



# Panther Press

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**Mission Statement:** The Georgia Academy for the Blind will provide 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. **Success! Nothing Less!**

April 27-30: Senior Trip

May 1-5: Teacher Appreciation Week!

May 2-3: Milestones Testing: High School, Science & Social Studies

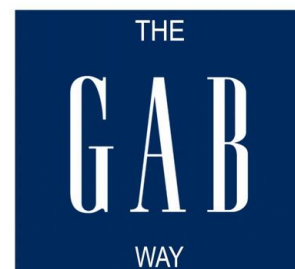
May 9: Memorial for Ebonnyse Stafford, 9 a.m., Sensory Garden

May 15: Mother's Day Holiday

May 25: Awards Day

May 26: Last day of school and Graduation

June 11-16 Summer Program (see page 3 for details)



Give it your best  
Achieve your goals  
Be respectful

The spring plant sell is underway! Greenhouse hours are 8-4 Contact Mr. Keith Blackwell, [kblackwell@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:kblackwell@doe.k12.ga.us) (478) 751-6083, extension 7110.

**REMEMBER, you must come to the office to get a visitor's badge before going to greenhouse.**

## Character Education

Word of the quarter: **ACCOMPLISHMENT** Appreciation for attaining one's goals.

Word of the week: **SELF-RELIANCE** Relying on one's own abilities, efforts, or judgements.

It's your road,  
and yours alone!  
Others may walk it **with** you,  
but no one can walk it **for** you!  
~Rumi



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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Joseph ~ April 30

Mary Beth ~ May 4

Tyzie ~ May 19

Heidei ~ May 20

Adam ~ May 21

Austin ~ May 24

# This week in pictures:



South Central Schools for the Blind (SCASB)'s Track and Field competition at the Texas School for the Blind took place over the weekend.

Both our Girls' Team and our Boys' Team brought home a 4<sup>th</sup> place trophy.

Way to go Panthers!



## Senior Trip!

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On Thursday 8 members of our graduating class boarded the bus bound to Pigeon Forge , Tennessee! They will return on Sunday.



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You can check out their adventures throughout the weekend on Facebook! Georgia Academy for the Blind - GAB

## GAB SUMMER PROGRAM!

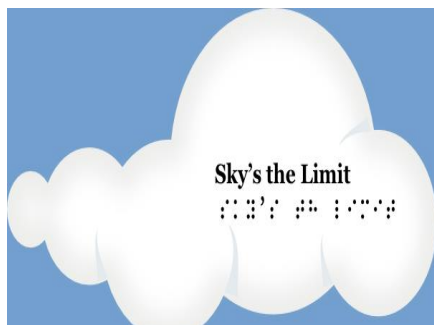
June 11-16, 2017

Students will come in at 4:00 pm on Sunday  
and leave at 2:00 pm on Friday

Ages 12-21

(All applications subject to approval) **Application Deadline: May 26, 2017**

Applications are being sent home or you can request one from Mrs.  
Day, [mday@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mday@doe.k12.ga.us)



## Media Center News!

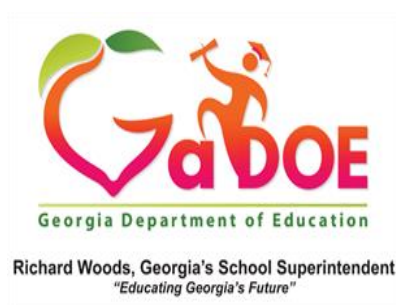
Our 3-D printer was fully funded through Donors choose! Our next project is ***Help Us Kick Cassettes to the Curb!*** Check this out here: [https://www.donorschoose.org/project/help-us-kick-cassettes-to-the-curb/2540944/?utm\\_source=dc&utm\\_medium=project&utm\\_campaign=twitter&rf=twitter-siteshare-2017-04-project-teacher\\_4350282&challengeid=20918314](https://www.donorschoose.org/project/help-us-kick-cassettes-to-the-curb/2540944/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=project&utm_campaign=twitter&rf=twitter-siteshare-2017-04-project-teacher_4350282&challengeid=20918314) Follow our library on Twitter! @gab\_library

## Family Engagement News!

The deadline for participation in the online Georgia Department of Education's Parent Survey has been extended to **May 15**. Please go to this link and take just a few minutes to complete. REMEMBER: Where it says to **Select child's school district**, scroll down to:

State Schools

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/Parent-Survey.aspx>



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If you didn't complete a survey after your child's IEP this year, please do so now. If you can't remember if you did or not, go ahead and do anyway.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev\\_rHWZoH0VaN0nZPRPtLHUqErF3iOinMruc4kUASOKeLakQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev_rHWZoH0VaN0nZPRPtLHUqErF3iOinMruc4kUASOKeLakQ/viewform)



