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Mark your Calendars

12/12 – GAB Student Holiday Party in the Media Center, Pajama Day

12/20 – Student Art Exhibition: *People, Places, & Things*, ART Sale

12/20 – Winter Concert Program in the Auditorium at 10:30AM,
“Twas the Night Before Christmas”

12/23 through 1/3 - **Holiday Break**





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Ms. Alicia Jackson, Superintendent

December 3, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Georgia Academy for the Blind will take the new Georgia School Climate Survey this year. Each parent or guardian is invited to take the family version to answer questions about the current school or schools you have a child or children attending. **If two or more children attend the same school**, please only complete one survey for that school.

The survey measures what you think about how the school engages with families. Answers are not linked to names in any way. When typing answers, please do not give names or information that you do not want to share with this school. Data will be shared with school leaders to help improve the school and will be published on the GaDOE website.

Please help by sharing your honest opinion on this **22-question survey**. To take the survey, please click this link: <https://survey.gadoe.org/FM?sid=0A72513C>. You can also use your phone to complete the survey by clicking on the QR code attached to this newsletter.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact our parent mentor, Jennifer Minter, at 478-751-6083 x1140 or jminter@doe.k12.ga.us.

Best regards,

Alicia M. Jackson, School-level Superintendent



38th Annual
**FESTIVAL
of
TREES**
Museum of Arts and Sciences

The 2024 Festival of Trees is the Museum of Arts and Sciences' largest annual fundraiser that represents three generations of investment in the Museum's educational programming. With generous support from our donors and volunteers throughout the festival activities, we can provide high-quality programming with affordable admission for families of Central Georgia. The Festival of Trees exhibition features over 60 beautiful Christmas trees decorated by local and regional designers. The exhibit is on display from November to January and can be viewed with regular museum admission.





GAB Art students participated in the Festival of Trees at the Museum of Arts and Science by creating ornaments and decorating a tree. This year we chose a woodland theme, building on the idea that trees are not only a symbol of Christmas but of growth and learning. Our campus has about 170 trees from which we collected pine cones and sticks. We painted, glued, wrapped yarn, and strung wooden beads to make these ornaments. Our tree incorporates sensory experiences beyond vision: the smell and feeling of the prickly pine cones and sticky sap, the taste of cinnamon and orange, all of which contribute to a rustic and outdoorsy holiday experience. Our tree will be on display at the museum throughout the month of December.







Polar Express Holiday Party

**Thursday,
December 12th in
the Media Center
for all GAB
Students!**



Wear your coziest pajamas, sip hot chocolate and visit with Santa. There will be karaoke, games, and fun activities for all!





Christmas Spirit Week

Thursday^{12th} PJ Day / Jean day
For students ONLY wear your favorite pjs

Friday^{13th} Ugly Christmas sweater Day

Monday^{16th} Santa Hat/ Christmas Socks
Wear your favorite holiday hat and socks

Tuesday^{17th} Candy Cane
Wear red and white or even stripes

Wednesday^{18th} Jingle All the Way
Wear your holiday bells

Thursday^{19th} Christmas Vacation
Hawaiian shirts and Hula skirts

Friday^{20th} Jeans and Bling
Wear your favorite jeans and a festive
top

GAB's Student Art Exhibition: *People, Places, and Things*

will be on display in the Hendrix Building multipurpose room December 18th-20th. Come see what our Middle School and High School Students have learned about subject matter in art through still life drawing and portrait painting.



Special, handmade gift items will be on display at the exhibit for the **Art Sale**, Dec 19th for students, and Dec 20th for the public. T-shirts, aprons, jewelry, ornaments, and ceramic items will be sold from \$1 - \$10. It's the perfect chance for students to get their holiday shopping done!



December Lunch



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 2 Oven Roast Chicken Chicken Tenders Rolls Mashed Potatoes Steam Carrots Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Gala Apple Orange Wedges Fresh Red Grapes 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) | 3 Salisbury Steak Cheese Calzone Peas n Carrots Seasoned Green Beans Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Gala Apple 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) | 4 Beef-A- Roni Crispy Chicken Sandwich Garlic Bread Baked Sweet Potato Roasted Brussel Sprout Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Gala Apple Orange Wedges Fresh Strawberries 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) | 5 Pepperoni Pizza Four Cheese Pizza Toasted Flatbread Cheesy Broccoli Mixed Vegetables Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Orange Wedges Bananas 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) | 6 Cheeseburger Chili Hot Dog Tater Tots Baked Beans Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Bananas 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) |
| 9 Chicken Tenders Corn Dog Garlic Breadstick Seasoned Fresh Cabbage Honey Baby Carrots Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Granny Smith Apple Orange Wedges Fresh Red Grapes 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) Ketchup, ind pkt (monarch h) | 10 Country Fried Steak/Gravy Beef Philly Rolls Green Beans Baked Potato Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Granny Smith Apple Fresh Plums Mandarin Oranges 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) | 11 Nachos w Dice Chicken Beef Flautas Pinto Beans Buttery Corn Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Granny Smith Apple Orange Wedges Fresh Strawberries 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) | 12 Personal Cheese Pizza Personal Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Wings Toasted Flatbread Seasoned Potato Wedges Steamed Broccoli Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Granny Smith Apple Bananas 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) | 13 BBQ Rib Sandwich Grill Chicken Club Roasted Brussel Sprout Tater Tots Colorful Side Salad Carrot Sticks Celery Stick Applesauce Cups Bananas 1% Milk Milk, Chocolate (TruMoo) Milk, Strawberry Fat Free (TruMoo) |
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25th
ANNIVERSARY
BRAILLE
CHALLENGE



**Braille
Challenge**

b^{*} Braille Institute



**Thursday, February 27, 2025 at
Georgia Academy for the Blind**

December

2024

Birthdays

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| D'Shaun | 12/1 | Kaiden | 12/17 |
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| Xander | 12/4 | D.J. | 12/19 |
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| Josh | 12/5 | Kalena | 12/23 |
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| Ja'Khari | 12/7 | Zariyah | 12/25 |
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| Will | 12/7 | Svet | 12/27 |
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| Nik | 12/10 | Jermaine | 12/29 |
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| James | 12/31 |
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