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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:



Welcome

GAB

welcomes 2
new students!



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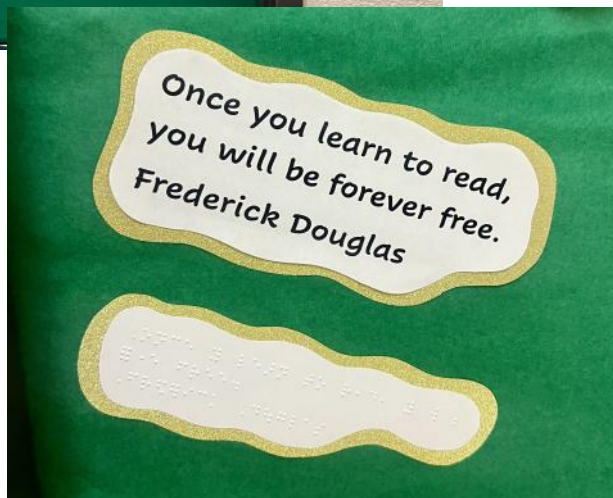
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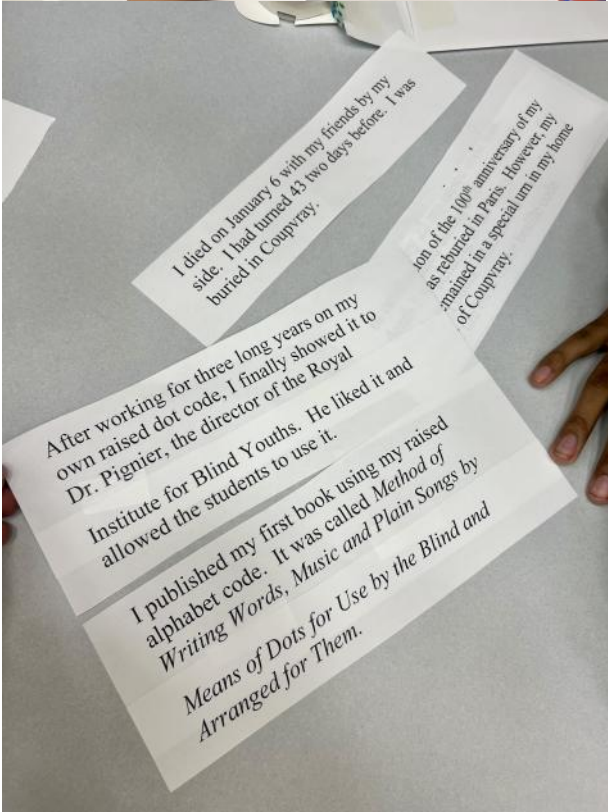
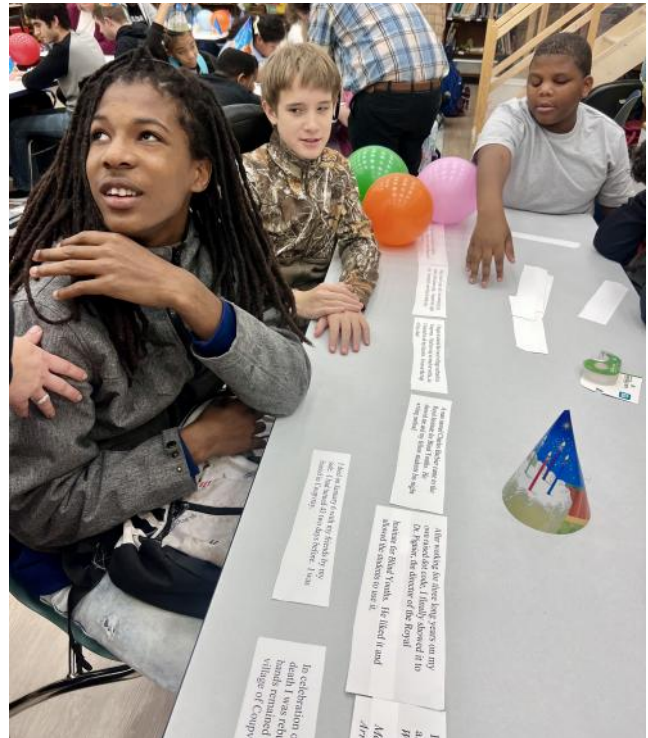


Braille Literacy Month (January):

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.



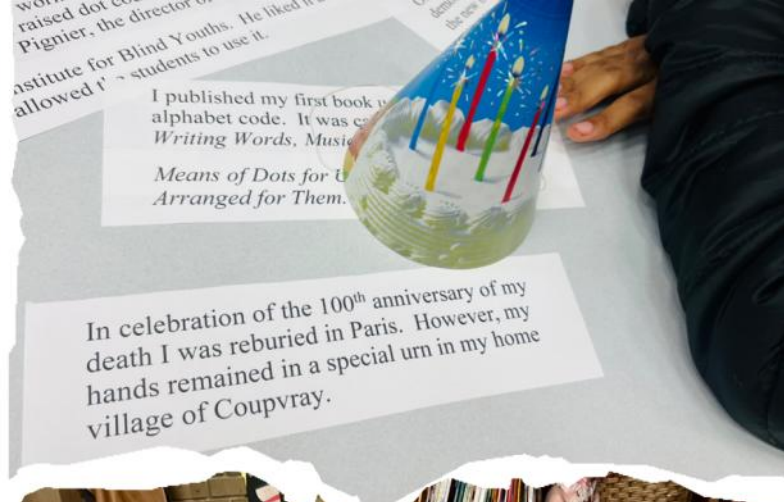
Since January is Braille Literacy Month, we celebrated what would be Louis Braille's 217th birthday with a party where students played games, saw videos, and reviewed history of Louis Braille's life. He was the life of the party...lol







THE BRAILLE ALPHABET																									
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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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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 NO SCHOOL TODAY	2 NO SCHOOL TODAY
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 (monarc 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 (monarc 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
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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		

