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# Achievement Post

## APA Prepares First Graduating Class

*By Elijah Giles*

The 8th grade legacy scholars will be the first class to graduate from Achievement Prep. Mr. Morris, the High School Placement Coordinator and a new Platinum Teacher, is preparing them for high school placement and helping them with all the things they need to do to get into the best high schools in the City. I recently asked Mr. Morris a few questions about what the high school selection and placement process is like.

**Q: Are the 8th graders taking a high school placement test this school year?**

A: Yes the 8th graders are taking a high school placement test this year. There are a few different tests that 8th grade scholars will take depending on what schools they plan to apply to.

**Q: Do you feel confident in the 8th grade scholars taking this test?**

A: Yes, I feel that our 8th grade scholars will do a great job on the test.

**Q: Are all scholars taking the test (if not who is)?**

A: Yes all scholars are taking at least one test.

**Q: Have any high schools come to Achievement Prep to visit? If so which ones?**

A: Yes we have had several high school admissions directors come to visit Achievement Prep including Gonzaga, McKinley Tech, Deerfield, Holy Child, and Bishop McNamara.

**Q: When will the 8th grade scholars take the high school placement test?**

A: The test is on December 10th.

**Q: What can 7th grade scholars start doing to prepare themselves for the high school placement process?**

A: 7th grade scholars should focus on earning good grades and uphold the DREAM values.

# Puzzles & Games

## Thanksgiving Word Search



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JOHN CARVER  
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MAYFLOWER  
MILES STANDISH  
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SAMOSET  
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# Creative Writing

## THE BOY WITH SUPER POWER'S

*By Malik Davis*

One day there was a boy named David Patterson. He was from a planet called Nama. His world was attacked by his one and only enemy, Scar. Scar was a scary, dangerous, and cruel immortal. He always started trouble. One time he tried to take over the entire universe. This time Scar had something different up his sleeve. Scar had a super ray gun called THE DESTROYER 3000 and he planed to destroy planet Earth.

David knew what he had to do-go to earth to train even though he knew his people would be in danger if he left. He wanted to stop Scar before he could get a chance to destroy planet Earth. David decided to use the escape pod to reach Earth. When he finally landed on Earth, David walked and walked and walked until he could not take a single step. He saw an abandoned shelter and so rested there until the next day. The next day, David looked everywhere to find a place to train. He finally found a football field where he began to prepare for battle with Scar.

David had many powers. He could fly, he was super strong, and he could run like a cheetah and a jaguar put together. He trained non-stop day and night for seven weeks. Finally he was so tired he fell asleep on the field. When David woke up he was surprised that he wasn't at the football field anymore. Instead he was in a type of chilly, damp lab. David panicked and was anxious to know why was he there. Dr. Williams appeared and said that they had to take a few tests on David. David didn't know what they meant by tests.

Meanwhile back on Nama, Scar was controlling people. People who didn't obey Scar's orders were thrown in the black dark hole and drifted in outer-space. As Scar prepared to destroy Earth he knew nothing would stop him.

Dr. Williams asked David where he was from. David didn't know what to say because he knew he wasn't supposed to talk about his life on Nama. David tried to escape the lab, but Dr. Williams came back with other doctors. David began to worry that they would soon find out he was from another planet. David flew around the lab until he found a way to get out.

Once he was outside David heard a BOOM! BOOM!. It was Scar crashing into Earth. David couldn't believe his eyes. David flew toward Scar who was laughing saying, "I'm here to destroy this planet filled with humans." David

knew the only way that Earth would be safe is if he turned Scar into ash. David told Scar he would use all of his super powers to stop him.

Scar thought David was crazy. But, David was ready for battle and so was Scar. Their battle was very long and David at one point was almost destroyed by Scar's laser gun. Throughout the battle Scar never backed down. All of David's training helped him to stay strong and finally he defeated Scar by choking him. The humans on planet Earth couldn't believe what had happened and they all began to cheer and thanked David for saving their planet. David was happy it was all over and besides he wanted to go back home to restore peace to Nama. David returned home to see that his people were okay. Scar was defeated but David knew that it wouldn't be long before Scar recovered and found a way to try to take over everything again.



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# Creative Writing

## Robo-Flash-Rock-Master 29

*By Kevin Akers*

It was an ordinary day in Clevel and Dr. T. Patopilie was working on is latest invention. It took him 10-months but he completed it, THE COMBINEAN. It could transfer natural power from one thing to another. "I have to test it," said Dr. Patopilie. "But first I have to check on my 13 year old son Andrid, I know how bad those teens can be." Andrid laughed to himself as he watched his father march off looking for him. Andrid's plan was to combine myself with his rock and become boulder boy. Andrid began to get excited as he thought of all the combination possibilities. "What if I combine myself with that cheetah and my rock and my computer?" "I'd be boulder...electri...cheeta!" He climbed out of his hiding place. He remembered the pass code to his father's laboratory because he had been watching from his hiding space. Once he got into the lab he used THE COMBINEAN to combine himself with his rock and his computer. He became Robo-Flash-Rock Master 29. He added "29" because he thought it looked cool.

He looked like a super hero. He knew he could not show up in public for two reasons:

- 1) His dad
- 2) The military.

See at this time his city was at war. I know I should help in the war, but I could be caught by the enemy and forced to use my new powers against my city he thought. Robo-Flash-Rock Master 29 charged head first into the wall and ran off to the direction he thought was right

That was the last anybody heard of Robo-Flash-Rock Master 29 or Andrid.



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# Sports & Entertainment

## The History of the Minnesota Golden Gophers

*By Xavier Brown*

The University of Minnesota Golden Gophers have over 100 year of football history. They have won six national championships, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1940, 1941, and 1960. Bruce Smith attended the University of Minnesota and won the Heisman Trophy in 1941.

The Golden Gophers play in the Big Ten conference. The Big Ten is a competitive conference that includes football power house schools like Ohio State University, University of Michigan, and University of Wisconsin.

In recent history, the Minnesota Gophers aren't doing so well. They have 8 losses and 2 wins on the season. Their last two games are at Northwestern University and at the University of Illinois. Their current head coach is Jerry Kill, the Defensive Coordinator is Tracy Claeys, the Offensive Coordinator is Matt Limegrover, and the Assistant Head Coach is Bill Miller.



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## The One And Only LeSean McCoy

*By Kenny Wright*



LeSean McCoy was born July, 12 1988 in Harrisburg, PA. He played high school football at Bishop McDevitt High School, the same school as All-Pro Running Back Ricky Watters. LeSean is now 23 years old. He is 5-11 and he weighs 208 pounds. McCoy went to the University of Pittsburgh for college. He has 3 years of NFL experience. He is now a starting running back for the Philadelphia Eagles.

McCoy has been playing well this season. He is the leading rusher in the NFL this season with over 1,000 yards so far. He has developed a new nickname for himself, "Shady" McCoy. McCoy is important to the Eagles because when they need a first down he gives it to them. Can he continue this streak? Hopefully he can.



# Sports & Entertainment

## Iyanla's Pop Star of the Month

By Iyanla Mitchell

This month's pop star is Beyonce. Beyonce is an award winning platinum artist. Her most current album is called **4** and some of my favorite songs from that album are *Party*, *Love on Top*, *Countdown*, and *I was Here*.

She is 30 years old and is expecting her first baby with her super star husband, Jay Z. I just can't believe she is having a baby and I think she is having a boy. I asked a few people what they thought would be easier, a baby boy or a baby girl. Most people said they

thought girls would be harder because they do not want to do hair. Any way, I think Beyonce is the BEST and I know she will be just as good a mother as she is a performer.



## The Caribbean Queen

By Catherine Gyebi

Rihanna is a famous R&B singer that comes from a small island country in the Caribbean called Barbados. Barbados is in the western North Atlantic. On one side of the island you will find the Caribbean Sea and on the other side of the island you will find the Atlantic Ocean. Barbados became an independent nation in 1966 and has an estimated population of 285,000 people.

Rihanna's birth name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty. She has many nicknames including RiRi, Caribbean Queen, and The Barbados Babe. Rihanna's birthday is February 20th, 1988. She is from a parish in Barbados called St. Michaels, which is on the Caribbean Sea side of the island. Rihanna has released five albums and the most recent one is called ***Talk that Talk***.



# APA News

## Girls On The Run

*By Demetrius Pinkney*

This year Ms. Len and Ms. Saenger brought a new enrichment to Achievement Prep called "Girls on the Run." The enrichment Girls on the Run has girls run laps to see how fast they can run. A month ago the teachers gave out awards about how fast each girl ran. During that announcement, Ms. Len said that the girls will run a full 5 K. 5 Kilometers equals 3.2 miles. The girls who are participating in Girls on the Run will be well prepared for their first 5K race.

**DP: Why did the teachers come up with an enrichment calls Girls on the Run?**

Ms. Len: Girls on the Run is a national program and teams all over the country can join. We thought it would be a good way for girls to get exercise while building community and esteem.

**DP: What are the rewards the girls will receive when they go to the race and do their 5k?**

KL: The rewards of finishing a 5k are having pride in yourself for accomplishment a goal.

**DP: Will we have this enrichment next year?**

KL: I hope so!

**DP: Can the girls run a longer lap if they build up to it after their 5k?**

KL: Not right now, but we encourage girls to keep running in their free time.

## APA Scholar's Quarter Exams

*By Liulty Kiros*

How did APA scholars do on their quarter exams you ask? The scholars knocked the quarter exams OUT OF THE BOX. They were underlining and numbering their evidence on their reading exams, showing their work on their math exams, and really trying to get those brains moving on their history exams. Not to mention, science has the highest subject average at APA. This is what some scholars and platinum teachers had to say:

Tyra Johnson, a 5th grade scholar, said, "I did pretty good on my history exam because I have

been studying really hard for my exams."

Iyanla Mitchell, 5th grade, said, "I think that I did great on my science and math exams because during class I have always mastered the work."

Kevin Akers, also a 5th grade scholar, thinks that he did pretty good on his English exam because he was finding the exact evidence from the text and he was also showing his strategies.

Ms. Watson said that the eighth graders worked really hard on their Algebra exams, "they were really focused, showed a lot of determination, and I could tell that they were using their strategies to solve the harder questions." Ms. Fong was also really impressed. She said, "I feel the experience of proctoring the quarter exams was amazing! I was able to watch scholars that I don't ordinarily see put their brain muscles to work and show what they've learned during quarter one. It was wonderful to see all of the determination and stamina of the scholars and to know they're well on their way to college with their work ethic!"

There you have it, the amazing Achievement Prep, they make me so proud!

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