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Mark your Calendars

1/4 - Happy Birthday, Louis Braille!

1/19 - MLK Jr. Holiday

1/22 through 1/25 - SCASB (South Central

Association of Schools for the Blind) Wrestling &

Cheer tournament will be hosted by Louisiana

School for Visually Impaired in Baton Rouge, LA

2/6 - Next school council meeting @1pm

3/19 - BRAILLE CHALLENGE AT GAB,

**THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS:
FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

DIGGING THE CODE



Join us for *Braille Challenge*

on March 19th, 2026 at

Georgia Academy for the Blind

Save the date -

scan the QR code to register:





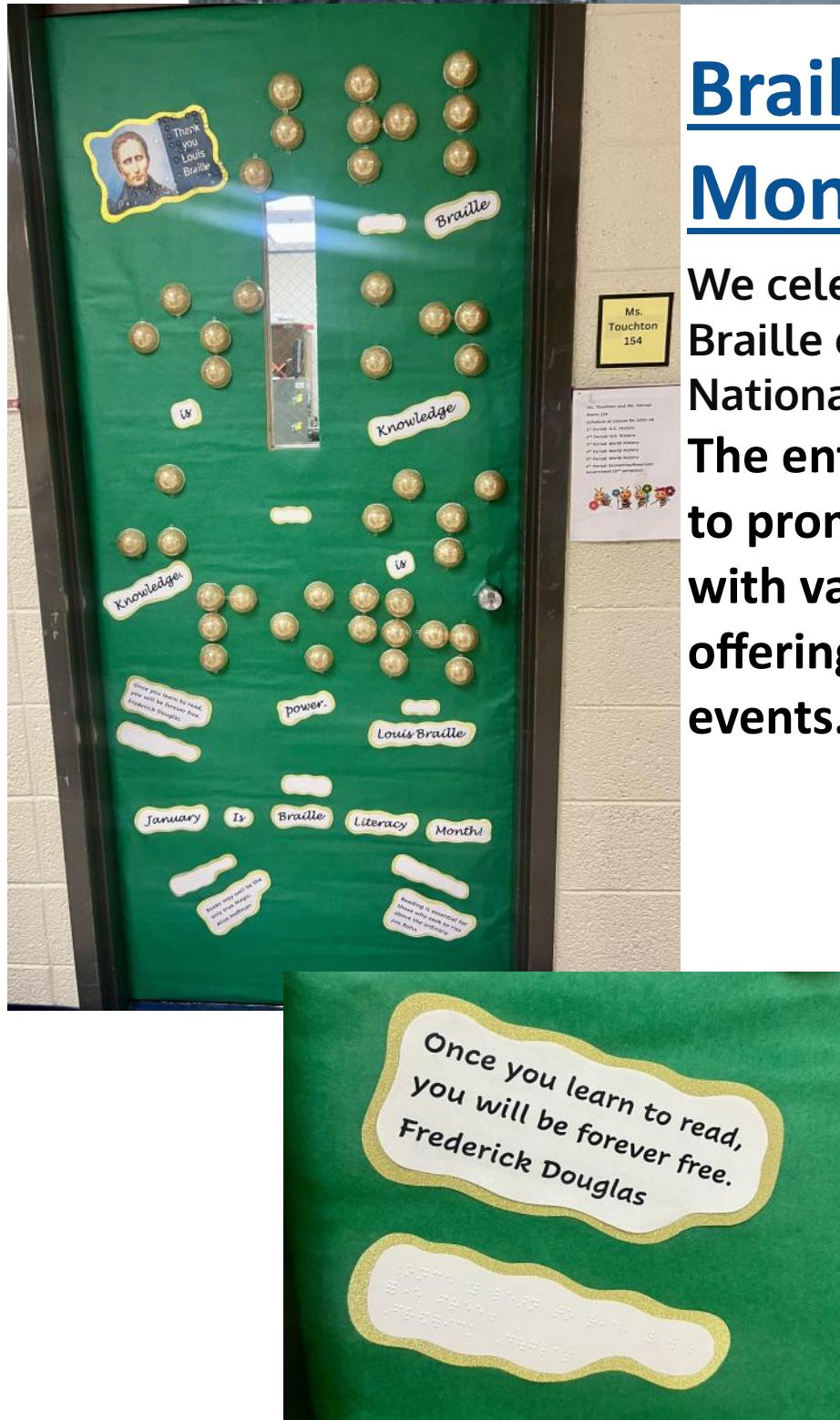
GAB
welcomes 2
new students!



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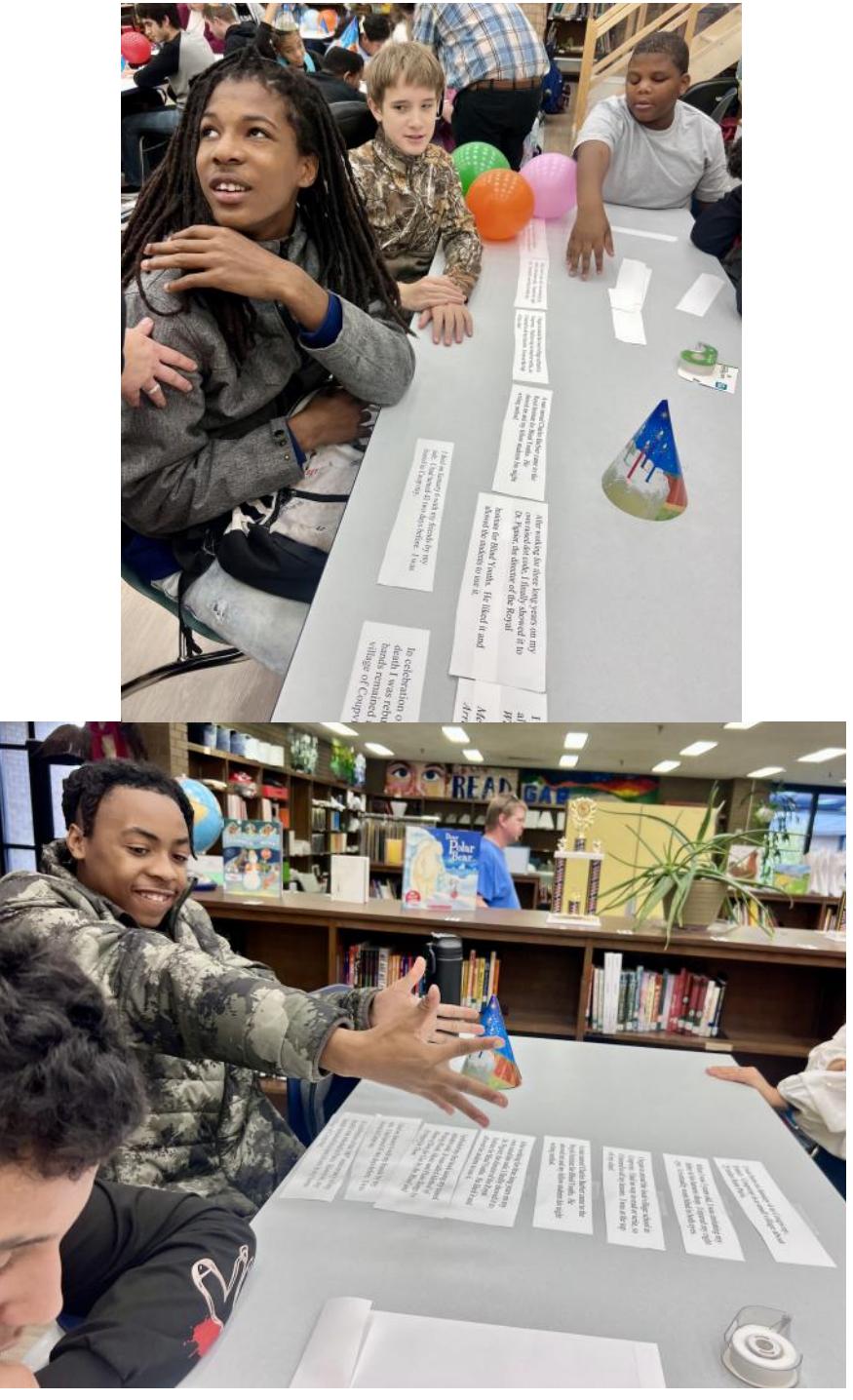
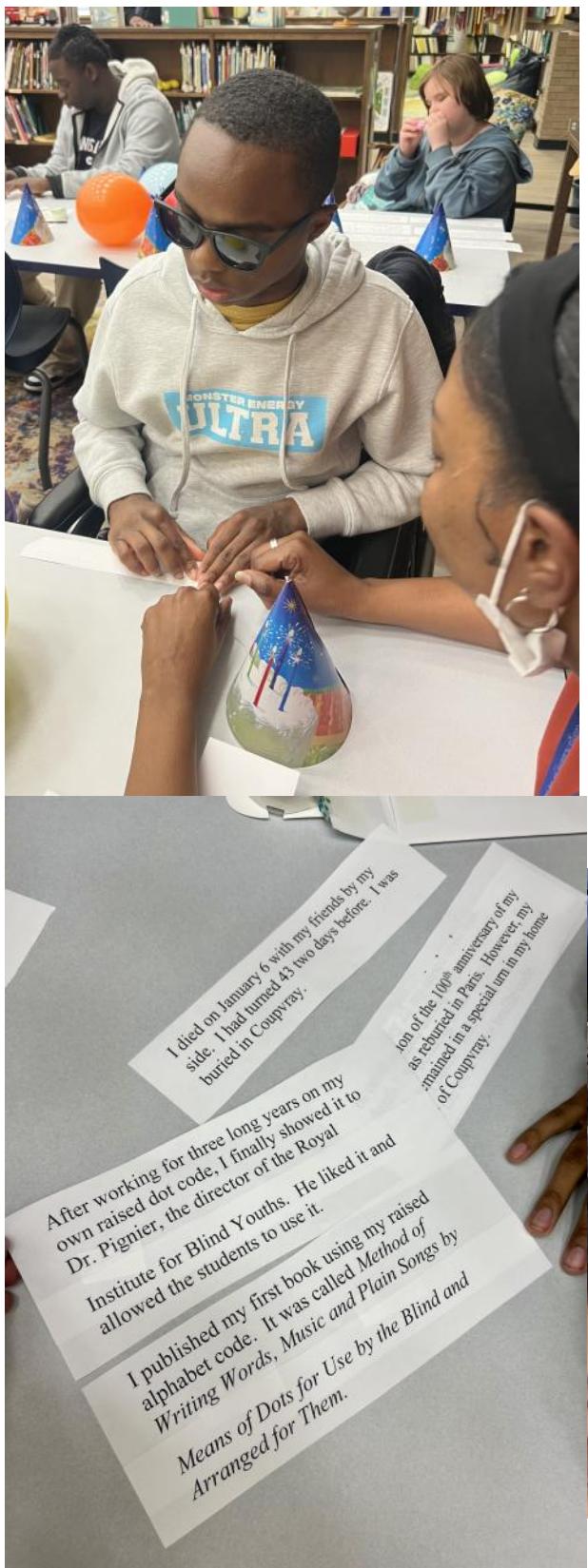


Braille Literacy Month (January):

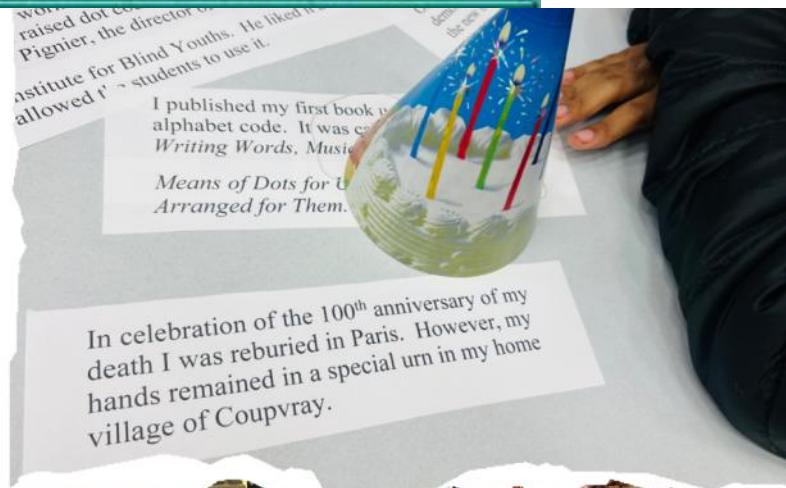
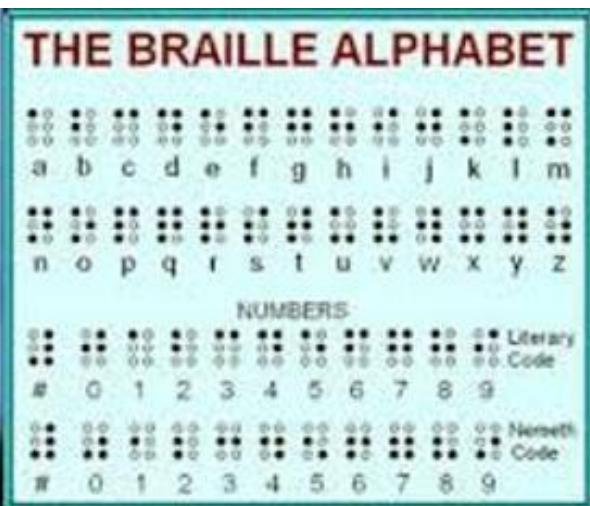
We celebrate the life of Louis Braille every January with National Braille Literacy month. The entire month is dedicated to promoting Braille skills, with various organizations offering resources, games, and events.



Since January is Braille Literacy Month, we celebrated what would be Louis Braille's 217th birthday with a party where students played games, saw videos, and reviewed history of Louis Braille's life. He was the life of the party...lol









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Ms. Alicia Jackson, Superintendent

Subject: Your Voice Matters – School Climate Survey Participation

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! As we begin this semester, we are implementing our annual **School Climate Survey**, and we need your partnership to ensure its success. This survey is a vital tool that helps us understand the experiences and perceptions of all stakeholders—students, staff, and families—so we can make informed decisions that positively impact our school community.

Your feedback is **critical**. The data collected guides improvements in areas such as academic programming, student support services, and the overall school environment. By participating, you help us create a safe, welcoming, and effective learning space for every child.

Student Participation:

All students will be asked to complete the survey unless you choose to opt out. If you do not want your child to participate, please complete and return the opt-out form by **Monday, January 12**. If we do not receive an opt-out form, your child will be included in the survey process.

To review the student survey questions, please use the links below:

- **Elementary:** <https://survey.gadoe.org/ES?sid=BCCDC90A>
- **Middle:** <https://survey.gadoe.org/MS?sid=DF0F518E>
- **High:** <https://survey.gadoe.org/HS?sid=363CDA5E>

Family Participation:

We also ask that you take a few minutes to complete the **Family Survey** using the link or QR code provided below:

<https://survey.gadoe.org/FM?sid=0A72513C>



Your voice truly matters. Every response helps us better serve our students and families. Together, we can continue building a positive and supportive school climate.

If you have any questions, please contact our Parent Mentor, **Mrs. Jennifer Minter-Blackwell**, or me, **Alicia M. Jackson, School Superintendent**.



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Ms. Alicia Jackson, Superintendent

Sincerely,

Alicia M. Jackson, Superintendent

Opt-Out Form

I choose for my son/daughter, _____, not to participate in the School Climate Survey.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1

2

5
Chicken Tenders
Seafood Boat
Garlic Breadstick
California Blend Veggies
Honey Baby Carrots
Applesauce Cups
Honey Crisp Apple
Fresh Red Grapes
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

6
Salisbury Steak
Crispy Chicken Club
Baked Potato
Green Peas
Rolls
Applesauce Cups
Granny Smith Apple
Tropical Fruit Salad
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

7
Fried Chicken n Waffles
Hot Dog
Seasoned Green Beans
Buttery Corn
Applesauce Cups
Orange Wedges
Fresh Strawberries
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

8
Pepperoni Pizza
Four Cheese Pizza
Teriyaki wings
Roll, Garlic WG Knot
Peas, Field
Steamed Broccoli
Applesauce Cups
Orange Wedges
Pineapple Tidbit
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

9
Mozzarella Stuff Bread
PB & J Uncrustable
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Applesauce Cups
Honey Crisp Apple
Pineapple Tidbit
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

12

Meatloaf
Ham Croissant Sandwich
Green Peas
Butternut Squash
w Cinnamon Sugar
Rolls
Colorful Side Salad
Applesauce Cups
Honey Crisp Apple
Fresh Red Grapes
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Ketchup, ind pkt (monarch
h)
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

13
Popcorn Chicken
Slice Turkey
Cheesy Mac n Cheese
Green Beans
Garlic Breadstick
Colorful Side Salad
Applesauce Cups
Granny Smith Apple
Tropical Fruit Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Ketchup, ind pkt (monarch
h)
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

14
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
Cheese Quesadilla
Mexicali Corn
Vegetable Blend, California
Premium (Monarch)
Garlic Bread
Colorful Side Salad
Applesauce Cups
Orange Wedges
Fresh Strawberries
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Sour Cream Pk
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

15
Pepperoni Pizza
Four Cheese Pizza
BBQ Chicken Wings
Roll, Garlic WG Knot
Steamed Broccoli
Baked Sweet Potato
Applesauce Cups
Orange Wedges
Pineapple Tidbit
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

16
Cheeseburger
Hot Dog, Chili (USDA chili)
Seasoned French Fries
Honey Baby Carrots
Colorful Side Salad
Applesauce Cups
Honey Crisp Apple
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

19

NO SCHOOL TODAY

20
Salisbury Steak
Crispy Chicken Club
Baked Potato
Green Peas
Rolls
Applesauce Cups
Granny Smith Apple
Tropical Fruit Salad
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

21
Fried Chicken n Waffles
Hot Dog
Seasoned Green Beans
Buttery Corn
Applesauce Cups
Orange Wedges
Fresh Strawberries
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

22
Pepperoni Pizza
Four Cheese Pizza
Teriyaki wings
Roll, Garlic WG Knot
Peas, Field
Steamed Broccoli
Applesauce Cups
Orange Wedges
Pineapple Tidbit
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo)
1% Milk

23
Mozzarella Stuff Bread
PB & J Uncrustable
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Applesauce Cups
Honey Crisp Apple
Pineapple Tidbit
Colorful Side Salad
Carrot Sticks
Celery Stick
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January

2025

Birthdays

Jay'lan 1/3 Ayden 1/24

Julie 1/5 Jamari 1/31

Chloe 1/18 Mason 1/31

Brayden 1/21

