

Christmas Party

Weekly Wrap



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Upcoming Events

Friday, Dec. 1

- Homegoing

Sunday, Dec. 3

- Residential students return

Monday, Dec. 4

- Classes resume
- Basketball, GSD vs. Jacksonville Christian Academy, away 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 5

- Residential students return
- Basketball, GSD vs. Atlanta Classical Academy, home 5:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 8

- Homegoing
- Hackey Classic Dec. 8th + 9th at Alabama School for the Deaf

Sunday, Dec. 10

- Residential students return

Monday, Dec. 11

- Classes resume
- Basketball, GSD vs. Gaylesville, home 5 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 12

- Basketball, GSD vs. Valleyhead High School, home 5pm

Thursday, Dec. 14

- Homegoing



MEET NASA'S FIRST DEAF ENGINEER IN AN ACTIVE MISSION CONTROL ROLE

Johanna Lucht who, on a day of firsts for NASA, became the first deaf engineer to carry out an active role in a NASA control center during a crewed research flight. Lucht, who was born deaf, earned the training position of Systems II engineer for the flight, in which she was responsible for observing and evaluating data related to the aircraft's GPS and Navigation Systems, as well as analyzing inflight data, to monitor how well the aircraft is performing

in flight. The milestone of having a deaf engineer in a role with such responsibilities was not without its challenges. It was the ability to overcome challenges, however, that made NASA and Johanna the perfect fit. Lucht was born in Germany, where resources for deaf people were, at the time, limited. As a result, she was unable to communicate through much of her childhood. In fact, Lucht developed an understanding of mathematics before she acquired language. It wasn't until the age of nine when she learned her first true language, which is American Sign Language, or ASL, followed by English. <https://www.nasa.gov/centers/armstrong/features/nasa-s-first-deaf-engineer-in-active-mission-control-role-impresses>

Preparing for the Battle of the Books The competition began this week!



HAPPY



CHRISTMAS



Parents, Please Assist Us!

Attention parents! It is time for the annual Georgia Parent Survey. This online, anonymous survey only takes about 5 minutes to complete and is your opportunity to provide feedback to GSD and the Georgia Department of Education. It is available in English and Spanish. Thank you in advance for taking time out of your busy day to be involved in helping improve your child's school!

The survey can be found at:
<http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center Needs the Help of Parents and Educators

Parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing – and the professionals who serve them
We Need Your Feedback!

The Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center wants to know what you see as the significant barriers facing deaf and hard of hearing students ages birth through high school. This is your opportunity to share your experiences.

Please complete our online survey:
<http://www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center/research/public-input.html>

This survey is available in ASL, English, Spanish, and Chinese. There is only one critical question on which you are asked to comment. This survey is strictly confidential.

Tell us what resources and supports families and professionals critically need. Share this survey with colleagues and with families with whom you work.

The Clerc Center is mandated by the Education of the Deaf Act “to establish and publish priorities for research, development, and demonstration through a process that allows for public input.” This input will be used to identify priorities for the Clerc Center Strategic Plan 2025.

If you would like to learn more about the previous public input process, visit www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center/our-resources/publications/pi-summary.html.

You can also check out our many free resources supporting students who are deaf or hard of hearing at <http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu>.

GSD Students Participate in the Rome Christmas Parade



THAT DEAF GUY



Theaters in the Atlanta Area With Interpreters During the Holiday Season

During this holiday season there will be many theatrical performances in Atlanta that provides ASL interpreters! These shows are great opportunities to take your family out on the town! The following shows are appropriate for ALL AGES:
Sunday, Nov 19 at 5pm Alliance Theatre at Woodruff Arts Center “Alice Between” <http://alliancetheatre.org/production/2017-18/alice-between>

Sunday, Dec 3 at 3pm Atlanta Symphony Orchestra “FamilyHoliday” <https://www.atlantasympphony.org/ConcertsAndTickets/Calendar/2017-2018/FamilyHoliday-Special>

Thursday, Dec 14 at 10:30am AND 7:30pm Alliance Theatre at Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center “A Christmas Carol” <http://alliancetheatre.org/production/2017-18/a-christmas-carol>

Saturday, Dec 16 at 8pm Serenbe Playhouse “Snow Queen” https://serenbeinstitute.secure.force.com/ticket/#details_a0S-41000001WBmwEAG

Holidays Can Be Challenging for Deaf Children.

It is easy to feel left out when many people are in the house talking, laughing and enjoying conversations or entertainment they do not have access to. Many try to self-advocate and ask for family members to explain things to them, but this can be very discouraging. We've created a list of inclusive ideas. Can you add some? What does your family do?

Remember, a little creativity and some patience go a long way. Demonstrations and shared participation, are powerful and easy to understand. If you don't know the sign, just ask your child and practice! Include kids of all ages in:

- Making grocery lists
- Reading recipes and cooking
- Decorating
- Playing games like charades, card games, checkers and other board games
- Planning meals
- Shopping

KEEP THE CAPTIONING ON THE TV

Use these links to watch some ASL videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfrnqa2Mlwc> t=1150s
Snow White

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-uYL4DRzmg> t=494s
Wizard of Oz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YGVICwNZn0> t=111s
ASL Nook Family Signs



*Georgia School for the Deaf
Holiday Party 2017*

All guests are invited to enjoy great performances,
and delicious desserts

Admission is FREE!!!

Desserts are also FREE!!!

Where: GSD Cafeteria

Time: 5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.

When: Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Please RSVP Tracy Hedrick at
(thedrick@doe.k12.ga.us) by

Monday, December 11, 2017

