

Gator Gazette

Coffee with Mr. Kirk



Hello Parents and Students
 Things are going well at ABT. I'd like to take this time to wish the entire ABT family, including students, parents, staff, school board members, E.M.U staff and management group a happy holiday season. We are in the middle of "the best time of the year". I hope everyone's wishes come true.
 I had mentioned at the last parent meeting in November that we have 2 snow days built into the school schedule. We can absorb 2 days of canceling school for snowstorms without having to change the school schedule or redistribute times. In

the event of a major snow storm ABT High School cancelation will be posted on all major TV and radio stations by 5am, in most cases. The posting will use ABT HS or ABTH. The elementary school will use ABTE or ABT elem. In most cases both campuses will coordinate closure. Only once in 6 years (last year) did one school stay open while the other closed. Just be assured publication of a school closure will be readily displayed and broadcast. In addition those parents who have provided email addresses will receive email notification of the

closure.
 The Christmas break dates are December 21 through January 6, 2012. Also don't forget to check the ABT website at www.abtmelvindale.com and our Facebook page for school updates. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Mr. John Kirk, School Leader

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My Experience—Khalid Thompson-ABT Student

My experience at ABT has been wonderful. I have met some of the coolest kids ever. I see every kid here has their own style and to me everyone here is special. What I mean is that everyone here has a different personality, in other words people at ABT are mature.

I have been at this school for a week and I love it. People joke with me and they want to get to know me because I guess I'm an interesting person. I really like this school it is what I call "ballistical." That is my own little word that means crazy but in a good way.

My last school wasn't even close to being this well behaved. I went to a school in

Detroit. This school was horrible but a lot worse in 2008. When I found out I was going to that school I was concerned. I encountered students who were loud in class and they disrespected the teacher, preventing me from learning.

I talked to my mother and father about putting me in another school they agreed and they decided to enroll me in ABT. They said it would be better here at ABT. They actually sat down and talked to the school leader. This is when they learned that this was a good school. I became interested in ABT. I wanted another opinion. I asked other people about ABT. Some kids said they did not like the school and some said they did like it.

The work is not hard unless you make it hard. If you don't do any work or you just do half of the work you will make it harder for yourself. School is needed if you want a career. I like school, some people think I'm crazy for that 'lol' but I'm not. I love school because you get to meet new people and learn some things that you always wanted to know.

To be honest this school teaches me things I never even knew about. Like history class.

ABT is a place you can get a good education.

Khalid Thompson

Mrs. Guerra's Page

Class of 2012 News

College Information

You should still be coming in weekly for scholarship information; the red crate in my office fills up fast. Please come down and check once a week to see if there is information in there for you. Deadlines are coming for many of the scholarships I have given you, please work on them.

Scholarship Due Dates

GMS- January 11, 2012, MCWTF- January 31, 2012, AXAC- February 1, 2012, MI Oil- April 2, 2012

ACT/SAT

If you would like to retake the ACT please see me, I can help you register and in some cases provide a fee waiver. The tests will be given at ABT on February 11, April 14, and June 9. You must be registered one month prior to the test date. If you would like to take the SAT, please see me to register. I may be able to provide you with a fee waiver for that test as well.

Up Coming College Visits

December 8th- University of Michigan
December 12th- Central State @ ABT

December 15th – Capuchin Soup Kitchen
January 27th- Senior Center/Com. Service

Please pick up your permissions slips in the main office, return with teachers signatures no later than 1 day prior to the trip.

Coming Soon....

You only have 3 weeks left to bring in your acceptance letters for the 1st brag board contest! I will be creating a large brag board in our hallway in January. Please bring in your acceptance letters and scholarship awards so I can post them. The student that has the most up in January when we come back to school and at the end of the year will receive special gifts for college.

Many students have brought in things to put up on the board....

Have a great month!

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For all questions, comments, and submissions for the newsletter, contact: Mrs. Liveoak
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Monday:

Tutoring/After School Programs

Computer Application -Computer Lab
Dennison-Liveoak
Math-Room 207-by appointment
Contact: Mrs. Taran
BAND Practice-Lower Hall @ 3:30

Tuesday

Yearbook Club-Ms. Griffin 3-4pm
Room 205
Math-Room 207-by appointment

Tuesday con't

H. S. Drama Club room 126- Jones

Wednesday

BAND Practice-Lower Hall @ 3:30pm
Craft Class- 2nd Wednesday of each month.
Young Ladies on a Mission-4th Wednesday of each Month-
Dennison-Liveoak

Thursday

Glee Club -3-4pm (Art Room) Dennison
-Clark
Math-Room 207-by appointment
Contact: Mrs. Taran

Thursday con't

M.S. Drama Club- Room 126
Chess Club-Room 204-Mr. Schroeder
Late bus leaves @4:30 promptly
Monday—Thursday



Positive Behavior Support News- November Winners

ABT Staff



Mr. Nannini

High School Student



Teairah Dennison

Middle School Student



Cariese Gordon



Ms. Slappy's Corner



Happy Holidays ABT Family:

As we celebrate this holiday season, it is my hope that while you are celebrating, you will take the time to bless someone! Thank you to all of the parents who participated in The Harvest Feast! All of the dishes were delicious! The next parent meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m. We are hosting our First Annual Chili Cook-Off on Friday, December 16, 2011! May the BEST cook win!:) Cheer it, let's hear it...We've Got Gator Spirit...The Girls & Boys Basketball Team is gearing up...Let's GO GATORS!

"Nice words are free, so choose words that please another's ears"-Vietnamese proverb



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Giant Step Teen Conference- Wayne State University

Going to the Giant Step Teen Conference was fun. I enjoyed myself tremendously because I like meeting new people and getting to know them. It's good to meet new people because if you never meet new people you never really get to see what the rest of the world's different cultures are like. Another reason why I like meeting new people is because

many different cultures are stereotyped based on their color, gender, religion and ethnicity, however, it's better to really get to know someone than to judge them off of what you hear. Also, I am glad to say that if it wasn't for the Giant Step Teen Conference, I wouldn't have met my new friend, Jordan M. who attends Loyola High School. :)

Gabrielle Boyd, Ninth Grade

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 and the Web!
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High Five

Thanksgiving Food Basket 2011 was a success & our thanks goes to the students. I received much heart felt gratitude from the families who received them.

Thank you from: Ms. Hall SW

Our staff and students recognize Mr. Jackson for all his efforts to make ABT safe.

*A Special "THANK YOU" to Ms. Diane Robinson for her diligent effort to establish a high standard for maintaining our attendance books.

Mrs. Mallon for creating the Attendance Handbook that also helped us to have a successful audit! Again, Hard Work and Teamwork pays off!



December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8 Boys BBall @ 5:30pm	9 Boys BBall @ 5:30 pm
12 PTC Central State University Visit ABT	13 Boys BBall @ 5:30pm	14 Parent Mtg. @ 6:00pm	15 ABT visits Capuchin Soup Kitchen	16 Chili Cook-Off DECEMBER 17 BBall @ 2:30 pm
19 Boys BBall @ 5:30 pm	20	21	22	23 Boys BBall @ 5:30pm
26 Boys BBall @ 5:30pm	No School: December 21- January 8			30
	Students return for a regular schedule on January 9.			

Statement: ABT Middle/High School participates in the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response (AHERA) Act of 1986. The school AHERA Management Plan has been submitted and accepted by the State of Michigan Construction Safety and Health Division. The plan, updated on June 5, 2009, certifies there is no friable asbestos within the ABTH school buildings. The plan is available for review in the main office.