

# Gator Gazette

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## Coffee with Mr. Kirk



Hello Parent and Students  
Happy New Year and welcome to the second half of the 2001-2012 school year. Our resolution at ABT is to continue to be better. There will be some changes for the second semester. Mrs. Danuloff will return to teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade along with Ms. Daniels. We have several new 6<sup>th</sup> graders for the second semester and, in keeping with our philosophy of smaller, more manageable student-to-teacher ratios, we are expanding the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to two classrooms. This is as it was during the 2010-2011 school year.

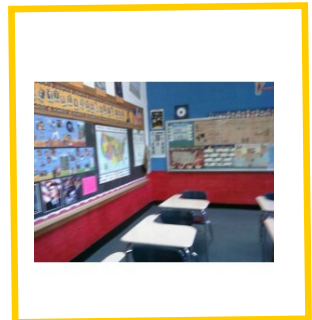
One of the other changes for this school year and the second semester is the implementation of a program called Project SEED (<http://www.projectseed.org/>). This is a research based, intensive program designed to teach math using a more dynamic method, different from the traditional, often used methods. We will be implementing the program in both middle and high school. Finally, ABT students identified for NUMATS, Northwestern University Midwestern Talent Search, ABT's partnership

with Northwestern University for gifted and talented students, will be advance testing next month on February 12. These students and their parents have been on the Northwestern University website using the site's preparatory materials getting ready for the test. Good Luck! GATOR PRIDE!!



Mr. John Kirk, School Leader

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### ABT High School Students participate in the Key Club—Sponsor: Kiwanis



ABT High school student were inducted in the Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Cub. Mrs. Guerra, our school Counselor and Mrs. Phillion, our Special Education Department teacher are the sponsors for the students at ABT. Students are encouraged to follow national guidelines:

**Mission Statement:** Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its member with opportunities to provide service, build and develop leadership.

**Vision** We are caring and competent servant leaders transforming communities worldwide.

**Core values** The core values of Key Club International are leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness.

**Pledge** I pledge, on my honor, to uphold the Objects of Key Club International; to build my home, school and community; to serve my nation and God; and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions.

**Motto** Caring—Our Way of Life

**Objective:**

- To develop initiative and leadership.
- To provide experience in living and working together.
- To serve the school and community.
- To cooperate with the school principal.
- To prepare for useful citizenship.

To accept and promote the following ideals:

To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and application of higher standards in scholarship, sportsmanship and social contacts.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

To provide a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render unselfish service and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

## Mrs. Guerra's Page

### Class of 2012 News

#### College Information

You should still be continuing to apply for colleges. Hopefully many of you have already begun FAFSA (federal student aid). If not that should be a priority for the next month, scholarship money in Michigan is first come, first serve...

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. For those of you who had not picked up things from your folder, you should have received them in the mail over the break.

#### Scholarship Due Dates

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

#### ACT

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. I have some study material if you are interested.

#### FREE Act Workshop at Madonna University

Thursday, January 26 from 4pm-7pm & Thursday,

March 1<sup>st</sup> 4pm-7pm

Includes: a practice test, test-taking tips, and an optional campus tour.

#### Up Coming College Visits/Community Service

January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Art Institute @ABT
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Center (15 students only)
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Center (15 students only)
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Capuchin Soup Kitchen (15 students only)
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	College Fair @ABT
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Michigan State University

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....

I have created a large brag board in the hallway for those who have brought in acceptance letters and scholarship awards. Our first round winners are Olivia Collins with 14, and Kaitlyn Somerville with 11. Congratulations! There is still an opportunity for two more students to win a special gift for college. The next contest will end Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great month!

Mrs. Guerra  
Academic Counselor  
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## Tutoring/After School Programs

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday

Drama Club High school- Ms. Jones  
Math-Room 207-by appointment

### Wednesday

BAND Practice-Lower Hall @ 3:30pm  
Craft Class-  
2nd Wednesday of each month.



Late bus leaves @4:30 promptly Monday—Thursday

### Thursday

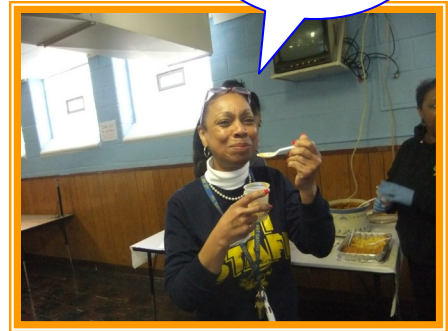
Glee Club -3-4pm (Art Room)  
Dennison-Clark  
Math-Room 207-by appointment  
Contact: Mrs. Taran  
Drama Club- Room 113-Mrs. Danuloff  
Chess Club-Room 204-Mr. Schroeder

## ABT Special Events

# Chili Cook-off 2011 winner Ms. Hall



Very tasty!



Chili Cook-off 2011 proceeds will benefit the  
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.



## Ms. Slappy's Corner



Hello ABT Parent,  
Happy New Year! Where does the time go, we are now starting second semester and looking forward to another successful school year at ABT.

Our monthly parent meeting will be held in the library on January 18 at 6pm. Bring your parent card. If you do not have a parent card see me and I will give you one. See you Wednesday!

Report cards will be sent out on January 20.  
The ART Institute will visit ABT on January 23  
Our Girls and Boys have a number of Basketball Games throughout the month of January, please look at calendar on page 4.

Our Annual Honor's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday February 8 at 9:30 am. You and your child will receive a special invitation to this wonderful breakfast where we honor our ABT students who excel academically.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" - Martin Luther King



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 and the Web!  
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### Give Them a Hi-Five!

Staff Members presented with a "Making the Difference 2011" award: Mr. Charles Moyer, MVP, Ms. Dezirae Daniels, Teacher, & Mrs. Gloria Liveoak, Support Staff.

Detroit Goodfellows volunteers: Danielle Hayes, Treazure Malone, Tichina Warren, Izairia Beard, Daniella Keener helped pack Detroit Goodfellows boxes on December 19 along with Ms. Hall our school social worker. GREAT JOB!

For all questions, comments, and submissions  
 for the newsletter, contact: Mrs. Liveoak  
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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9 Welcome Back	10 Mid-terms	11 Mid-terms	12 Mid-terms	13 PD No School for students
16 No School Boys BB Game @ 5:30	17 Boys BB game @ 5:30 HFCC	18 Parent Meeting @ 6pm	19 Boys BB Game @5:30 Farmington Hills	20 Report Cards
23 Art Institute visit ABT Boy BB Game @ 5:30 @ HFCC	24 Girls BB game @ 6 00 ABT	25	26	27
30 Pennies for Patients	31 Boys BB Game @ 5:30 HFCC			

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.