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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>

## Mark Your Calendars

March 5 – Braille Challenge at GAB!

March 23 – 27: Paraprofessional & Residential Advisor Appreciation Week

March 27: Spring Program- Reynolds Auditorium

March 28-30: New York Trip, Mrs. Holloway

March 30 - April 3 : Spring Break Week – **Holiday**

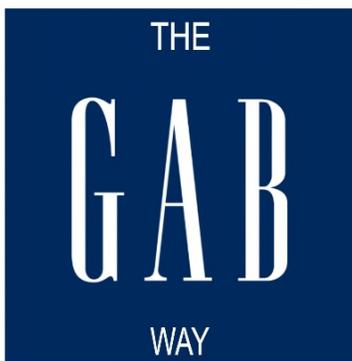
April 9: Prom Night at GAB

April 13: Monday after Easter – **Holiday**

April 30 – May 3: Senior Trip

May 20: Graduation at GAB

May 22: Last day of School



Give it your best  
Achieve your goals  
Be respectful

**FEBRUARY:**



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](mailto:JMinter@doe.k12.ga.us), 478-262-3303. **Please remember to contact her if you've had a change in address, phone number and/or email!**

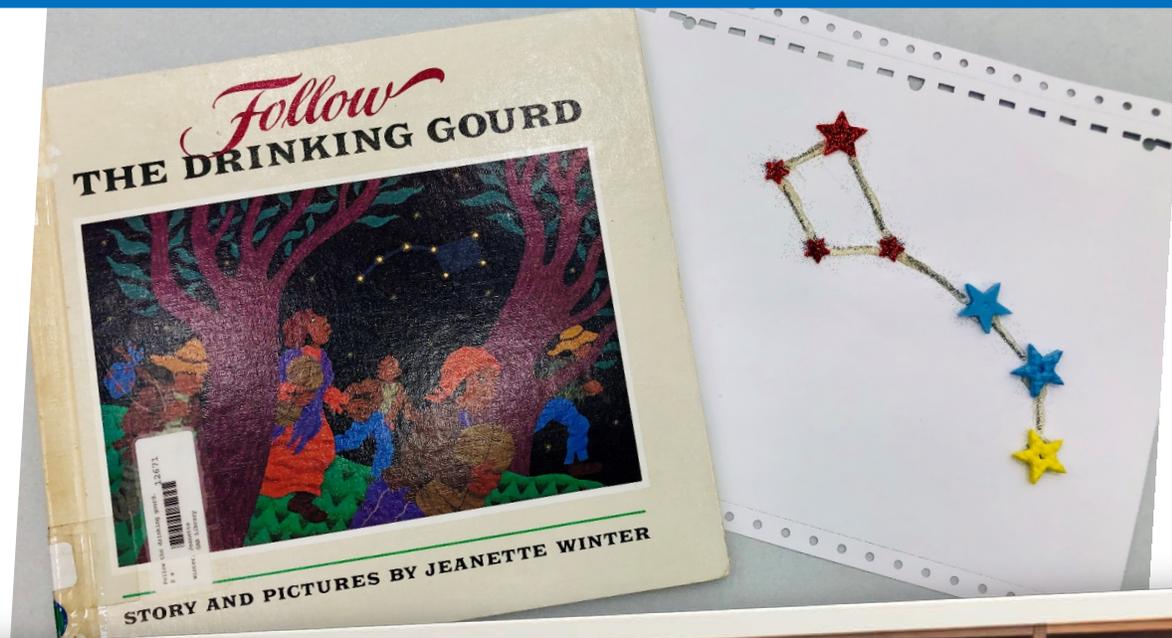


KIDS HEART CHALLENGE?

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We kicked off the **KIDS Heart Challenge** on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> with Melissa Taylor from the American Heart Association. She introduced the **KIDS Heart Challenge** to students and explained how the program focuses on whole body wellness, helping students improve their own health and better their character while raising life-saving donations for the American Heart Association to help kids facing heart-health issues. Funding raising packets went home this week and are due back by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, email Cindy Alligood: [CAlligood@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:CAlligood@doe.k12.ga.us)

This week in library class, fifth grade students learned about the Underground Railroad by reading, *Follow the Drinking Gourd*. They also listened to the folksong of the same name that actually contains hidden directions for following the Underground Railroad. The Drinking Gourd is the Big Dipper constellation, which points to the North Star. A tactile graphic of the constellation was created to allow students who are blind to imagine what it looks like in the night sky. Happy Black History Month!



# Celebrating Black History Month:

We have many different books to choose from in our Media Center!



# Georgia Academy for the Blind

# Braille Challenge

Date: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Time: 8:30 – 3:00

Place: Georgia Academy for the Blind

2895 Vineville Ave. 31204

Macon Georgia



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## Georgia Academy for the Blind Braille Challenge T-shirt Order Form

**ORDER DEADLINE: 2-21-2020**

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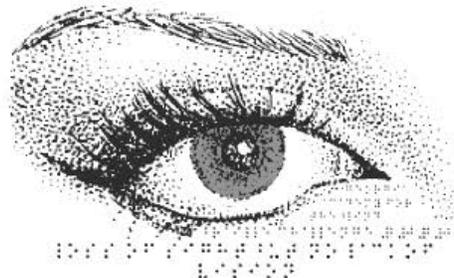


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Brian M.	2/6
JaQavious	2/7
Aschmid	2/11
DaQuan	2/15
Ambria	2/18
Roni	2/22
Dorrian	2/24
Kayla	2/24

