



# Panther Press

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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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! \*just added



October 14: Georgia PINES Family Fun Day in Macon, 10 am -1 pm

October 16-20: Student Fall Break

October 22: Blind and Beyond Radio Show

\*October 23-27: National Red Ribbon Week (see details below)

November 5 Daylight Saving Time 2017 ends! Turn your clocks back one hour

November 9: Senior Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction & Old Book Sale

November 10: School Council Meeting, 1:00 pm

November 16: South Fulton *Drop in RPM* (Regional Parent/Guardian Meeting) 5:30-7:30)

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

December 21: Winter Student Music Program and Art Show.

Family Meetings before and after. Hustler Raptor Mower Raffle Winner chosen.

December 22- January 5: Winter Holiday

February 2-3: GaDOE's Family Engagement UnConference, Macon

\*February 28: Braille Challenge

March 26-30: Spring Break

April 2: Easter Holiday

April 5: Prom

April 19-22 SCASB

April 26-29: Senior Trip

May 25: Graduation

## October Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Jordan L.

13<sup>th</sup> Kayleigh

5<sup>th</sup> Jordan P.

20<sup>th</sup> Jayla

9<sup>th</sup> Angelica Hu.

20<sup>th</sup> LaShayla

24<sup>th</sup> DaShia



Give it your best  
Achieve your goals  
Be respectful

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK! This newsletter is produced by Sonya Milam, Parent Mentor. Give her your news and suggestions. [smilam@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:smilam@doe.k12.ga.us), 478-262-3303



Georgia Lions Club Camp for the Blind announces their Christmas Camp 2017 -- act now, don't miss out!

December 9-10

Waycross, Georgia



You may get your application by contacting Sonya Milam: [smilam@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:smilam@doe.k12.ga.us), 478-262-3303

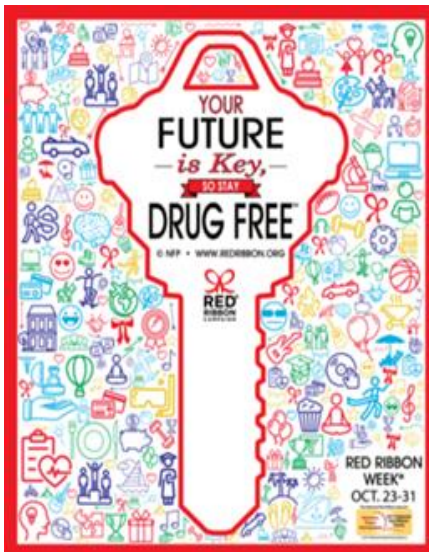
or by going to their website: <https://www.glcb.org/>

**DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS NOVEMBER 17**

Cost: \$100

Cost with transportation from Macon: \$175

Scholarships available by calling Gail Williams, (912) 283-4320



Red Ribbon Week is October 23-27 "Your Future is Key So Stay Drug Free"

Two of the reasons young people begin to use drugs are listed below:

- People think drugs will help them fit in
- Peer pressure

As we go through the week let us be mindful of how we are helping to resolve these reasons or contribute to these reasons. *What am I doing to help others fit in or to feel excluded? How do I respond to peer pressure?*

At school students and staff will:

- List and display the things we can do to help others
- Wear RED on National Red Ribbon Day on Thursday, 10/26
- Choose from fun handouts, complete and return to our Social Worker, Ms. R. Knight to **receive a prize.**

At home we encourage our families to use Fall Break as a great time to discuss with their children the dangers of drugs and the importance of being drug free, to not engage in bullying, and to seek help in talking about their feelings.

Parents/guardians can get more information and sign this online pledge at: <http://redribbon.org/pledge/>

1. As parents and citizens, we will talk to our children and the children in our lives about the dangers of drug abuse.
2. We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.
3. We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.
4. We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.
5. We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep children safe from substance abuse.



# Character Education

Word for the Quarter: RESPONSIBILITY – Taking care of self and others; to carry out a duty or task carefully and thoroughly.

Word for the week: RELIABILITY – Deserving of trust and confidence.



## Media Center News!

**DID YOU KNOW?** We will be having an **Old Book Sale** during the Senior Dinner and Silent Auction on Thursday, November 9, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM & Friday, November 10 9:00 AM-12:00 PM *½ Price on Friday, 11:00-12:00*

*Over 1000 Books!* \*Fiction\*Non-Fiction\*Children's\*Cookbooks\*Large Print

\$1.00 hardback

\$ .50 softback

*More Than Books...* \*Audio Books on Cassettes \*VHS

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### Orientation and Mobility Vocabulary Words for the week:

Grip – top end of the cane handle, usually black rubber.

Tip – bottom end of the cane that contacts the ground, usually white. May be a pencil tip, marshmallow tip, or roller tip.

Shaft – long white and red aluminum tube, in between the grip and the tip of the cane.

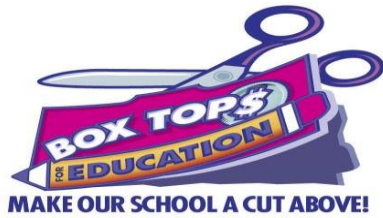
**O&M Tip for the week:** October 15<sup>th</sup> is national White Cane Day. We celebrated it on Thursday. Please celebrate White Cane Day at home and discuss how students with blindness can be independent and productive citizens. **Also please encourage your child to know and name the parts of his cane and outlined above.**



See page 5 for more pictures



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## PLEASE HELP!

October 25 is approaching soon! We are approaching a deadline to send in our box tops! We need your help to collect at least 400 box tops before October 25. We spend the funds given from box tops on field trips. Send in any box tops NOW, don't wait to get a bundle. Thanks for your help. Ms. Layson,  
[slayson@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:slayson@doe.k12.ga.us), 478-751-6087, ext 1200

## Senior Class Fundraiser



Calendars **now** on sale! They are \$8.00 each and contain a free menu item each month. Supplies are limited, so see a senior class member or staff member to order today!

Mr. Collins, [mcollins@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mcollins@doe.k12.ga.us), or Mrs. Thompsen, [mthompson@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mthompson@doe.k12.ga.us)



**Senior Class Lawnmower Raffle Tickets now on sale!**  
**They are \$10.** Win this **Hustler Raptor SDX 23hp Kawasaki 54 inch Mower** donated by **Vidalia Small Engine Services** to be given away December 21. Contact a member of the 2018 Senior Class or Sonya Milam to buy your raffle ticket.  
[Smilam@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:Smilam@doe.k12.ga.us)

Senior Fundraiser Dinner Tickets now on sale for \$13!

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Serving: 5:00- 6:45, Carry begins at 4:30 in the GAB Cafeteria

**ENTREES:** Chicken Divan with salad OR roast beef with green beans  
mashed potatoes OR veggie lasagna with salad. Dessert & drink included

**Catered by TOMMY'S Café and Bakery of Macon**

The evening includes ~Silent Auction ~Tours of GAB

~Old Book Sale ~Student Entertainment



**Tickets are \$13** Get your tickets today from a member of the senior class or Dr. Gardiner:  
[mogardiner@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mogardiner@doe.k12.ga.us)





# This week in pictures!

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(Right)

Monday  
Morning  
Music  
with  
Ms.  
Macy!



(Right)

Enjoying  
the fall  
sunshine  
after  
school



(Left) Mrs.  
Applebee  
and 4 art  
students  
boarding bus  
for the APH  
tour and  
Insights Art  
Exhibit in  
Louisville,  
Kentucky



(Above right and below) White Cane Day Observance

