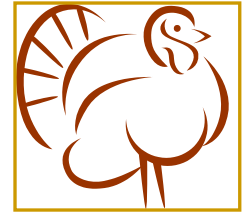


Gator Gazette

Coffee with Mr. Kirk



Hello Parents and Students,

There is a great deal of attention being paid nationally and therefore locally to bullying. It's happening everywhere in schools at almost epidemic proportions. ABT is not exempt. We have had some of our students seriously affected by what they perceived as being bullied by other students. Even though every incidence of students disagreeing on something is not necessarily bullying... young people often disagree...it's very hard to distinguish between a simple disagreement and someone being bullied. I would like all our parents and students to know that bullying will not be

tolerated at ABT. We have developed a reputation as a safe environment for education to take place. That will not change. I'd like everyone to know every instance that I consider bullying will result in at least a 7 day suspension from school and could result in an immediate formal expulsion, depending on the severity of the incident. I would ask parents help in monitoring your student's activity on social sites such as Facebook and My Space, as this is where bullying often starts or is continued. Texting while in school, which is entirely another discussion we'll have at another time, can contribute to bullying as

well. I would ask parents to talk to your students about the severity of being expelled from a school and having that in your school record.

As my job now is an educator I don't want to have to disconnect any student's education. However, I will do whatever it takes to keep ABT a safe and desirable school for students to learn and grow. I'm sure, as parents, you expect no less.



Mr. John Kirk, School Leader

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Cedar Point Halloweekend Trip

I would like to thank all of the seniors, who went to Cedar Point, for being responsible, respectful, and on time.

The weather was nice, but it made for very, very, very long lines; however, everyone had a great time! I also want to thank our chaperones: Mr. Long, Mrs. Danuloff, Mr. Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Rose, and Mr. Mallon. Lastly, I would like to thank all the parents who dropped off their stu-

dent and picked them up in a timely manner. This trip showed that students, parents, and teachers, working together, results in a smooth and enjoyable outing. Looking forward to the next senior outing,

Mrs. Mallon

Mrs. Guerra's Page

Class of 2012 News

College Information

The deadlines for early acceptance to colleges are coming to an end. If you have not done so already, you need to fill out applications. See me for assistance.

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 and get them to me asap.

Scholarship Due Dates

AXA- December 1, 2011, RARE- December 1, 2011, GMS- January 11, 2012, 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 December 10, February 11, April 14, and June 9. You must be registered one month prior to the test date.

FREE Act Workshop at Madonna University

Thursday, November 10th from 4pm-7pm
Includes: a practice test, test-taking tips, and an op-

tional campus tour.

Up Coming College Visits

November 3, 2011 Capuchin Soup Kitchen
November 21, 2011 HFCC to ABT
November 23, 2011 Oakland University
November 29, 2011 Bowling Green 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 will be creating a large brag board in the hallway in January. Please bring in your early acceptance letters and scholarship awards so I can post them. The student that has the most up on the board at the end of the year will receive a special gift for college.

A few students that have already brought in several things to put up on the board....

Have a great month!

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Tutoring/After School Programs

Monday:

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

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

Drama Club- Room 113-Ms. J. Jones

Chess Club-Room 204-Mr. Schroeder

Late bus leaves @4:30 promptly
Monday—Thursday

Positive Behavior Support News- November Winners

ABT Staff



Mr. Rickman

High School Student



Erin Robinson

Middle School Student



Tre Walker



Ms. Slappy's Corner



Dear ABT Family:

Tis' the Season to Be Jolly! I am excited about all of the wonderful projects and events that are taking place at ABT! I owe a GREAT BIG "Thank You!" to Charlotte Crowley & Dave Marsico at Meijers located @ 3565 Fairlane Blvd. Allen Park, Michigan 48101 for donating a gift card for us to purchase a Christmas Tree for the holiday season! Calling all parents to attend the next parent meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m. in the library! Please bring a dish to share! Let's all reach out and extend a helping hand to those who are less fortunate than us!

ABT is currently collecting can goods for Thanksgiving. The donated can goods will be given to those in need. Please send your donations before November 18, 2011.

I would like to give a "Special Shout-Out" to our ABT Gator Basketball Team Alumni for representing us well on their "current basketball teams" and making us proud! " (see page 4)



Carmen Willingham-Slappy
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"Gratitude is a fruit of a great civilization; you do not find it among gross people"-Samuel Jackson



"Special Shout-Out" to our ABT Gator Basketball Team Alumni for representing us well on their "current basketball teams" and making us proud! "Once a Gator...Always a Gator!"

Michael Talley III- Duquesne University, PA

Marcel Smith- Houston Baptist University, TX

Markus Montague- Kentucky State University, KY

Yakimi Noble- Chattanooga State Community College, TN

Lawrence Johnson-Danner-Texas Southern University, TX

Shiene Berry for be honored by the "City of Ecorse" City Manager for sharing her ideas on how to better Ecorse.

We are proud to announce that one of our 2012 Seniors at ABTH will represent our school and Breithaupt Career & Technical Center at the 2011 SkillsUSA State Fall Leadership and Professional Development Conference on, Tuesday, November 8th. The event will be held in the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing. "Thank you Steven! From the ABT Staff.

High Five to the 2011 Football team and Coaches for another wonderful year of football. See you next year! ABT Staff.

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No School: Nov. 24 & 25

Have a Safe Thanksgiving!

We're on Facebook
and the Web!
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For all questions, comments, and submissions
for the newsletter, contact: Mrs. Liveoak
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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.