



## Alfred E. Beach High School Gifted News

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# GIFTED EDUCATION 2020-2021

## Testing Begins Soon

Spring GMAS testing is right around the corner. Tests will be administered during the weeks of April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We encourage all of our students to take advantage of the tutorials that are being offered in preparation for the upcoming tests. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at the email addresses below.

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## Ready, Set, Read!

As summer approaches, reading is usually the last thing on a student's mind. However, it can be one of the most important ways to increase your student's achievement. A study done at the University of Tennessee found that children and teens who did not read over the summer lose the equivalent of two months of literacy development, while students who did read gained a month. We know that COVID-19 has caused many setbacks, so we are doing our part to mitigate any learning loss that may have occurred. Every student at Beach High School is asked to read between 2 and 5 books this summer as part of our summer reading initiative. Our students also have an opportunity for enrichment and credit advancement through summer school. For more information, visit [waebeach.com](http://waebeach.com).



### Important Dates:

GMAS Testing – Weeks of April 26<sup>th</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Last Day of School – May 21<sup>st</sup>

Graduation – May 20<sup>th</sup>

Summer School Begins – June 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Ideas for a Fun-Filled Summer

Summer vacation is quickly approaching, so there's no better time to think about some activities to do with all of that free time.

Here are some simple suggestions that will prove to be a fun time for all involved:

- **Visit a museum.** Museums are great interactive ways to explore topics, such as history, art, and science that the students learn about every day.
- **Go to the park.** You can pack a lunch and enjoy a day surrounded by nature.
- **Visit the public library.** Public libraries have many programs throughout the summer. They also are a great resource for all your summer reading needs.
- **Start a hobby or craft project.** Hobbies help children pursue their interests and develop new skills. They also help foster creativity.
- **Visit State or National Parks.** Georgia has parks and historical sites that are unique places to learn while having fun.
- **Plant a garden.** Gardens help students learn responsibility. They are also a great source for healthy foods.
- **Visit the zoo or wildlife center.** Zoos and wildlife centers are a great place to learn about animal habitats and ecosystems.
- **Explore the great outdoors.** Going on a hike, bicycling, fishing, and camping are fun ways to get exercise as well as have hands-on learning experiences.
- **Check out summer camps or clubs.** Camps and clubs offer children a variety of activities and allow them to meet new friends.
- **Write a letter.** Letters help students practice their writing techniques while sharing fun or exciting news with others.

Have a great  
  
Vacation!

*"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."  
– Carl Sagan*