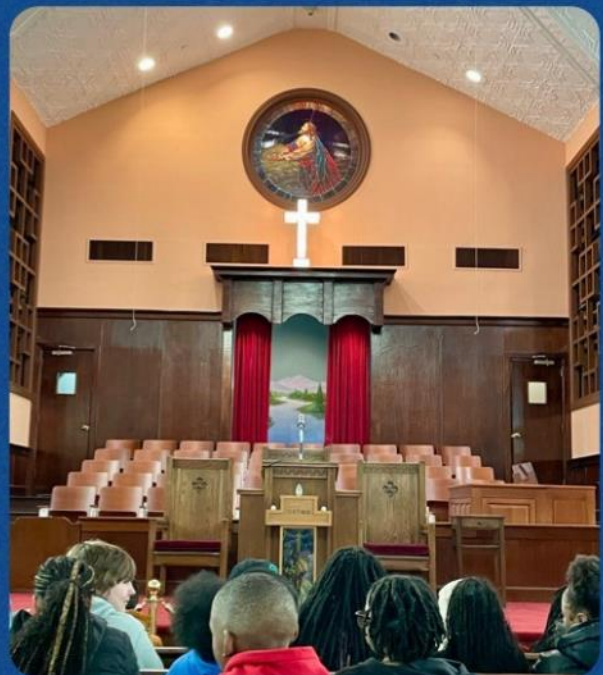
... It seemed as though I could hear the quiet assurance of an inner voice saying:  
"Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness.  
Stand up for justice.  
Stand up for truth.  
And lo, I will be with you.  
Even till the end of the world."  
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
*The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Barfield and Churchwell's classes visited the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park in Atlanta.

This field trip created an interactive experience for the students to celebrate Black History Month.









**Tuesday, High School Art students made large cyanotype murals during 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> periods, with the help of GCSU Art Professor, Matt Forrest. He provided the**

**materials, and the students (including daily Middle School students) drew on clear plastic to provide a stop-out that would protect the treated fabric from sunlight. Once processed in cold water, the exposed fabric turned dark blue. This is the process that**

**was traditionally used to make blueprints, which works well with our Architecture unit. Matt will be back to help students with individual projects as well. We love our community partners and the experiences they provide.**





Dear GAB families,

As our school's **Box Tops** for Education Coordinator, I want to thank you for all your support this year with Box Tops! We are close to achieving our earnings goal for the school year — and with your continued support, I know we can reach it!

Our goal is to earn \$100.00 through **Box Tops** this year to help with our student fund. We are currently **80%** of the way there.

Every **Box Tops** product counts towards our goal!

Let's work together to get GAB to the finish line.

If you need help with the Box Tops app, please let me know.

-Miss Layson

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**KIDS  
HEART  
CHALLENGE™**

**AMERICAN  
HEART  
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**GAB Families,**

Get ready for the American Heart Association's Heart Challenge! This year, our school will be learning about staying strong in body and mind. We'll get moving with fun activities and raise funds for the health of all hearts. Plus, they'll feel good for doing good! Remember to send colors for your child to wear on **Wellness Wednesdays**:

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - Yellow**

**Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - Purple**

Look out for the American Heart flyer in the GAB newsletter and your child's backpack. Also, download the Heart Challenge App or visit [heart.org/KHC](http://heart.org/KHC) to learn about all the ways your family can help to create a community of lifesavers by learning the lifesaving steps of Hands-Only CPR. It's quick, easy, and fun!

If you would like to make a donation, please make any checks payable to the American Heart Association and send them in a labeled envelope. Have your child turn them in to Mrs. McDavid. We will be collecting donations until February 29.

**Thank you for keeping more hearts beating strong!**

**Dawn McDavid**

**Teacher: Physical Education and Health**

**Georgia Academy for the Blind**

*Students wore  
yellow attire  
and Coach  
McDavid passed  
out bananas at  
break time!*





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## **TOURNAMENT**

To benefit the Students of GAB

**When:** Saturday, March 2, 2024

Registration 10:00 a.m.

\$40 per team of two (**cash or check**)

Tournament 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Georgia Academy for the Blind  
2895 Vineville Ave, Macon

Our tournament is sponsored by **C&W Contracting** this year.  
This an event you won't want to miss!

### **\$1000 Cash Payout:**

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$300

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$200

**Shot in the  
Dark Contest**

**Family Fun**





😱😱 My kid did **WHAT?!?!** 😱😱



### **FACTS:**

- 1) The Internet can be a very dangerous place.
- 2) Kids don't always make the best decisions.
- 3) Things posted online are permanent.

**Do you know what your children are doing online?**

**HELP IS ON THE WAY!**

### **Join us for an EMPOWERING workshop for FAMILIES!**

- Learn the dangers kids face on the internet and ways you can help protect them.
- Discuss online enticement, sextortion, and cyberbullying with professionals.
  - Take away tools to help monitor your children's online activities.
- Hear from one of our very own parents whose child was groomed by sex traffickers for two years and what unfolded when traffickers showed up at school to take her.

### **ZOOM IN**

(links coming soon)

**March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 – English & ASL**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 – English & Spanish**

**Special Agent April Griffith** works with the **Exploitation of Children and Computer Crimes Unit** of the **Georgia Bureau of Investigation** where she conducts investigations involving crimes against children on the internet and commercial sexual exploitation of children. S/A Griffith holds degrees in both Psychology and Criminal Justice and has trained local law enforcement across the state in how to deal with those that suffer from mental illness, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases.



# 😱😱 Mi hijo hizo **¿QUÉ???** 😱😱



## HECHOS:

- 1) Internet puede ser un lugar muy peligroso.
- 2) Los niños no siempre toman las mejores decisiones.
- 3) Las cosas publicadas en línea son permanentes.

## **¿Sabes qué hacen tus hijos en línea?**

### **¡Únase a nosotros en un taller para EMPODERAR a las FAMILIAS!**

- Conozca los peligros que enfrentan los niños y jóvenes en Internet y las formas en que usted puede protegerlos.
- Hable sobre la incitación en línea, la sextorsión y el ciberacoso con profesionales.
  - Tome las herramientas para ayudar a monitorear las actividades en línea de sus hijos.
- Escuche a uno de nuestros propios padres cuya hija fue involucrada emocionalmente por traficantes sexuales durante dos años y lo que ocurrió cuando los traficantes aparecieron en la escuela para

## **¡LA AYUDA ESTÁ EN CAMINO!**

### **Por ZOOM**

(enlaces próximamente)

5 de marzo – 7:30 pm – en inglés y en ASL

7 de marzo – 7:30 pm – en inglés y en español

La agente especial April Griffith trabaja con la Unidad de Explotación Infantil y Delitos Informáticos de la Oficina de Investigaciones de Georgia, donde lleva a cabo investigaciones sobre delitos contra niños en Internet y explotación sexual comercial de niños. S/A Griffith tiene títulos en Psicología y Justicia Penal y ha capacitado a las autoridades locales en todo el estado sobre cómo tratar con quienes padecen enfermedades mentales, discapacidades del desarrollo y enfermedades adictivas.



# February 2024

## Birthdays

Ryder	2/2	Brian	2/6
Jayden	2/2	Arianna	2/11
Elisha	2/3	Ambria	2/18
Kailyn	2/4	Roni	2/22
		Dorrian	2/24

