



# Achievement Post

## How Scholars Earn Their Green and Blue

*By Catherine Gyebi*

Quarter Exams and A-Net exams are coming and I want to tell scholars what they can do to prepare. On the week of January 18th, 2012 Achievement Prep is having A-Net exams followed by quarter 2 comprehensive exams. This article is to tell the scholars how they can prepare for the tests and excel.

First of all to get your green and blue on any exam you must study hard. Then, you must get your class notes to study and then you will be ready for any type of question on the exams weather it is open response or multiple choice.

### Steps to Success

1. Study all Notes.
2. Have no distractions around when you are working.
3. Ask teachers for fun ways to study at home.
4. Have a positive attitude about getting your green and blue.

5. Only use strategies your teachers showed you that you feel comfortable using. No Shortcuts!
6. No excuses for not completing work.
7. Be responsible for all assignments.
8. Never give up.
9. Show your work and make your thinking public.
10. Come to school on the days of the test.

So by following these top 10 test taking tips or "Steps to Success" you will be sure to get your GREEN and BLUE on all of your exams.



*Catherine Gyebi is a 6th grade scholar and represents Berry*

# APA News

## Be the D.R.E.A.M

*By Kevin Akers*

This year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16th, some of the scholars from Achievement Prep found fun ways to be involved in the community. I participated in a march for children and ended up getting interviewed by USA Today! My picture was even in the paper. How did I do it? I'm glad you asked:

**Q1: How did you find out about the Martin Luther King children march?**

A: I am a patriot so I looked up a re-enactment I could do.

**Q2: Did you have a sign?**

A: Yes, I did have a sign.

**Q3: Did you make it?**

A: No, I didn't make it, one of the rangers, Jessie, handed them out to the kids.

**Q4: What did your sign say?**

A: It said "we shall overcome."

**Q5: How did the newspaper USA Today interview you?**

A: I was in the front of the march so it was easy for the writer to find me.

The caption below my picture in the paper said, "U.S. Park Ranger Jeff Jones and Kevin Akers, 9, lead a march from the Lincoln Memorial to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial. The march for

children and families marked the first year the King site in Washington, DC is open for the King holiday."



*Photo image courtesy of USA Today a Gannett Company publication.*

## 6th Grade FBI Party

*by Catherine Gybei*

On December 7th, 2011 the 6th grade advisories of Berry and Williams went to a Christmas party as a result of their hard work and participation in the Junior Special Agent FBI program. We had a fun memorable experience. We had a lot of activities which included face-painting, presents, and food. We also saw magician performances. "That was so much fun!" said Brianna Green, 6th grade scholar.

The face-painter painted many things like butterflies, Spiderman, batman, rainbow princesses and more. The magicians there did card tricks and tricks that made things transform. We made ornaments and won prizes.

I and the rest of the class of 2022 had fun. I hope you like reading this article and found it as one of the most interesting in the whole Achievement Post newspaper. The class of 2022 is excited about continuing to work with the FBI.

# APA News

## Second Step

*By Elijah Giles*

Achievement Prep has started a new program for scholars called *Second Step: Skills for Social and Academic Success*. *Second Step* helps scholars with self confidence. The program also helps scholars to be nice to each other, to stop bullying, to stop gossiping, and to show empathy. Through *Second step* scholars learn about good decision-making and about how to respectfully disagree with each other when necessary. Ms. Player, our Dean of Solutions, is the platinum teacher that introduced the *Second Step* program to APA. I had an opportunity to ask Ms. Player a few questions about *Second Step* and this is what she had to say:

### Q: Why did you start Second Step?

Ms Player: “We started Second Step because we are devoted to making sure our scholars are not only strong in mind, but strong in character as well. Your growth as people is as important to us as your growth in academics.”

### Q: Do teachers help you to come up with ideas for Second Step?

Ms. Player: “Actually, Second Step is a program that came out of a partnership with a organization called Safe Schools. So, the program was already crafted for our scholars.”

### Q: Why does Second Step have homework?

Ms. Player: “Second Step has homework because learning these various lessons on character education, social interaction and academic skills are important for life. The homework helps to make the understanding of the lessons stay with scholars longer. The same skills you are learning in Second Step many people struggle to learn, even as adults. So we want to make sure you learn and apply these skills now, that way when you are older they become habits and just not lessons.”

# Sports & Entertainment

## Baby Blue

*By Dimilah Jones*

Did you hear? On January 7th 2012 a 7 pound baby girl was born named Blue-Ivy? Blue was born to famous singer and actress Beyonce Knowles and to famous rapper, producer, and author Sean “Jay-z” Carter. In celebration of his new baby girl, Jay-z wrote a special song just for her called Glory.

Beyonce is such a well known artist she got her own VIP guest room when she went into labor. It took 2 days just for Sean and Beyonce to decide on what the baby’s name would be! News of the baby girls name first broke on Twitter thanks to messages from the couples famous friends. Blue-Ivy was born in Lenox Hospital in New York City.

On January 10th 2012 Blue-Ivy went home to enjoy the new celebrity life with mommy and daddy, Sean “Jay-z” Carter and Beyonce Knowles. So far there haven’t been any official pictures of baby Blue. But a lot of people are guessing that the new baby will be just as beautiful as her mother.



*Dimilah is a new staff writer and this is her second article for the Achievement Post.*

## Mindless Behavior

*by Liulty Kiros*

Mindless Behavior is an American boy band known for the singles “My Girl” and “Mrs. Right.” The band was put together in Los Angeles in 2008 by Keisha Gamble, Walter Millsap and Vincent Herbert.

The band trained in dancing and singing for two years before releasing a recording. The members of Mindless Behavior Prodigy, Roc Royal, Ray Ray, and Princeton. They are all in their early teens. The band performed “My Girl” on the Today Show in November 2010.

Mindless Behavior stir up a frenzy wherever they go. Their style is a mix of R&B grooves, pop hooks, and hip-hop swag. What’s next for this boy-band super group? All the girls want to know the answer to that questions. People are always asking me who I think looks the best and of course I always say PRINCETON!



*Ray Ray, Roc Royal, Prodigy, and Princeton.*



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# Sports & Entertainment

## The Los Angeles Clippers

By Xavier Brown.

The Clippers began in 1970 as the *Buffalo Braves*. They were part of the NBA expansion and played in the 1970-1971 season. The other expansion teams that year were the *Portland Trailblazers* and the *Cleveland Cavaliers*. In 1977 Irv Lewis, the owner of the Braves, came up with an idea to trade teams with John Y. Brown, the owner of the *Boston Celtics*. Mr. Brown was open to the trade because as California business man he wanted to own an NBA team in California. Mr. Lewis knew that the league would never approve of moving the *Boston Celtics* but they might be open to moving the *Buffalo Braves* due to their low season ticket sales.

In 1978, with the team trade complete, John Y. Brown moved his new team to San Diego and changed their name to the Clippers. The team played as the San Diego Clippers for the first time in the 1978-79 season. The team was moved to Los Angeles in 1984 where they remain today. Their current head coach is Vinny Del Negro. This year the Clippers got Chris Paul from New Orleans. Chris Paul and Blake Griffin are the two best players on the team. The Clippers have 6 losses and 12 wins and are ranked 3rd in the west.

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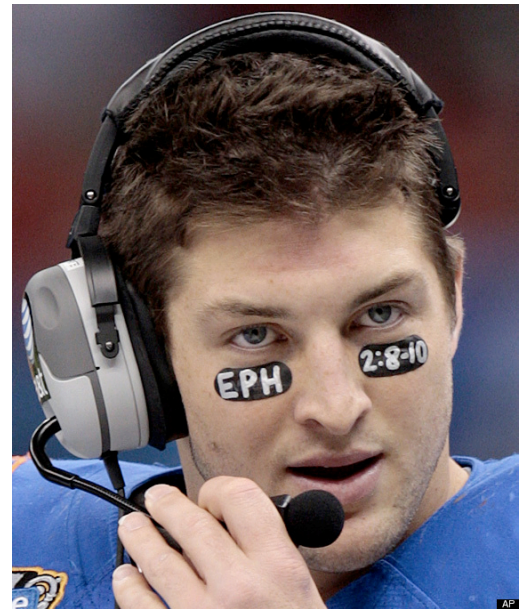
## Tim Tebow

By Kenny Wright.

Tim Tebow was born on August 14, 1987. He went to the University of Florida for college. Tim's hometown is Jacksonville, FL. He weighs 235 pounds and he stands 6 feet 3 inches tall. Tebow shocked everybody by deciding to stay at Florida for his Senior year. Tebow now has two years of NFL experience. He's now 24 years old and plays for the *Denver Broncos*.

Tim is a Christian and is proud to be one. He's not the guy who drinks every night, goes out with girls, and listens to dirty music. When he makes a touchdown, he kneels down on the turf to thank Jesus for his success. Tebow's public displays of faith have attracted a lot of attention. At one point the Broncos were even thinking about trading him.

However, Tebow's play continued to improve and now he is good after knocking the *Pittsburgh Steelers* out the playoffs. In the playoff game against the Steelers, he made a touchdown pass on the first play in overtime. Many people were shocked. Personally, I think he's a bad quarterback. Tim isn't like an Aaron Rodgers. Tim doesn't like to throw the ball. He's like a Michael Vick, always running the ball. I don't think he'll last long in the NFL. The NFL goes faster than college. Eventually, those defensive linemen and linebackers will catch up to him especially guys like Terrell Suggs from the *Baltimore Ravens*.



*Broncos Quarterback-Tim Tebow*

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# Puzzles & Games

## Getting the Most Game for your Buck

By Demetrius Pinkney

Did you know that if you have a game that is old or out of class that you can trade it in? You can get a trade card which is used like money at certain game stores and represents the value the store offers you for your old game. For example, *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3* cost \$54.99. So if you trade in this game, you would receive a trade card for \$54.99 and you can use that card to get another game for no additional money, unless the new game is over that amount. Find a game, get the game, play the game, trade it in, and do it all again! Also, try to get a platinum card at Game Stop. A platinum card is like a gift card that you can keep adding money to. It's a good way to save up your money until you have the amount you need to purchase your new favorite game.

If you are a person who plays online games, you can get a game card for that specific online game. Game Stop isn't the only store that sells games for a good price. Try Walmart, Kmart, Target, and Best Buy. If you have a brother or sister that bothers you to play your game then get a family game like *Mario Party 8*

or *Mario & Sonic Winter Games*. *The Adventure of Tin-Tin* is another good family game that is used for all systems. It's about a boy name Tin-Tin who is on a quest to find a ship that was lost long ago and he's not alone. He has the help of his dog and a man and together they try to find this important long-lost ship.

There are always new games coming out and updates to make the games more challenging. That is why it's important to use these tips to try to get the games you want for the lowest price possible. Also try to search for the lowest price for your favorite game on line at these places:

1. [www.gameprice.es](http://www.gameprice.es)
2. [www.half.ebay.com](http://www.half.ebay.com)
3. [www.cheapestgames.com](http://www.cheapestgames.com)
4. [www.gamefly.com](http://www.gamefly.com)
5. [www.dealnews.com](http://www.dealnews.com)
6. [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

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## Insects and Creepy Crawlies

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COCKROACH

CRICKET  
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FIREFLY  
GRASSHOPPER  
GREEN DARNER  
HORNET  
LADYBUG

LOCUST  
MOTH  
SILVERFISH  
SPIDER  
TERMITE  
TICK  
WASP

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