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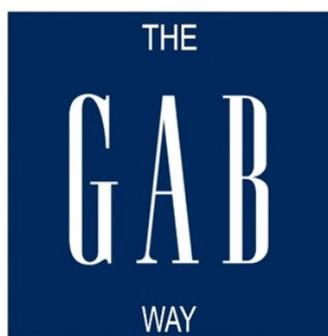
Georgia Academy for the Blind - GAB



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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. *Check out this student produced video featuring this Mission Statement:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRrbhkGSe98>



Give it your best
Achieve your goals
Be respectful

Mark your Calendar
Our next holiday is:

Thanksgiving Break
11/23—11/27



No Thanksgiving is complete without a turkey at the table—and a nap right after it's eaten. The meat has a bad reputation for making eaters sleepy, but is there really science to back that up? Here's the lowdown: turkey contains the amino acid L-tryptophan, which produces sleep-promoting serotonin and melatonin.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

This newsletter is published by our Parent Mentor/Family Engagement Specialist, Jennifer Minter. Please send your ideas, news and resources in your community to her: JMinter@doe.k12.ga.us or call **478-262-3303**. ***Please remember to contact her if you've had a change in address, phone number and/or email!***

A message from our Superintendent



Dear GAB Family,

At this time of year we pause to reflect on all of our blessings for which we are most thankful. Number One on many lists is being with family and (almost) surviving 2020! As you can see from our pictures, we are thriving together and in-person at GAB, so thankful to be able to be together and carry on. Our traditional Thanksgiving feasts are not the true GAB-over-the-top Way, but exceedingly creative to comply with pandemic safety requirements. Just know that GAB staff are unstoppable in the face of adversity!

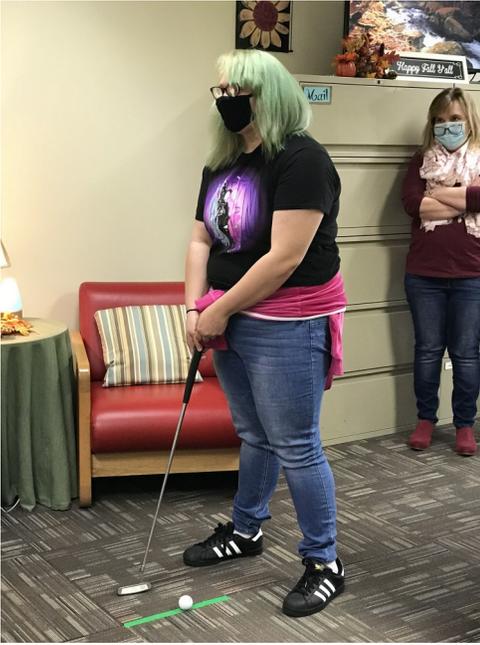
We can also be thankful for freedom of choice. The majority of our students are attending onsite classes, but some chose the virtual format. I am pleased to confirm that both are working well, and student/family satisfaction with instructional models is key to student participation and achievement. We appreciate our “Virtual” families and salute you for your efforts with technology working remotely. We will confirm onsite/online options that will be effective January 2021 in the next couple of weeks. Any student who has been doing virtual instruction but has already planned to return onsite in January has probably shared that in IEP meetings; however, please help us by making sure the case manager is aware of your plan.

For everyone’s information, we want all students to take their needed technology home over the holidays just in case an event should arise that would require our school to be 100% virtual. There is no reason to expect that will happen at this time, but there are factors beyond our control.

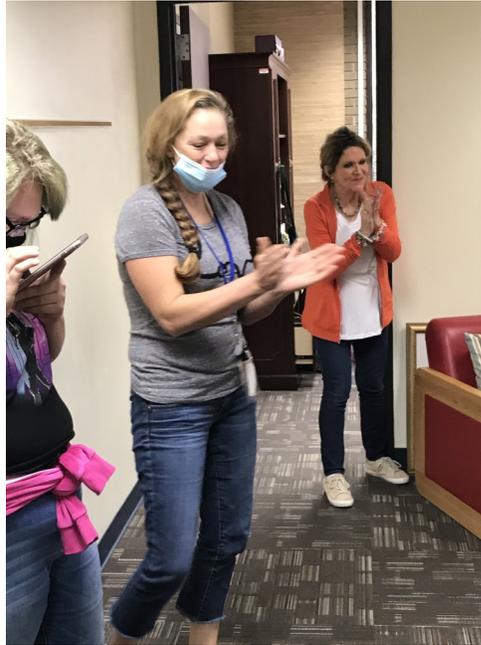
Happy Thanksgiving to you all. Enjoy a safe and healthy vacation. GAB is thankful for you!

Always,

Cindy



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stickies
25% recycled
recyclable easel pad
Cahiers de feuilles pour chevalet
repositionnables
18 x 24 pouces

The Master's Putt for Jeans Leader Board

Jennifer Minter	-4
Gene Collins	-2
Michelle Bowfield	-2
Deborah Ezell	-1
Officer Caldwell	-2
Cindy Alligood	-3
Dawn McDavid	-3
Catie Holloway	-3



Ms. Allison (Occupational Therapist) & Ms. Chelsea (Speech Therapist) helped Mr. English's and Ms. Brown's classes create a Thanksgiving dinner. They worked with students on kitchen skills in the GAB café.



Hello GAB Panthers,

November 17, 2020

I am still collecting BOX TOPS for the school. There are still two ways to collect as of now. Below is an example of the old BOX TOPS. You can choose to still cut out and send to me at school, or you can choose to upload the BOX TOP app and scan your receipt if you bought items that have BOX TOPS. If you chose not to load the app, I will be glad to scan your receipt so just send it in with your student and I will get it done. Thank you, Ms. Layson

THE OLD: BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school. **Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school.** Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.(SEE ABOVE)

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

November Birthdays

11/2	Peyton	11/13	Jamison
11/2	Ja'Miyah	11/20	De'andre
11/8	Jackson	11/22	Terrence
11/8	Chris O.	11/23	Clay

