



Achievement Post

Legacy Scholars Show What they Know

By Catherine Gyebi

Achievement Prep 7th graders were invited to participate in the ACT testing session earlier this year. Here is what Mr. Autin, 7th grade math teacher, had to say about this great experience. "The ACT test is a college test for college entry. The better the score the more options for college become available. I felt proud of the scholars that committed to participating."

To sit for the exam cost money but Mrs. Wright and Achievement Prep paid for the test. Mr. Autin led a five week course after school to help the 7th grade scholars prepare for this exam that would test their mastery of high school material. Mr. Autin shared that, "scholars were very nervous and there was some material on the test that they had not yet been introduced to. But overall, scholars were able to use their strategies from school and their scores were among the highest of all 7th grade classes that participated in the ACT challenge."

7th grade scholar Ayanna Holmes said, "I felt proud of my fellow scholars for being determined during the test. In addition to the study session after school I studied with my older sister at home." She went on to say that most scholars were happy

after taking the test because they thought they did well.

Congratulations to the Legacy Scholars for leading the way and continuing to show why Achievement Prep scholars are among the best in the City!



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Sports & Entertainment

How Hot are the Miami Heat?

By Kenny Wright

The Lakers, Celtics, Magic, Bulls, Thunder, Jazz, Spurs, Mavericks, and Hornets all had a better record than the Miami Heat going into the NBA playoffs. One of the reasons I think the Heat are losing is because LeBron constantly takes the last shot. The Heat are third in the Eastern Conference and in order for them to actually be a contender and go deep into the playoffs, they need to improve their field goal percentage and do a better job of moving the ball around on offense instead of relying on LeBron to make all the points.

The Heat were refusing to watch television because they were focused on improving their team

play. Given that one third of the NBA is better than the Heat, they might be better off focusing on their defense, which is outstanding. That should be their main weapon for every game.

In game one of the playoffs the Sixers had a 33-19 lead in the second quarter, however the Heat came back. Ultimately the Heat won the series 4-1 and advanced to the next round to face the Boston Celtics. Only time will tell if the rest of the team will step up in order to keep the Heat's offensive play hot enough to win it all.



History of the Washington Redskins

By Malik Davis

The Washington Redskins were founded in 1932 in Boston, MA as the Braves. The team moved to Washington in 1937 and became the Redskins. In honor of the team's 70th anniversary a committee selected the best Redskins players and coaches of all time. Head coaches were selected because of their outstanding record of coaching achievements. Ray Flaherty led the 1937 and 1942 teams to NFL Championships. George Allen led the 1972 team to the Super Bowl, and Joe Gibbs led the team to four Super Bowls, winning three times in a 10-year period from 1982-1991.

The most valuable players of the Gibbs' three Super Bowl championships also appear on the list of

the 70 greatest Redskins: quarterbacks Doug Williams (1987), Mark Rypien (1991), and running back John Riggins (1982). Quarterback Joe Thiesemann also appears on the list.

Some current players for the Washington Redskins include quarterback John Beck and tackle Jammal Brown. The current Head Coach of the Redskins is Mike Shanahan and his son, Kyle Shanahan, joined the team as the Offensive Coordinator.

The 2011 NFL draft took place on April 28-30 and the Redskins needed help at a lot of different positions. Coach Shanahan had been quoted in interviews as saying that their first round draft pick was likely to be used on a defensive player. Potentially an outside linebacker or a pass rushing defensive end to help strengthen the teams 3-4 defense. So it was no surprise when the Redskins used their first round draft pick on Ryan Kerrigan, a defensive end from Purdue University and their second round pick on Jarvis Jenkins, a defensive lineman from Clemson University.

CELEBRITY OF THE MONTH

By Iyanla Mitchell

The star of the month is Justin Bieber. On March 14, 1994, Justin Bieber was born in Canada and raised by his young single mother, Patricia Lynn "Pattie" Mallette. During his childhood, Justin Bieber was interested in hockey, soccer, and chess. He often kept his musical dreams to himself. But as his musical talent began to grow his mother began to encourage her son's creativity. Did you know that Justin Bieber taught himself to play the piano, drums, guitar, and trumpet? In early 2007, Justin Bieber entered a competition. Justin, 12 years old at the time, sang Ne-Yo's "So Sick" for a local singing competition in Stratford, Ontario, and placed second. Bieber's mom posted a video of the performance on YouTube for their family and friends to see. She continued to upload videos of her young son singing covers of various songs. Bieber's on-line popularity began to grow.

Scooter Braun, a former marketing executive of So So Def, clicked on one of Justin Bieber's 2007 videos. Impressed with what he saw, Braun tracked down Bieber and his mother and convinced them to come to Atlanta, GA to record a demo. Bieber was eventually signed by Usher. The investment in Bieber has already paid off. Bieber's video "Baby" is the most viewed video on YouTube with over a billion hits.



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WILLOW TIME!

by Jorden Staton



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Born on October 31, 2000, R&B artist Willow Smith, child of Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith, has released two solo projects, *Whip My Hair* and *21st Century Girl*. With all that talent, she has become one of the youngest and most popular artist in the United States. Almost every young girl is her fan. If you want my opinion I say she is the bomb! Her music videos are amazing and

so are her live performances. I recently got to see her perform at the White House Easter Egg Roll with a group of scholars and teachers from Achievement Prep. Her performance was definitely one of the highlights of the trip. I'd say Willow Smith is a *21st century girl* that will have a long creative career and set lots of records along the way.

GO-GO! WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT

By Mikesha Lee

Do you know what go-go is? Well I am about to tell you. Go-go is basically music that you dance to. That's my definition any way. A few of my favorite go-go bands are MOB, TOB, Reaction, and TCB. Some of my favorite songs are "I'm in the Kitchen", the go-go version of "Pretty Girl Rock and What's My Name", and "Lay it Down." I love go-go. Now don't get me wrong I love all types of music such as R&B, Soul, and Hip-Hop. But I consider go-go a blessing and I hope you feel the same!

Comic & Creative Writing

The Adventures of Super Cat

By Tyra Johnson

Rocky woke up and went downstairs. She fixed her breakfast and said, "I'm relaxing today and I'm not going out of the house." Suddenly she heard a call from a store. They said "HELP! Somebody robbed the store!" Rocky could not resist. So she hurried and flew out the window. Super Cat to the rescue! When she arrived at the store, she discovered that the criminal had already escaped.

"What happened here, sir?" Said Super Cat to the store owner?

"Well, I was minding my own business, when I heard something jingling in the back. In the back office there was a bag of jewelry. By the time I got to the back, the bag of jewelry and the robber were gone."

"Did you see what he looked like?"

"He was dark skinned with a black mask."

Hmmm Super Cat thought to herself, I've heard about this jewel robber before.

"Did you find any clues?"

"Yes!"

"What did you find," asked Super Cat?

.....Look out for the next edition of Super Cat to find out what clues the masked jewelry robber left behind.

My School

By Kyra Folarin

My School I love with all my heart
I would dread if we were apart
I love my school for many reasons
I wish I could be there every season!
I cherish my school with all my care
Because I know I'm lucky to be there!



Kevin Akers

Albert

By Kevin Akers

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Albert. Albert loved jokes. Here are some of his favorites:

- What do you call a sleeping bull?

A) A bull dozer!

- Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance?

A) Because he had no body to go with!

- Why did the boy throw the clock out the window?

A) Because he wanted to see time fly!

As Albert grew he made people laugh out of their seats.

APA News

The DREAM Team

By DeMetrius Pinkney

I recently sat down with our Families and Community Coordinator, Ms. Johnson, to talk about the DREAM Team and ask about this unique group.

DP: Ms. Johnson, what is the DREAM Team?

Ms. Johnson: The DREAM Team are parents who canvass the community to tell families about Achievement Prep and to encourage other families in our neighborhood to send their scholars to APA next school year.

DP: How are the results for the DREAM Team?

Ms. Johnson: Very successful! Thanks to the DREAM Team, APA had its first lottery in the history of the school. We have over 200 applications for next school year.

DP: Wow! I hope to meet all the new scholars. Are you

asking your friends if they want to enroll their children at APA?

Ms. Johnson: Yes, but some of my friends might enroll their children at APA in the future because they are too young right now. But, I make sure to ask them each time I see them.

I am glad the DREAM Team was so successful. Even scholars got involved and participated in two Saturday recruiting events. I got to go out twice with two different DREAM Team parents and it was a lot of fun. I even earned 20 DREAM dollars for helping out!

APA Won an EPIC Award!

By Kyra Folarin

Achievement Prep won an EPIC Award earlier this year. I sat down and interviewed our Founder and Head of School, Ms. Wright. Here is what she had to say about this awesome award:

KF: What is an EPIC Award?

Ms. Wright: EPIC stands for effective practice incentive community. It is an award that is given by New Leaders for New Schools and it rewards educators

in schools who are making significant gains in scholar achievement.

KF: Will we celebrate it in an upcoming Preppie & Proud?

Ms. Wright: That's a good idea Kyra! We should make it happen.

KF: Does all of DC know about this award?

Ms. Wright: All of the DC School Community knows about this award and the wonderful work that is happening everyday at Achievement Prep.



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