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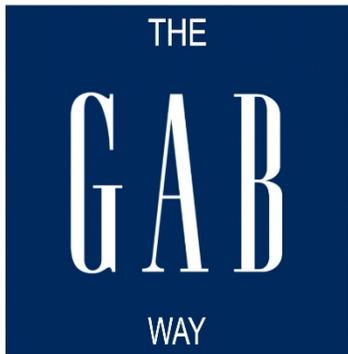


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Mission Statement: The Georgia Academy for the Blind provides quality education services to Georgia's students with visual impairments and/or visual impairments in conjunction with other disabilities to prepare them to achieve their highest level of 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>



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Text your student's name and your name to 478-262-3303 and you will be subscribed to *Family Engagement @ GAB.*

Mark Your Calendars

February 14: HAPPY VALENTINES DAY !!!

February 17: Presidents' Day - **Holiday**

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

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, 478-262-3303. **Please remember to contact her if you've had a change in address, phone number and/or email!**

GAB VALENTINE'S DANCE 2020!

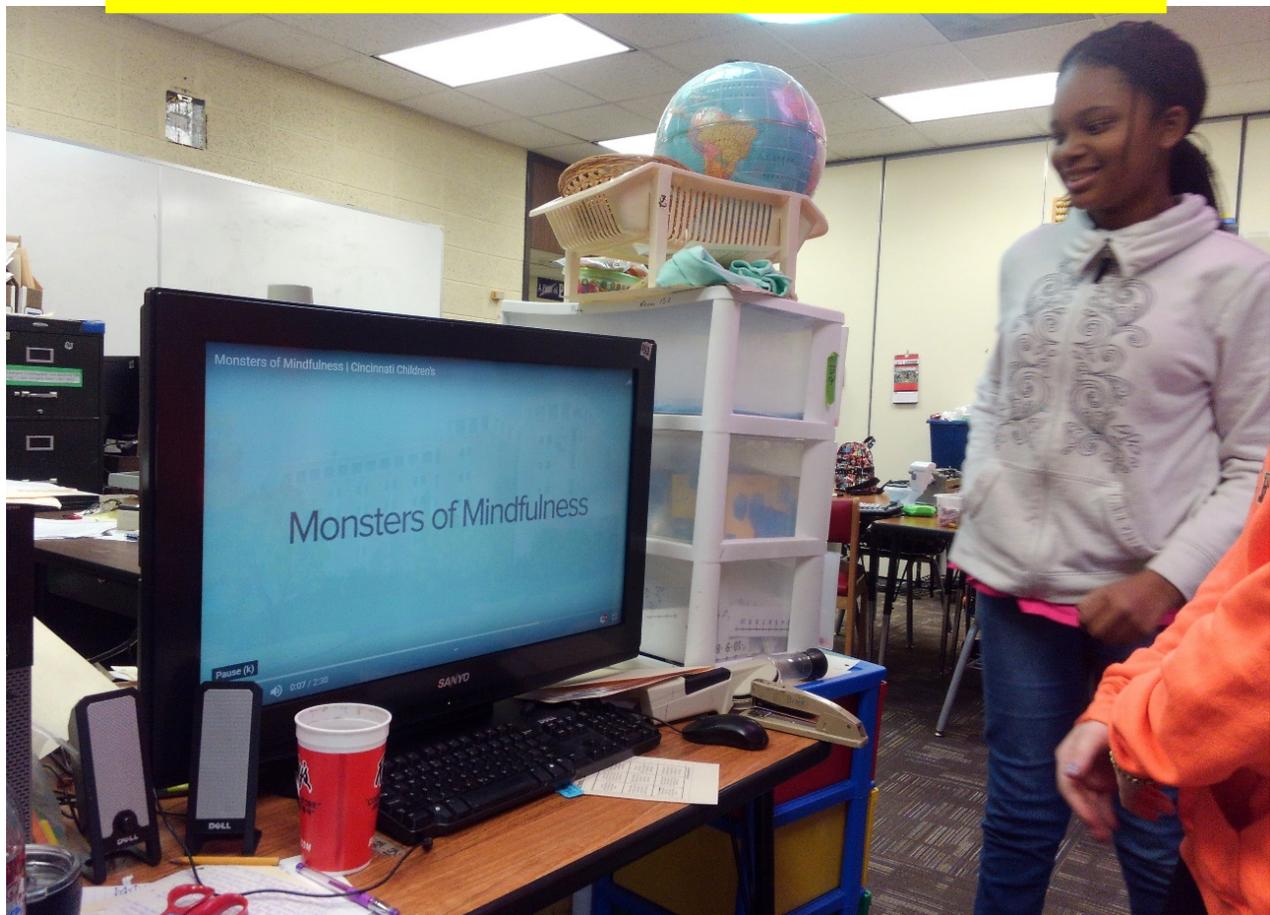


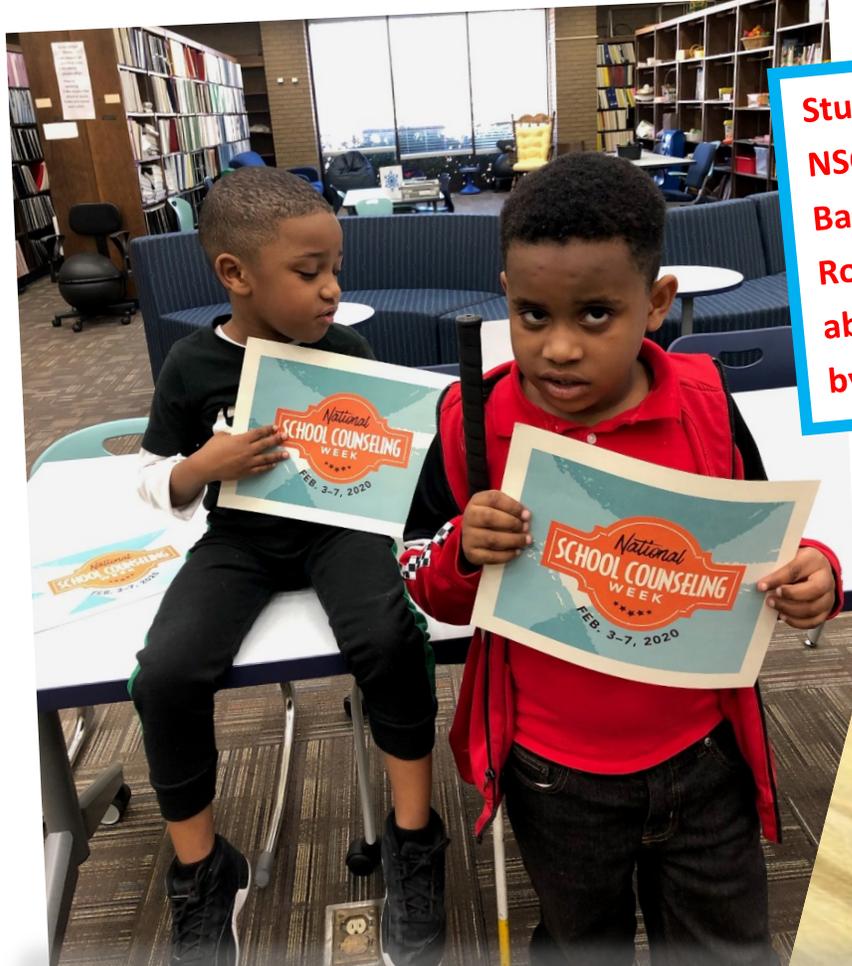
The annual EECC Valentine's Day dance was a huge success at GAB! A big thank you to all of the GAB staff who came and helped Ms. Lynch and Ms. Brown make the dance so special. A special big thanks to Mr. Guest who was our awesome DJ for the evening, and the wonderful volunteers from Wells Fargo, for setting up and running the photo booth.

Celebrating National School Counselor Week!

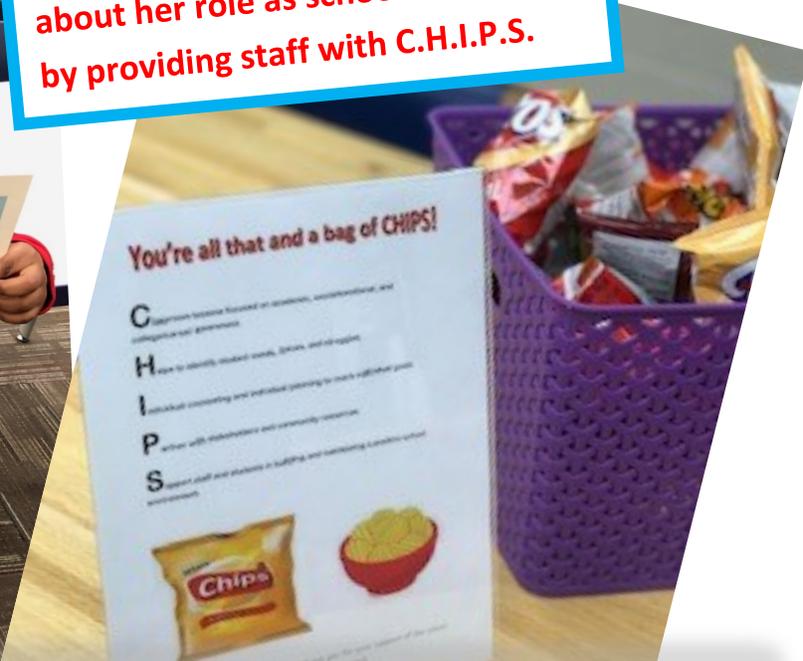


Last week NSCW kicked off Monday with “Mindfulness Monday”. Pictured is Mr. Guest’s class engaging in a mindfulness activity.





Students took pictures with the NSCW sign. Pictured is Mrs. Barfield's class. Also, Mrs. Robinson increased awareness about her role as school counselor by providing staff with C.H.I.P.S.



World of Work Wednesday

Students participated by sharing what careers they are interested in and why. Some student feedback included:

Jesse C.- "When I grow up I will be a football player...because I love football and football is my favorite sport to do."

Destiny B.- "I want to be a web designer because I love to create things on the computer."

Kayleigh- "I am interested in being a janitor because I like being in a clean environment."

Roni- "I want to work as a cosmetologist (hair) because I like working with people and making them happy."

Josh - "Voice actor. A lot of things that I do in my spare time have to do with voice acting because they're everywhere. From my research it seems like a really fun job to be able to portray characters without having to show your face. Spelling, reading, and theatre are all skills I need to study in school to help."

Hope - "To be an artist. Mrs. Applebee's class can help me learn these skills. In her class, we learn things like geometry, history, and culture."

Miyah - "Rapper, It's fun, I started when I was 7, and I get to talk about interesting things and what happened in my past life. ELA class can help because we learn about poetry, lyrics, rhyme, and spelling."

James - "armored car driver. It would be cool to deliver the money! I need to know how to navigate and read street signs, maps, and distance."

Tristen - "Firefighter. Honking the horn and supporting the other firefighters would be really neat. I also like the sounds it makes. I need my O&M skills to help figure out the layout of the truck."

Ayden - wants to be a cowboy because they help raise animals.

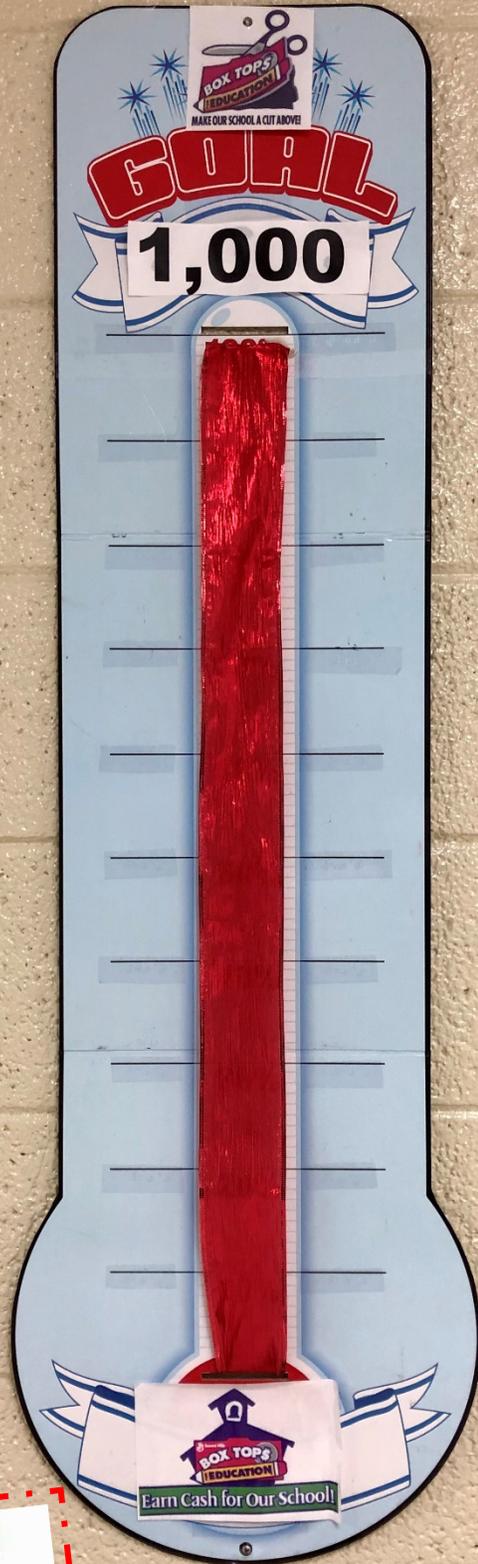


On Thursday, 2/6, GAB participated in National School Counseling Week with “Thoughtful Thursday”.

Teachers and staff wrote anonymous notes of encouragement to their colleagues that were delivered by GAB School Counselor, Mrs. Robinson. Students participated by completing the statement “My school counselor helps me be better by...” and submitted meaningful feedback such as:

- giving advice about college
- helping me in certain situations
- pushing me to achieve my goals
- encouraging me to try new things
- talking to me when I’m having a bad day
- giving me words of encouragement
- teaching me different things and how to handle different problems





Thanks for all the hard work on collecting Box Tops. We met our goal of 1,000 Box Tops at the end of December. This gives us \$100.00 deposited into our student account. A big thanks to so many who scan their receipts using the Box Tops App. Each item you purchase with a Scan Box Top you can use the Box Tops App to scan your receipt and it gives us .10 cents per item deposited in our school Box Top account. We have received almost 100 Box Tops using the scan receipt method. Please continue to look for products with the Box Tops. We still are collecting Box Tops that you cut them off the products. Please send in any Box Tops you have collected and send them in **immediately**. We need to send those to the company before **February 28th** to receive our money!

Scan your receipt on the Box Tops app for a chance to win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for our school!

Sweepstakes begins 2/3/20 and ends 3/2/20.

WHO WANTS A \$10.00 GIFT CARD FROM WALMART?

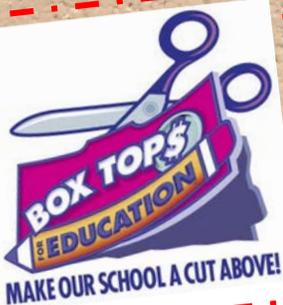
WELL, NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION HERE ARE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.

COLLECT ALL THE BOX TOPS YOU CAN UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY. I WILL COLLECT ALL THE BOX TOPS ON MAY 8, 2020. THE PERSON WITH THE MOST CUT COLLECTED BOX TOPS WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT CARD. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CUT AND COLLECT.

If you have any questions, please email me at slayson@doe.k12.ga.us

Thanks,

Ms. Layson



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

