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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!



October 31: Make a Child Smile Mobile Dental Clinic **FORMS DUE MONDAY!**

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)

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. 3D printer exhibition.

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

November Birthdays

2nd ~ J 'Miyah

8th ~ Chris

16th ~ Crystal

17th ~ Judy

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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, 478-262-3303



Check out these great ideas for fall activities with your child from our friends at American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)! *A Meaningful and Accessible Halloween for Children with Visual Impairments* <https://www.familyconnect.org/blog/familyconnect-a-parents-voice/a-meaningful-and-accessible-halloween-for-children-with-visual-impairments/12>



Learning with Blindness: Using All the Senses to Learn

FREE Webinar!

Wednesday, November 15 at 12 p.m. EST

For students who are visually impaired, learning how to use all their senses to explore the world around them is crucial to their ability to learn and engage with their surroundings. With strong sensory efficiency skills, students can use their senses – including any usable vision – to get information about objects and their environment. Parents can help build these skills by setting up safe opportunities for their child to explore.

In this hour-long webinar will cover:

- How to understand your child's visual impairment and what his or her usable vision might look like
- Ways to encourage and facilitate exploration in a safe manner
- How all the senses can be used to gain information about objects and surroundings
- Tips for building sensory exploration into everyday activities like errands or even a walk around the block
- How to monitor your child's progress and adapt to the constant evolution of building sensory efficiency skills

Webinar presenter: Donna Duggan Edwards, *Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Orientation & Mobility Specialist* Perkins School for the Blind

Register here:

<http://perkinscreatesend1.com/t/ViewEmail/d/B86AA8BCB3790343/3AA3602BE98C32FDC4DA2C823DDA3384>

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

APPLYING IS NOVEMBER 17

December 9-10

Get your application by contacting Sonya Milam: smilam@doe.k12.ga.us, 478-262-3303

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

Cost: \$100 **Cost with transportation from Macon: \$175**

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



Media Center News!

DID YOU KNOW? There are now **THREE** resources to enjoy described captioned movies and educational programming with your family?

1. The Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP) is a free-loan library of accessible educational media for use by teachers and family members of K-12 students with a visual impairment <https://dcmp.org/>
2. YouDescribe - Audio Description for YouTube Videos. YouDescribe is a project of The Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute youdescribe.org
3. Audio Description (Video Description) on TV (Television) Video Description is audio description superimposed on a television program's soundtrack www.acb.org

There is a setting that families can change on their TVs to access audio described television. Just call your local cable provider for instructions or to ask for access if you are unable to get it by changing the setting. Here is a link with more information: <http://www.acb.org/adp/tv.html>

DON'T FORGET! 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

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

\$1.00 hardback

\$.50 softback

THIS JUST IN! Before and after the Winter Music Program and Art Show there will be a live exhibition of our new 3D printer in action in the GAB Tech Lab. Make plans to attend!

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Georgia
**Family Engagement
Unconference**

Join families, educators, and community partners at the
2018 Georgia Family Engagement UNconference
February 2-3, 2018
Macon Centreplex and Macon Marriott City Center

The Georgia Department of Education's Division of State Schools is offering scholarships to parents/guardians to attend. This will include your conference fee, hotel and a majority of meals. This unique event will bring families from all over Georgia to hear dynamic presentations and share with other families in a fun filled environment that will include activities for all students in your home. **DEADLINE IS APPROACHING! ACT FAST AND CONTACT SONYA MILAM TODAY!** 478-262-3303 Smilam@doe.k12.ga.us



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PLEASE HELP!

We made our goal of 400 Box Tops. Thanks to all. This is \$40.00 toward our field trips.

I would like to encourage you to ask friends, family members, neighbors and civic organizations to help.

I would like to make a goal of 1,000 Box Tops before the end of the school year. This would give us \$100.

Thanks, Ms. Layson 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, or Mrs. Thompsen, mthompson@doe.k12.ga.us



Senior Class Lawnmower Tickets **now** on sale!

Make a donation of at least **\$10** and get a chance to 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

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

