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! * just added!

*September 30: Goalball games: GAB Vs Alabama School for the Blind, 12:00 pm, GAB Gym

*October 5 Walk at school day

October 8: Zumba Dance Party (details on page 4) 4 p.m. in GAB’s gym

October 14: Georgia PINES Family Fun Day in Macon, 10 am, 1 pm (details on page 3)

October 12-14: APH Insights Art Exhibit, Louisville, KY

October 16-20: Student Fall Break

*October 22 Blind and Beyond Radio Show

*November 5 Daylight Saving Time 2017 ends Turn your clocks back one hour

November 9: Senior Fundraising Dinner

November 10: School Council Meeting, 1:00 pm

November 16: South Fulton Drop in RPM (Regional Parent/Guardian Meeting) 5:30-7:30

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break


December 22- January 5: Winter Holiday

March 26-30: Spring Break

April 2: Easter Holiday

April 5: Prom

April 19-22 SCASB

April 26-29: Senior Trip

May 25: Graduation

check out our website to view the entire calendar for 2017-18 school year: http://www.gabmacon.org/files/_bGCSQ_/4e91ae56587d77f23745a49013852ec4/Final_2017-2018_Calendar.pdf
Word for the Quarter: RESPONSIBILITY – Taking care of self and others; to carry out a duty or task carefully and thoroughly.

Words for the week: RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT – The conservation and care of one’s surroundings.

Senior Fundraiser Opportunities!

- Chick Fil Calendars are now on sale! Contact a senior class member or any staff member to buy yours!
  - Don’t forget the senior fundraiser and silent auction scheduled November 9!
    - Hustler Raptor Mower Raffle tickets go on sale next week!

Stay tuned!

Media Center News!

We have enjoyed celebrating Banned Books Week in the Media Center!

The books featured during Banned Books Week have all been targeted with removal or restrictions in libraries and schools. While books have been and continue to be banned, part of the Banned Books Week celebration is the fact that, in a majority of cases, the books have remained available. This happens only thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, students, families, and community members who stand up and speak out for the freedom to read. “We have always liked banning. And Hitler and his cohorts started banning books and then to killing people. You have got to be very careful of banning. What you ban is not going to hurt anybody, usually. But the act of banning is.” 2000 -Madeleine L’Engle, author of A Wrinkle in Time

DON’T FORGET Updates about the media center can be found on GAB’s Media Center Twitter gab_library Mrs. Kim Smith, Media Specialist ksmith@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-751-6083 ext 1280

Orientation and Mobility Tips

Vocabulary Word for the Week: Alley - a narrow passageway between or behind buildings that are less traveled. Alleys may be made up of gravel, soil, or asphalt. synonym: backstreet

O&M Tip for the Week:

Please mention to your child when you are driving through an alley, or if walking, mention that you are crossing an alley.

Always mention that alleys may not be a safe place to walk through alone.
Event: 2017 Georgia PINES Family Fun Day in Macon

Date: October 14, 2017
Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Location: Greenwood School of Music 5996 Forsyth Road, Macon, GA 31210

Who: Georgia PINES and State Schools families with children age 3-grade 3 in central, eastern, western, and southern Georgia. Some metro counties are included.

What: Fun at a beautiful park-like yard at the Greenwood Music School. Come join us for this day designed to bring families and Parent Advisors together to meet, greet, and socialize with other families in the area.

We will provide a light breakfast and lunch for all. If you would like to attend, please contact Sonya Milam (smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303) to complete an application.

- Light breakfast
- Meet/Greet Activity
- Fun Stations
- Lunch/Socialize/Share

This event is sponsored by Georgia Academy for the Blind & Greenwood School of Music

PROM FUNDRAISER!
Zumba Dance Party

October 8, 2017, 4:00 pm
Georgia Academy for the Blind Gym
Instructor: Janice Shepherd, IAmFitness Founder
GAB Contact: Lauren Eckman (478-751-6083)
$10 Donations Requested

We are approaching a deadline to send in our box tops! We need your help to collect at least 400 box tops before October 25. This is only 6 weeks away. We spend the funds given from box tops on field trips. Send in any box tops NOW, don’t wait to get a bundle. Thanks for your help. Ms. Layson, slayson@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-751-6087, ext 1200
This Week in Pictures!

Above, right and left: Transition Cottage Students Practicing Their Daily Living Skills of Food Preparation and Housekeeping

Below, right and left: GAB’s Night to Shine!

Six high school Work Based Learning students, including Project Search interns, our faculty Transition Team and Superintendent speaking to members of the State Board of Education, our State Schools Director, and Georgia’s State School Superintendent.