



Achievement Post

March Mental Math Madness

by Catherine Gyebi and Demetrius Pinkney

In the first week of March all the way through the 30th of March there was a competition between 64 of the 210 Achievement Preparatory Academy scholars. That competition is called March Mental Math Madness. Scholars really enjoyed it because even scholars who were in the audience received prizes.

Some of the awards that were presented were for Closest Battle, Best Fan, and Best Sport. Some of the scholars who received the Best Fan awards were Davon Mitchell, Jordan Wood, Elise Crawford, and J'wan White. Scholars who won the Closest Battle awards were Dimilah Jones and Sahmya Wiggins. Best Sport honors were given to Jaylon Garnett and Jibril Marshall. The tournament progressed through our top 32 then on and on until the final 4 and the champion, Carols Sandavol, who won an Amazon Kindle.

This year one twist to the March Mental Math Madness tournament was that all of the platinum teachers went against each other for a friendly round. The winner was Ms. Hanley. She is the best teacher, other than the math team, to know her multiplication facts. This is Carlos' second year winning the tournament. Congratulations Carols!



DC-CAS

By DeMetrius Pinkney

The DC-CAS stands for District of Columbia Comprehensive Assessment System. It's a test that every DC public school and every DC charter school has to take. The DC-CAS ranks what students have learned into four groups, Advanced, Proficient, Basic, or Below Basic. Advanced is color blue and Proficient is color green. When Achievement Prep scholars cheer about getting their blue and green they are talking about earning Advanced and Proficient on the DC-CAS.

The DC-CAS mainly focuses on math and reading, but there are other subjects for some grades. Like sciences for grades 5 and 8 and composition for grades 4 and 7. This year the DC-CAS will start on April 17th and end on April 27th. I know that all Achievement Prep scholars will be prepared and will earn their blue and green!

Mike Epps

By Dimilah Jones

Have you heard of Mike Epps, the comedian? Mike was born on November 18, 1970. Mike is 41 years old. Besides comedy, Mike is also an producer, actor and a rapper! Mike has 5 kids, but his oldest daughter, Bria, and him haven't had the best relationship. Internet sources say that recently the cops were called by Bria on her father. When asked about the situation, Mike was quoted, "I will always love Bria." Even though I don't know them I wish them the best of luck.

Mike has appeared in several movies with Ice Cube such as ***Next Friday***, ***Friday After Next***, and ***All About The Benjamins***. Mike has also appeared in movies like ***The Hangover***, ***Next Day Air***, and ***Dr. Dolittle***, and ***Open Season***.

Currently Mike is doing a stand-up comedy tour. He recently made appearances in places near us. In fact he performed right here in D.C at Constitution Hall earlier this year. He will be performing in Baltimore in April so you still have a chance to see him for yourself!



Mike Epps, Actor/Comedian.

Paul Pierce

By Kenny Wright.



Paul Pierce, Boston Celtics Forward

Paul Pierce was born on October 17, 1977 in Oakland, CA. His family moved to southern California and he grew up in Inglewood. Paul went to college at the University of Kansas and averaged 18.4 points a game. Paul has been in the NBA for over 13 season and now plays for the Boston Celtics.

Paul is a great player for the Celtics. He has scored over 20,00 points in his career and is still increasing. Paul pierce got his nickname, *The Truth*, from Shaq O'Neal. During the Finals, Celtics vs Lakers, Paul Pierce had an all star performance and Shaq started calling him the truth, because he was the real deal. Pierce has had an amazing career in the NBA and is currently ranked #17 in the league in points per game. Let's see if he can keep up his stats.