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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

**October 5<sup>th</sup> This Saturday** come watch GAB play Alabama in Goalball – event starts at 12:30 in the Gymnasium and is open to the Public.

**October 10-12** APH Insite Art Show AND recognition of Mrs. Applebee as America's Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Louisville Ky. *For pre-selected eligible students. Families will be contacted.*

**October 14-18** Fall Break. GVEST for our teachers. *Family members may attend. Registration information is forthcoming.*

**October 22:** Mobile Dental Van will be on campus for  
**"Help a Child Smile."**

**November 16: Announcing Cornhole Tournament** at GAB  
with a Silent Auction



**November 25-29:** Thanksgiving Holidays

**December 19:** Annual Winter Music Program and Art Show w/Families

**December 20-January 3 :** Winter Holidays

**January 20:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

See our completed calendar on our website: [GABmacon.org](http://GABmacon.org)

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Don't miss out on  
important announcements  
from our Parent Mentor.

Text your student's  
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478-262-3303 and you  
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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!**

## October Student Birthdays

Jordan L: 10/3

Jordan P: 10/5

Angelica: 10/9

Alicia: 10/10

Kayleigh: 10/13

Jayla: 10/20

Hope: 10/20

LaShayla: 10/20

DaShia: 10/24



**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Senior Fundraiser**

**Cornhole Tournament**

**at GAB!**

The New Student Handbook is ready and can be found at the link below:

<https://www.gabmacon.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=8&dataid=574&FileName=GAB%20Student%20Handbook%202019%202020.pdf>

If you would like a hard copy of the new

Student handbook please email me at:

[jminter@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jminter@doe.k12.ga.us)



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## Help A Child Smile Mobile Dental Program

The mobile dental van "Help a Child Smile" will be on the [GAB campus](#) on **Oct. 22, 2019**. Help a Child Smile is a convenient way to service children's routine dental care and needs. If you are interested in your child receiving this service, please complete the application if you have not already done so. See instructions below:

Visit: <http://www.hcsga.com/>

1. Click on link "Parent: Sign-up your child"
2. School Zip Code is 31204
3. Select Academy for the Blind
4. Proceed to sign child up

## GAB Alumni, T.J. Phillips came by to Surprise Ms. Lynch for her Birthday!



T.J. came by GAB this week to surprise Mrs. Lynch for her Birthday with Krispy Kreme donuts (her favorite)! Mrs. Lynch was T.J.'s paraprofessional for 7 years here at GAB and he misses her since he graduated last May class of 2019. He is currently visiting day programs and plans to start one this FALL!



Wear a BLUE  
shirt on Monday,  
October 7th



### National Bullying Prevention Month

The month of October is recognized as National Bullying Prevention Month with the first Monday of October being recognized as "World Day of Bullying Prevention". Schools and organizations across the nation will participate in bullying prevention awareness and activities. On Monday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, GAB will participate in a nationwide campaign to "Stomp Out Bullying" by wearing blue shirts. If your student has a blue shirt, please encourage him/her to wear on Monday as we take a stance against bullying. For more information please visit:

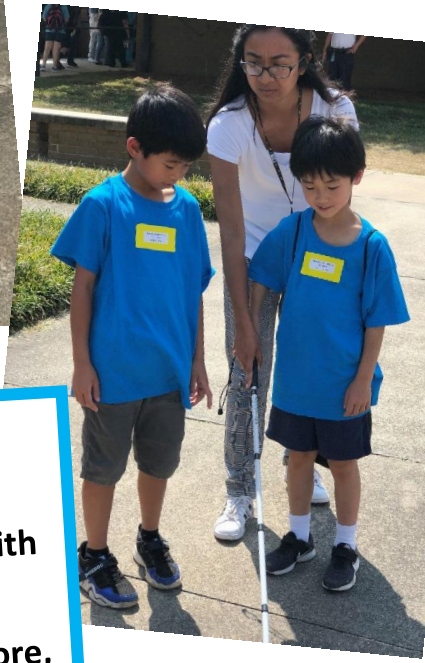
<https://www.stompoutbullying.org/campaigns/world-day-bullying-prevention/>



# A First Lego League Team Visits GAB!







In order to participate in First Lego League's annual tournament, every FLL team needs to conduct a research project related to FLL's annual theme - "the City Shaper" (for this season). FLL ask each team to "find a problem with a building or a public place and provide a solution." Their preliminary research lead them to the accessibility to visually impaired people. Therefore, they wanted to learn firsthand what difficulties the visually impaired people face, how they cope with them, and what changes they would like to see made to their environment. So they contacted Mrs. Cheryl Moore at GAB to schedule a tour! This FLL team came from Dekalb County in Atlanta and they all wore the same color blue shirts to tour GAB. They interviewed students in the Media Center to ask questions about the changes students want and need. They toured the whole campus to see how the students use their canes and different ways they get around. Our visitors brought gifts for the visually impaired that they had selected themselves and enjoyed giving to our students. Below they visited Mrs. Creech classroom and got to meet her students. The visitor enjoyed feeling Braille and typing out Braille on the Braille note and worked with our Orientation and Mobility student, Michelle, to understand how our students use their canes properly.

