



Achievement Post

LEONARDO Da VINCI: The man 500 years before his time

By Kevin Akers

Leonardo Da Vinci was a great scientist and inventor. He laid the ground work for the toyota prius, robots, tanks, and even helicopters. His journal was found in England with pictures of many ingenious ideas. He was born April 15th, 1452 and died May 2nd, 1519, 488 years ago. Leonardo started off as an apprentice to the best artist in town and didn't go to school until the age of 15. He would spend his time drawing, thinking, or just enjoying nature itself.

Leonardo had ideas of the world. He made the first machine gun by putting 16 cannons side-by-side with all the fuses connected by one string. He had the idea of the ripple effect (when you move one side of a rope a kind of wave goes on). The one string would light all of them and BOOM 16 cannon balls fire and could be loaded easily with a regular cannon loader.

He painted the Mona Lisa. The Mona Lisa is a famous work of art that took DaVinci four years to complete! It was a portrait of Lisa del Giocondo and seemed to him as a regular portrait. To us it is a phenomenal piece of art that now hangs in The Louvre, a famous art museum in Paris. It seems as a portrait to most people but when you look at her face, hand, and body posture she seems to know a secret.

All in all he was a great inventor, artist, and instrumentalist. He truly was the man 500 years before his time!



LEONARDO DA VINCI
Painted by Albrecht Dürer
Engraved by Martin Schongauer

Sports and Entertainment

Malia Tate-DeFreitas

By Liulty Kiros

Did you know that Malia-Tate DeFreitas is the number one female basketball player in Pennsylvania? Well she is and I am gladly her cousin. Malia goes to high school at Steel High. Malia has already passed the school record for most points scored in school history. Isn't that neat! I recently interviewed her and this is what went on:

Me: How often do you get to travel because of basketball?

Ms. DeFreitas: I travel during the summer for 3 weeks for basketball camp.

Me: Do you cherish the ability of getting to travel?

Ms. DeFreitas: I definitely love the time on the road.

Me: Do you play basketball because you truly love it or because your father wants you to?

Ms DeFreitas: My father, Malik DeFreitas, being the assistant coach definitely had something to do with my basketball career but I am driven on my own and I love basketball.

Me: I've read something about you playing tennis and I also am a tennis player. How long have you played tennis and do you get out and hit once in a while?

Ms. DeFreitas: I played tennis for 3 years but I don't get to play anymore because of basketball.

Me: I hear that you have over 35 scholarships and don't want to tell anyone where you will go to college, but could you give us a sneak peak of which schools you're leaning toward?

Ms. DeFreitas: Maybe Penn State, Ohio State, or Hampton. They're all in the running.

Me: I know that you are the oldest and have 3 siblings. Do you think your motivation for

basketball inspires them?

Ms. DeFreitas: Yes, I try to be a good role model for all of my siblings.

This has seemed to do well for the DeFreitas family because her younger sister Melani will be joining her sister on the team next year. Although she has done extra amazing things on the court, when practice is over she is just a regular person like us all.



The New iPad 3

By Sean Dixon

Netflix's servers. The customer base continues to rise, especially as tablets such as the iPad 3 get more popular. Thanks to the extremely high resolution that of the new iPad, Netflix has cracked the top 5 iPad 3 apps.

The New iPad3 is without a doubt the best tablet on the market right now. With it's high resolution display, exceptional battery life, and better camera there is no doubt why it beats the iPad2 in just about every way! The starting price tag of the iPad3 is just around \$500 and it will likely remain the fastest selling tablet on the market. The iPad3 is a very powerful tool and can be used for a lot of different things. However, two of the most popular apps for the iPad3 are for entertainment.

Since exploding onto the entertainment scene a few years back, Netflix has taken the video industry by storm. What started as an easier way to get DVDs into your mailbox has evolved into an internet streaming sensation. Every day thousands of gigabytes of video are streamed by

Believe it or not another top 5 iPad3 app is Angry Birds. I know what some of you are thinking, Angry Birds is just a game! While that's true, the fact is that people are not tired of this game yet. If they were, why would the developer keep coming out with new versions of the game? Angry Birds is only going to get better and more powerful with the iPad 3's new, powerful resolution. So make sure to get Angry Birds!



APA News

Community Party Spelling Bee

by Demetrius Pinkney

By Liulty Kiros

Achievement Prep had a party a few weeks ago to celebrate the hard work scholars did on the DC-CAS. Achievement Prep invited everyone to the party, even our neighbors in the community. There were two moon bounces, free food, face painting, and a clown. Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Cannon, and all the platinum teachers were there.

The party was a blast! All of the platinum teachers and the scholars were having a fantastic time. There were many people from the community at the event and even children that will attend Achievement Prep next year. I would say the community party was a success.

End of Year Fundraiser

By Demetrius Pinkney

At the end of the year at Achievement Prep we have activities everyday. All advisories go on trips at the end of the year. APA gives scholars some type of way to help the school raise money. Like the 8th graders had to do the "Joe Corbi's" pizza fundraiser. The 8th graders also did a school store that opens on certain days. In addition to raising money, they also are doing it to prevent scholars from going to the corner store.

There are other contests sponsored by the school to help scholars raise money for end of the year trips. One competition we had was called "Penny War". With this contest each advisory can make a lot of money because the scholars want to win the contest and everybody is bringing in change.

The APA spelling bee has finally kicked off! This is a very special opportunity for scholars to challenge their spelling powers. This is the 1st annual spelling bee. Many scholars felt nervous because of the pressure of the competition. Take Shaela Morgan for an example. She said, "having butterflies in my stomach was my way of showing that I was nervous." But she was excited when she got to spell a word.

For many scholars this was a piece of cake but, for some scholars, this was really an ordeal. Overall, there are many contestants in the final round of the spelling bee. There are supposed to be only ten contestants in the final round of the spelling bee but there are eleven because our Achievement Prep scholars are so smart. Luckily I, Liulty Kiros, am moving on to the final round of the spelling bee! I am hoping to win the whole spelling bee. Well, anyway, to all the other finalists good luck!



Scholars engaged in friendly competition.

Puzzles and Games

Sudoku

place a number between 1 and 6 in each empty cell so that every row, every column and every 2x3 box contains all the numbers 1 to 6.

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