Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind will provide 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. **Success! Nothing Less!**

April 17: Easter Holiday
April 18: Special Olympics
April 19 – 24: SCASB in Texas (Track and Field)
April 25-26: Milestones Testing: High School, English/Language Arts
April 27 – Milestones Testing: High School, Math
April 26: Help a Child Smile Mobile Dental Clinic
April 27-30: Senior Trip
May 2-3: Milestones Testing: High School, Science & Social Studies
May 9: Memorial for Ebonnyse Stafford, 9 a.m., Sensory Garden
May 15: Mother’s Day Holiday
May 26: Last day of school and Graduation

It is with great pleasure that the graduating class of 2017 announces our Commencement Speaker for our Graduation Ceremony....... **Mr. Brian Oglesbee, Teacher and Golf Coach, founder of Vision Without Sight**

Mr. Oglesbee lost his vision at age 16. With the help of his parents, some creative teachers, a year at GAB, and his perseverance, he was able to be a successful high school student. After graduation, he enrolled at the University of Georgia. He worked in the assistive technology lab where he helped students with technology. Today, Mr. Oglesbee is an **American Government and Economics teacher** and coach to the golf team at Upson – Lee High School in Thomaston, GA where he encourages his students to work to overcome any obstacle. The public is invited to our graduation ceremony on **Friday, May 26 at 11 am** in the Georgia Academy for the Blind Auditorium.

The spring plant sell has begun! See pages 4-5 of this newsletter for price list. Greenhouse hours are 8-4 Contact Mr. Keith Blackwell, kblackwell@doe.k12.ga.us (478) 751-6083, extension 7110. **REMEMBER, you must come to the office to get a visitor’s badge before going to greenhouse.**

Check out his website: [http://visionwithoutsightgroup.com/index.html](http://visionwithoutsightgroup.com/index.html)
Wisdom is knowing what to do. Skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it!

Character Education
Word of the quarter: **INTEGRITY** Steadfast adherence to a strict cod of moral, ethical and artistic values; to consistently be truthful and fair.

Word of the week: **VIRTUE** Moral excellence; goodness.

**This week in pictures:**

Mrs. Edenfield’s class went “rock climbing” at Amerson River Park with Mr. Hudgins on an O&M trip.

They also threw rocks into the river from the pavilion. They listened to the difference in the splashes and judged if the rocks were large or small and near or far.

Mrs. Barfield’s class with carrots planted at GAB’s Greenhouse!

Are you ready for the Easter Bunny!?
Residential Life’s Spring Festival

Thanks to everyone who made Wednesday night such a successful night of fun and food with friends!
Spring Plant Sale List

Annual Flowers

**Impatiens** 6 pack- $2.00 (mixed colors annual flower for the shade)

**Begonia Bronze Leaf** 6 pack- $2.00 (mixed colors annual flower)

**Geranium** 6 inch pot- $3.00 (annual flower colors available are red and white)

**Vinca** 6 pack- $2.00 (annual flower colors available are red, white, and purple)

**Coleus** 6 pack- $2.00 (mixed colorful foliage annual bedding or accent plant)

**Zinnia** 4 inch pot- $1.00 (annual flower mixed colors)

**Flowering Tobacco** 4 inch pot- $1.00/ 6 pack $2.00 (annual flower mixed colors)

**Celosia** 6 pack- $2.00 (annual flower mixed colors)

**Marigold** 6 pack- $2.00 (annual flower mixed yellow and orange)

**Moonflower** 6 inch pot- $2.00 (annual white flowering vine)

**Herbs**

**Rosemary** 1 gal pot- $4.00 (perennial herb grows into woody shrub)

**Cuban Oregano** 6 inch pot- $2.00 (annual herb variegated foliage vigorous growing)

**Citronella (Mosquito) Plant** 6 inch pot- $3.00 (annual herb leaves deter mosquitoes)

**English Thyme** 4 inch pot- $0.50 (perennial herb)

**Common Oregano** 4 inch pot $0.50 (perennial herb)

**Dolce Fresca Basil** 4 inch pot- $1.00 (annual herb)

**Large Leaf Basil** 4 inch pot- $1.00 (annual herb)

**Purple Leaf Basil** 4 inch pot- $0.50 (annual herb)

**Mexican Tarragon** 6 pack- $0.50 (annual herb)

**Lemon Balm** 4 inch pot- $1.00 (perennial herb)

**Common Oregano** 4 inch pot- $0.50 (perennial herb)

**Vegetables**

**Tomato** Celebrity variety (larger slicing tomato) 4 inch pot-$1.00

Better Boy variety (larger slicing tomato) 4 inch pot- $1.00

Juliet variety (grape tomato) 4 inch pot- $1.00

Lemon boy (yellow tomato) 4 inch pot- $1.00

Chocolate Cherry (deep purple cherry tomato) 4 inch pot- $1.00

Chef’s Choice (orange tomato) 4 inch pot- $1.00
Eggplant 4 inch pot- $1.00 (transplant for home garden)
Squash 4 inch pot- $1.00 (transplant for home garden)
Cucumber 4 inch pot- $1.00 (transplant for home garden)
Peppers (Jalapeno, Thai hot, sweet banana, cayenne are available) 4 inch pot- $1.00
Okra 4 inch pot- $1.00 (transplant for home garden)
Zucchini 4 inch pot- $1.00 (transplant for home garden)

Houseplants

Boston Fern hanging basket- $6.00
Aloe Vera (houseplant) in pots-$4.00-9.00
Snake Plant (houseplant) in pot $3.00
Spider plant in hanging basket variegated or green (houseplant)- $6.00
African Milk Tree 1 gal. $3.00 (succulent house plant)
Purple heart (Wandering Jew) in hanging basket- $6.00
Cuban Oregano in hanging basket- $6.00

Perennials

Shasta Daisy 4 inch pot- $1.00
Spider Lily in quart (native perennial)- $3.00
Lantana 6 inch pot-$3.00 (available white trailing, gold low growing, and orange shrub like perennial)
Black Eyed Susan 4 inch pot- $1.00
Lamb’s Ear 4 inch pot- $1.00
Confederate Jasmine 6 inch pot- $2.00 (perennial evergreen vine with fragrant flowers)
Butterfly Bush 6 inch pot- $3.00 (semi-evergreen shrub with purple flowers)
Purple Heart 1 gal pot- $3.00
Daylily 1 gal pot- $3.00
Confederate Rose 3 gal. $4.00 (large shrub like perennial with large pink flowers in the fall)
Big Leaf Hydrangea (variegated) 1 gal. $3.00
Chaste Tree (Vitex) 3 gal $6.00
Azaleas 3 gal. (pink, purple, light pink)- $5.00
Crape Myrtle 3 gal. $5.00
Abelia 3 gal. $5.00

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