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CURRICULUM NIGHT BY OCTAVIOUS SMITH

Curriculum Night, held on October 18th, was a huge success! The activities at the country fair-themed night tied literacy standards to games. One station, conducted by sixth-grade teachers, included materials such as ramps, marbles, and cups with holes in them. First, the marble

started at the top of the ramp and then the marble's momentum moves the cup. Another activity was to make your own bubbles. For our botanists here at Albritton, there was a Leaf Identification activity that included a quiz and for Albritton's mathematicians there were



math riddles. There was also a photo booth, geography games, a SLAM beanbag toss, and a literacy spinning wheel. All of the activities were great fun for everyone!

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RED RIBBON WEEK: STUDENTS "SEE" THE EFFECTS OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL BY SERENITY LUNNERMON

Red Ribbon Week began October 23, 2017. The murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, sparked parents and youth in the nation to begin wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their pledge to raise awareness, which began Red Ribbon Week. During Red Ribbon Week, they raise aware-

ness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs and alcohol in America. The first national celebration was in 1988 which was sponsored by National Family Partnership (NFP).

At Albritton Middle School, on October 25, 2017 the eighth grade team had a guest speaker. Mr. Jim came and talked about the physical

effects of drug and alcohol abuse. He also informed students about not giving into peer pressure. Mr. Jim let the classes experience what being under the influence would do to your vision. He brought in simulator goggles that he allowed students to try on. Eighth graders learned that drug and alcohol abuse can have dangerous effects on the human body.

INSPIRATION NATION BY TIFFANY QUILTER

On Saturday, November 4, the Genius Hour classes participated in a service project at the Sandhill's Veteran's Cemetery. As part of the class requirements, students have to participate in a community service project. Though a few of their initial ideas fell through, the students didn't give up and they wanted to give back. After

brainstorming for a few days, they finally decided to go to the Veteran's Cemetery. Ms. Belzic, almost all of the Genius Hour students from two classes, and many parents put out flags next to the gravestones in honor of Veteran's Day. Claire Benick, one of the students, was asked how this made her feel about volunteering. Claire said it makes her feel good to

know she helped someone. The students in the Genius Hour classes didn't have to volunteer on November 4, but they chose to. The students in the Genius Hour classes hope that their actions encourage others to volunteer.



GIVING "PAWS" TO THE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

BY: MADISON BRAGA

7th Grade: Eddie Bernardo

Madison: Why do you believe you got the student of the month?

Eddie: I believe I got the student of the month because of my characteristics, the way I act in class, and how well I get along with others.

Madison: How can other students achieve this?

Eddie: Other students can achieve this by doing what they need to do, coming to school to learn and not fool around, and thinking before they take action.

Madison: What after school activities do you do?

Eddie: Football

Madison: What do you think you will study in college?

Eddie: Engineering Forum because I want to become an engineer because I like to build and it's interesting.

Madison: What do you do to study better?

Eddie: I try to take notes in every class so I can go back to study them.

Madison: What is your best subject?

Eddie: Science and World History are my best subjects.

Madison: What is your favorite subject? Why?

Eddie: Science is my favorite subject because we get to do hand on projects...

7th Grade: Delissia Jeffery

Madison: Why do you believe you got the student of the month?

Delissia: Because I have good behavior, I am intelligent, and I follow directions.

Madison: How can other students achieve this?

Delissia: By having good behavior, listening, and help other students.

Madison: What does this mean to you?

Delissia: It means you have good grades and you are appreciated and noticed for it.

Madison: What after school activities do you do?

Delissia: I do NJHS, Jazz Band, and Science Olympiad.

Madison: What do you believe is a great way to study? How does this help?

Delissia: I like to study alone and write what I am studying....this helps because it makes me memorize faster.

Madison: What do you want to study in college?

Delissia: Pediatrician or doctor because I like to work with little kids.

Madison: What is your favorite subject? Why?

Delissia: Mathematics because I like working with numbers.

8th grade: Brinlee Risenmay

Madison: Why do you believe you got student of the month?

Brinlee: Because I put a lot of work into school, I study a lot, and I have good behavior in class.

Madison: How can other students achieve this?

Brinlee: By studying and staying on task.

Madison: What does this mean to you?

Brinlee: That hard work does not go unnoticed.

Madison: What after school activities do you do?

Brinlee: I do track and NJHS.

Madison: What do you believe is a great way to study?

Brinlee: Take Cornell Notes in class then make them into flashcards.

Madison: What do you think you will study in college? Why?

Brinlee: I am not sure but I know I want to work with people. (teacher/social worker)

Madison: What is your favorite subject?

Brinlee: History because I like the stories of History and I learn a lot.

8th grade: Cole Dermanoski

Madison: Why do you believe you got the student of the month?

Cole: I don't mess around in class and I get my work done.

Madison: How can other students achieve this?

Cole: By paying attention in class.

Madison: What does this mean to you?

Cole: That I successfully paid attention in class and I do my work so I got recognized for it.

Madison: What after school activities do you do?

Cole: Soccer and NJHS

Madison: What do you believe is a great way to study?

Cole: Review notes and have somebody quiz you.

Madison: What do you think you will study in college?

Cole: Engineering because I enjoy math and building. It is also a high paying job

Madison: What is your favorite subject? why?

Cole: Creative Thinking because I have more opportunities and I get to do more stuff I don't get to do in other classes.

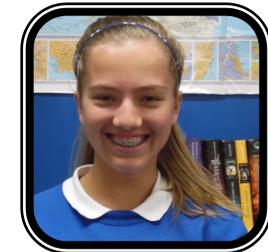
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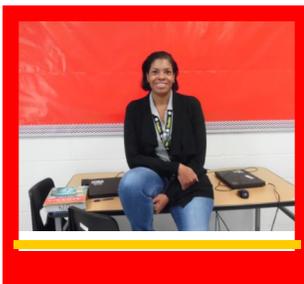


SPOT THAT TEACHER!

BY: HANNAH LEWIS

This month's Teacher Spotlight is on Mrs. Wallace. Mrs. Wallace has been teaching at Albritton since 2006, which is eleven years. When she was in college she studied Political Science. In college Mrs. Wallace had a full basketball scholarship. She said if she could have any job in the world she would want to be a family attorney as a children's advocate. Mrs. Wallace served in the military for six and a half years. She joined the military because she said that she "was

immature and needed to grow-up." Mrs. Wallace's favorite things to do in her free time are watch football, coach her daughter's track team, watch history films, and hang out with Mrs. Stapleton. Her favorite color is red. She went to the University of Pittsburgh and the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Wallace said the most important thing to study in US History is the constitution because the citizens of the US should know the civics, laws, and rights of the United States.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS TAKE ACTION

BY: LUCAS NEVILLE

About four years ago a request was sent to DoDEA headquarters for the courtyard renovations to begin. The purpose of the renovations was to make it a safer environment because of the cracked cement and the roots which were tripping staff and students. The main thought while making the renovations was for the overall appearance and the safety. Another renovation the school plans to make is the windows. The school is installing new windows because the current windows are old and need to be replaced. Renovations on the windows will begin next month.



Advice

Q: HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH BULLYING SUCH AS FALSE RUMORS OR LIES?

BY: DANIELLE BAUIS

A: Every now and then everyone deals with people who are not so nice and who want to start conflicts for no reason. Here are ten tips to help you deal with rumors and gossip in AND out of school.

1. Ignore it as much as you can.
2. Don't think about it.
3. Don't let them think you care.
4. Discuss the gossip or rumor with the people who started the rumor.
5. Talk to or lean on your friends for support.
6. Stand up for yourself when necessary.
7. Talk to an authority figure, such as a teacher or another adult.
8. Don't influence the rumors (start new rumors, talk about the other students).
9. Don't post any of the rumors or comments about the person on any social media outlet.
10. Walk away.

SHOUT OUTS

SHOUT OUT
 to Menachem Izak
 from William Kennedy
 Menachen is a hard
 worker and a good
 friend.

SHOUT OUT
 to Leah Snow
 from Megan
 For always supporting
 me no matter what.

SHOUT OUT
 to Anthony Kasco
 from Tre
 He held the door for
 other people.

SHOUT OUT
 to Erika
 from Socorra Santiago
 She has been a great
 friend since I first came
 to this school! She is
 awesome!



OPINION EDITORIAL

PROS, CONS OF HAVING PHONES IN CLASSROOMS

BY: DANIELLE BAUS

SHOUT OUT
to Tannor Lorenz
from Kolonahe Noa-Mokiao
For being a good friend, very
respectful, very kind, and
helpful to others!

SHOUT OUT
to Marah McGahey
from Ella Browning
For helping "me study, sitting
with me at lunch, and just be-
ing kind!"

There has been a new rule enforced at Albritton this year in which our phones must be placed in our lockers until students leave school. There has been a lot of controversy about this topic. Some agree and some disagree with this rule. There are several pros to having our phones in our locker but there are also several cons to not having our phones in the classroom with us.

Some of the cons of having our phones in the classrooms are: class interruptions, cheating, phone theft, and a change of the atmosphere. What I mean by change of atmosphere is that some students are privileged enough to have phones and others are not. If students have phones with them, then they could just pull them out and look up answers and cheat.

Some of the pros of having phones in class are students will learn responsibility, double standards will be avoided, they can be used as a memory aid, and the use of the agenda and voice notes apps. In my opinion, as a student, I disagree with having to keep our phones in our locker because if something were to happen (lockdown, fire, etc.), I would like to inform my parents that I am safe. In conclusion, there are both pros and cons to this, but in the end it's the school's rule.

NJHS SHOWS OFF THEIR CHARACTER

BY: BREANNA CHAO

SLITHER.IO, BEST GAME EVER!

BY: ERICA AGYEMANG

Slither.io is a massive multiplayer browser game. The main objective of the game is to grow the longest snake in the server. Players control an avatar resembling a snake, which consumes multicolored pellets. The more pellets the snakes consume, the bigger they grow, and when they grow they can eat other snakes. Platforms you can play this on are Android, iOS, and Web Browser. This game was created by Steve Howse.

Rating- 4 out of 5 bulldog paw prints

I rated this game 4 out of 5 bulldog paws because this game can make you upset because you can get eaten and lose your points, and then you have to restart. Also, other snakes can surround you and will not let you escape because they want to eat you and this becomes very frustrating!



Albritton has many clubs such as, yoga, first aid, STEAM and robotics, book club, and Science Olympiad. But there is one that deserves special recognition, National Junior Honor Society. I interviewed the advisor for National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), Mrs. Gallagher. NJHS meets every Monday after school from 3:20-4:00. Mrs. Gallagher said that she also has individual meetings with the presidents and the vice principals of the club. She told me that this is her first year so she is very excited to be learning just as much as they are. During meetings, the students discuss what they can do around the community and there is a focus on character, leadership, service, citizenship, and

school communication. You need a 4.0 GPA. National Junior Honor Society mainly serves the community. In the past, NJHS has gone to the Fisher House to help out and Mrs. Gallagher said that right now she doesn't know of any service projects that she can incorporate with a field trip. This club is also good for getting community service hours. If you have any questions, please connect Mrs. Gallagher.

