

Gator Gazette

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Coffee with Mr. Kirk



Hello Parents and Students,
Welcome back returning students, and welcome new students and families. The school year is off to a pretty smooth start thanks to you and our staff. We had a few transportation challenges with our buses, which were compounded by adding a new stop this year and the ubiquitous Southfield Freeway construction. But we're getting that all smoothed out.

We begin this school year coming off our most successful year yet. The 2010-2011 students from 6th grade to 12th grade blazed a memorable educational trail, culminating in another "Made AYP" distinction for our school. I intend to stop discussing AYP, since our students, led by our staff, systematically meet and in most cases exceed state standards. If you attended last month's Back to School night you saw

the student scores on the MEAP and ACT/MME. They were very good. We want better and best.

I want to welcome new staff, Mr. Vance Nannini, science, Mrs. Cornelia Taran, math, and Ms. Stephanie Griffin, English, to the ABT GATOR Nation. Departed staff are Mrs. Huddleston (moved to Texas), Mrs. Oman (moved to Florida) and Mr. Roberts. The new Gators will continue to improve on what the previous Gators started.

As mentioned earlier there is a new bus stop this year on 6 mile and Meyers. Remember, students must be registered to ride the bus. As of this writing, our list is full and there is a waiting list for bus registration. See Mrs. Paden if there are questions.

Finally, I am very excited to announce the implementation of

an ABT after school band class. The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays in the lower hall beneath the gym at 3:30 pm beginning on September 14. The class will be under the direction of the Charter School Fine Arts Consulting Agency and their instructor. Students/parents may rent instruments. ABT has information on the company owned by Maurice Davis (yes, Motown Maurice) which will give our students and parents the absolute lowest rental prices. More information is available in the office. Wheels up on the start of another great year at ABT.



Mr. John Kirk, School Leader

Special points of interest:

- Funny Quote
- After School Programs
- High Five

Funny Quote from a student **--Submitted by: Mrs Paden

I asked a middle school student if he went on the field trip to Turtle Cove. He stated NO because he had too many Teleparent messages home. I said that I was sorry for him and told him his goal next year was to only get positive messages sent home:0)

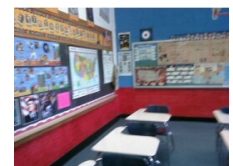
His Reply: "I am going to go on the Oprah Winfrey Show and tell the world how Teleparent ruined my life!" I told him that Oprah show just ended, in which he replied, I don't care, someone will listen...Anyone.

So funny.... I have high hopes for behavior manage-

ment with Teleparent's assistance!
Have a great day at ABT!

Thank you

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Mrs. Guerra's Page

Welcome Back Class of 2012 Senior News

Community Service

Please begin logging your community service hours; the blue forms were passed out at the senior meeting in July. If you haven't received one please pick one up from the main office. Each senior is required to have 40 hours logged and turned into me by your last day of school which will be in May.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts can be sent to colleges from our website www.abtmelvindale.com through the parchment program. You just sign up with the website and you can search colleges to send your transcripts to. If you have any questions please ask! If there is a college you would like to send SAT/ACT scores to please see me and I will send them immediately.

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 October 22, December 10, February 11, April 14, and June 9. You must be registered one month prior to the test date.

College Visits/Permission Slips

We have several college visits planned this year. Permission slips will not be accepted the day of the trip, so please turn them in early. Also you will give each of your teachers the permission slip and they will sign it for you to participate in the trip.

Checklist for a college visit:

- Meet with an admissions counselor
- Ask what the colleges admissions requirements are
- Determine cost, ask about financial aid, find out deadlines for payments
- Tour the campus, sit in on a class
- Find out what student clubs and activities are available on campus

Investigate transportation options

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Its time to start thinking about college, scholarships, and applications! You can utilize career cruising to search for colleges and programs that you are interested in, please take advantage of this system. If you need your user name and password please see me.

It's going to be a great year at ABT! I am looking forward to getting to know each of you!

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Tutoring/After School Programs

Monday:

Computer Application /Web Design 4
H.S. Girls Only-Media Center

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-Mrs. Danuloff

Chess Club-Room 204-Mr. Schroeder

Late bus leaves @4:30 promptly
Monday—Thursday

ABT Staff Tailgate 2011



PBS Kick-Off 2011



Back to School Night



Ms. Slappy's Corner



ABT Family:

I would like to commend Mrs. Guerra for all of her hard work with the student's schedules and making the first day of school run very smoothly for the students and staff! Also, Mrs. Paden, "thank you" for tackling the "bus project" and for making sure that the teachers were able to use Admin Plus on the first day! We have a phenomenal group of people who work here at ABT to ensure that "our lives" are made easier by working together and getting the job done...BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY! Kudos to Our ABT Family! You rock!:-)

Our Parent Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 in the Media Center.

Don't forget to sign your child up for Band Practice. There is a charge for the instrument. Contact Mr. Kirk for more information.

Parents will have an opportunity to sign up for computer application class held on Monday, September 26, 2011 from 3-4pm, in the Media Center

Save this date: November 16, 2011, we set this day aside for our "Harvest Dinner." You will need to bring a dish to pass.

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Give Them a Hi-Five!

- * To all families who decided to return to ABT for another year! Special Thank You from ABT Staff.
- * 3rd hour class during the "Project SEED" demonstration. GREAT JOB!!! From: Mrs. Taran

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		August 31 Back to School Night 6pm	1	2 Football Game @ 7pm
5 Labor Day	6. School Begins	7	8 Class of 2012 meeting @ 2:30pm	9 PBS Kick-off Football Game @ 7pm
12 No School	13	14	15	16 PD-No School Football Game @ 7pm
19 ABT visits EMU	20	21 Parent Meeting @ 6pm	22	23 24
26	27 ABT visits WSU	28 PBS Meeting @3:15pm	29	30 Football Game @ 7pm

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.