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Albert Einstein High School PTSA

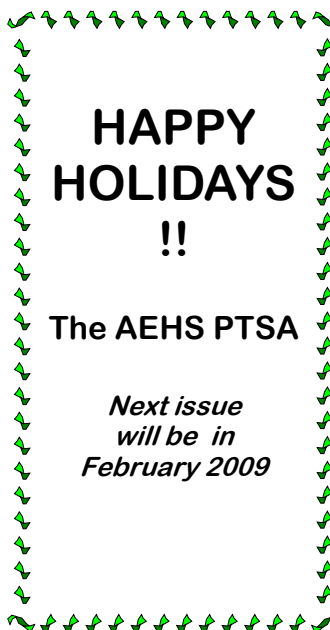
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## Good News and More to Come

We end this calendar year and start the next one with an issue full of good news –check out page 3 Maryland Distinguished Scholars and new members of the Jaime Escalate and WEB Dubois honor societies are named, page 4 fifty AP Scholars are recognized, page 9, which names award-winning athletes, and pages 6 and 8 describes our stable eligibility rates.

Be sure to come to the next PTSA meeting on Wednesday, January 21 (not Tuesday) at 7 pm and hear our Principal give a “State of Einstein” presentation that we are sure will cover both more good news and some challenges.

*The Editors*



**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

**!!**

**The AEHS PTSA**

*Next issue  
will be in  
February 2009*

**One-Act Plays**  
Dec. 12 and 13, 7:00 pm,  
auditorium

**Instrumental Winter Concert**  
Dec. 16, 7:00 pm,  
auditorium

**Winter Choral Concert**  
Dec. 18, 7:00 pm,  
Auditorium

**Silent Auction**  
5:30—9:30 pm

### First Semester Exams

Einstein’s usual class schedule will shift to accommodate end-of-semester review and exams the middle of January. (As we went to press, the schedule was not yet finalized.) For families new to high school: There are no classes on exam days. Students may leave after they take their exam(s). School buses run on a regular schedule. ■

## From the Principal: Einstein Cares

Again this year, Einstein High School is asking staff, students, and parents for contributions to help needy families in our community this winter holiday season.

Giant Food, through a parent, has already donated 10 turkeys, which were distributed for Thanksgiving. Now we are collecting funds to help with the December holidays. Last year we collected just over \$2000.00. Hopefully this year, which has to be very challenging for some of our families, we can

top that!

If you know of a particular family in need, please notify that child’s grade level administrator.

There will be a box for checks (made payable to Albert Einstein High School) in the office. If you donate cash, please give it directly to a secretary. And, remember your donations are tax deductible! Thank you. ■

*James Fernandez*

Grade level administrators are as follows (note 11th grade is split alphabetically):

**Asst. Principal Linda Jasper** (301) 929-2200

- Grade 12
- Grade 11 (Goldring-Mirza)

**Asst. Principal Brian Thomas** (301) 929-2200

- Grade 10
- Grade 11 (Missana - Zuniga)

**Asst. Principal Kimberly H. Williams** (301) 929-2200

- Grade 9
- Grade 11 (Adam-Goertzel)

**Next PTSA Meeting**  
Jan. 21, 7:00 pm, parent meet and greet, 7:15

Principal James Fernandez and other administrative staff will give a “state of Einstein” talk.

(This meeting is on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. There will be no meeting in December)

## Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

Students **EXPLORE CAREERS** through high quality service learning.

- The Friday before first semester exams begin is the deadline for turning in documentation to the SSL coordinator of service performed during the first semester.
  - SSL that results in **direct action** with recipients includes activities such as serving food at a soup kitchen, tutoring a child in reading or math, and playing the piano for residents of a hospital.
  - Consider qualifying for MCPS SSL award programs: Superintendent's SSL Awards or the Certificate of Meritorious Service for high school seniors who have documented 260 or more hours of SSL.
  - Students may earn 1 SSL hour for every hour of service outside of the instructional day.
  - Civic engagement and political participation are key goals of SSL. Get involved in service-learning activities at school and in the community where effective citizenship can be practiced.
- Einstein's SSL Coordinator is Ms. Scollick ■

## 2008-2009 Parent Satisfaction Survey—Provide Feedback to Help Improve School Services

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) wants to know what parents think about their child's school. Parents/guardians of students attending schools in MCPS will be asked to participate in an online 2008-2009 Parent Satisfaction Survey. The survey collects information that will be used to help MCPS improve its services to students and their families. All answers are completely confidential. This online survey is available from **November 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008**.

Parents of all students will receive a postcard with instructions on how to access and complete the online parent survey. Log on to the survey web site at <http://parentsurvey.mcpsmd.org>. Enter your school code number (printed on the postcard), and complete the survey. Families with children attending more than one MCPS school should complete a separate online survey for each school.

Parents without access to a computer can visit their child's school and ask to use a computer, or visit the local library.

Why is this survey important? The survey collects valuable information about parents' experiences with their child's school. Results will be compiled and released as a collective summary. These data will be made available to School Improvement Teams, principals, and central office staff to help guide strategic plans and school improvement initiatives.



Questions? Please contact Mrs. Cynthia Loeb, logistics support specialist,

Office of Shared Accountability at 301-279-3848, or by e-mail at [Cynthia.Loeb@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Cynthia.Loeb@mcpsmd.org)

## Does your student need someplace to go after School? Get Connected!

On Tuesday, October 28th, 2008, the Community Connections program began at Einstein on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00 pm-4:30 pm. Students can sign up after school on any of those days and there is no charge. ALL current Einstein students are eligible.

Activities available are video games, board games, ping pong, air hockey, soccer, "Go Girls", female and male physical fitness programs, basketball and homework help.

Community Connections is funded by Montgomery county through the Department of Recreation. Carson Henry III, Program Director from the YMCA's Youth & Family Services branch, runs the program. To get more information, contact him at 301-587-5700, ext. 2581.

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## Maryland Distinguished Scholars Award Winners

Once again Albert Einstein has received considerable recognition in The Maryland Distinguished Scholar Program awards. The Maryland Higher Education Commission awards high school seniors who are finalists in the Academic Achievement or Achievement and Talent in the Arts categories \$3,000 scholarships to attend a Maryland college or university.

The Einstein award winners for 2009 are:

### Achievement and Talent in the Arts:

#### Finalist Drama:

Malika Cherifi

#### Finalist Instrumental Music:

Eliot Seppa

#### Finalist Visual Arts:

Lucia Ormaza:

#### Finalist Vocal:

Carolina Pelaez

#### Semi Finalist Visual Arts:

Danielle Ceneta

#### Honorable Mention Instrumental Music:

Georgia Maclean (Cello)

#### Honorable Mentions

##### Visual Arts:

Abraham Murrell & Kelsey Devries

#### Academic Achievement Semifinalist:

Kaitlin McCully

#### Honorable Mentions:

Sarah Chan

Ana Coello

Joanne Conelley

Alex Curro

Mary Claire Erskine

Sarah Hyman

Yuetling Lei

Anna McGrady

Dawit Zewdie

Congratulations to all! ■

## Jaime Escalante Latino Honor Society

These students recently became members of this honor society:

Ana Gabriela Coello

Eliás Flamenco

Joan Rojas

Kyllie Castellanos

Alicia Escoto

Milton García

Diego Hernandez

Kathy Hernandez

Kevin Ortiz

Kailyn Reyes

Jessica Soares-Cabrera

Alexandra Martinez

Bravo! ■

## National W.E.B. DuBois Honor Society 2008 Inductees

The DuBois Honor Society recognizes, encourages, and promotes scholastic achievement, leadership development, and active involvement in positive community activities among African American students.

The following Einstein students were inducted in a ceremony on November 19:

Nyorh Agwe

Ahsante Bean

Kai Cannon-Hill

Krizia Chambers

Victoria Charles

Bemnet Faris

Malika Fontes

Keil Garnett

Gifti Genet

Betelhem Habte

Janae Hickmon

Makedah Johnson

Danielle Jones

Pawlose Ketema

Brianne Leonard

Bonita Linton

Salima Mbayo

Skylaelexa Paul

Brittany Roberson

Awate Serequeberhan

Sieka Siklo

Saravonna Sullivan

Ashley Thurmond

Outstanding! ■



## College Goal Sunday

Please come to College Goal Sunday, a one-day event on February 8, 2009, to help students and families complete the application for financial aid for education beyond high school. The application is called the FAFSA.

If you are even thinking about education beyond high school, you will most likely need financial help. College Goal Sunday is the perfect place to get the help you will need to complete your financial aid application.

This event will be held at Montgomery College-Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, Student Services Building, from 1-4 pm on Sunday, February 8, 2009. See [www.collegegoalsundayu.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayu.org) for more information, or contact Wendy Maldonado at [wendy.maldonado@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:wendy.maldonado@montgomerycollege.edu)



## Junior Class Pizza Sale

The class of 2010 (the Juniors) will be taking orders for Joe Corbi's Pizza from December 18 until January 14. The pizza will be delivered on Monday February 2. This is the pick-up day for those ordering -- just in time for those Super Bowl parties you are planning! New this year is cookie dough for your dog -- in peanut butter or cheddar cheese flavor.

Contact one of the Juniors or [Rose-mary\\_G\\_Piercey@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Rose-mary_G_Piercey@mcpsmd.org) for an order form, more information, or to place an order.

Money is due on January 14 with the order forms, and checks should be made payable to Albert Einstein High School.

## Correction

In last month's cover article giving credit for the college fair, we got a name wrong. The correct name is JJ Pryor—thank you JJ!

## 50 Einstein Students Earn AP Scholar Awards

*2007-2008 juniors and seniors honored*

The College Board's Advance Placement Program® (AP®) provides motivated and academically prepared students the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school. Students can earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About 18% of the 1.6 million students worldwide who take AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP Scholar Award.

A total of fifty Einstein students—who were juniors or seniors in 2007-2008—earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams.

Ten students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are:

Tracey Gearheart  
Jessica Gonzales  
Joseph Hood  
Hellen Kozel  
Gustavo Laro  
Anthony Lee  
Chloe O'Connor  
Alison Rutsch  
Cathryn Supko  
Sally Ye

Twelve students earned the **AP Scholar with Honor Award** by having an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grade of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are:

Jane Burgess  
Danielle Ceneta  
Joanne Conelley  
Gina Depaul  
Ricardo Echeona  
Madeleine Grewell  
Eric Klein  
Anna Lukacs  
Alberto Ramos  
Aaron Ruby  
Alexandra Spilbury  
Jonah Zinn

Twenty eight students qualified for the **AP Scholar Award** by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP scholars are:

Moshoodat Abiola  
Alexander Bodaken  
Emily Catanuso  
Sabrina Chiang  
Madeline Cook  
Tuong Dang  
Wesley Davis  
Sebastian Devlin-Foltz  
Stephen Elephant  
Olumbe Falu  
Alexander Grant  
Kira Hagge  
Jackie Lou Julia  
Ariel Klein  
Freddy Mancilla

Kaitlin McCully  
Minh Pham  
Thomas O'Brien  
Claire Paulson  
Sara Poe  
Ibrahim Raheem  
Brook Solomon  
Martin Swift  
Khoa Tran  
Chris Wells-Weitzner  
David Westbrook  
Lisa Ye  
Kahram Yoon



## Visual Art Center Update

Anyone interested in finding out more about the MCPS Visual Art Center (VAC) program located at Einstein should check out video about the VAC up on YouTube!

The application and interview process for admission to this competitive art magnet program does not close until the end of the school year. Interested students should call Mr. Piechocinski or Ms. Walsh at 301-962-1027 for further information.

YouTube Link:  
<http://youtube.com/VisualArtCenterVAC>

## All They Want to Do Is DANCE

Exciting things are happening in Einstein's dance program, an integral part of VAPA. Under the skilled direction of Ms. Tricia Gooley, the 14 dancers in the Dance Company class, a class available by audition only, are studying a myriad of genres. When the Idaho-based Trey McIntyre Project (TMP) was in the area for two performances, Einstein dancers had the rare opportunity to participate in a 90-minute contemporary ballet Master class offered by TMP in the Einstein dance studio. Two

TMP company members, Brett Perry and Chanel DaSilva, recent Julliard School graduates, lead the workshop and inspired the Einstein dancers to pursue their dreams.

All Einstein dance students, including three young men, will have an opportunity to showcase their talent during a community dance concert on **April 24th**. Einstein dancers, who are eager to choreograph their own works, are encouraged to audition for a limited number of coveted guest choreography slots. Select student choreographers will

then audition dancers who will perform the original pieces on the Einstein main stage at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Gooley, in her third year at Einstein, is not only raising the bar for dancers enrolled in classes, but she has employed a talented corps of dancers who make up the Einstein Poms Squad. A record number of girls auditioned for a limited number of openings in 2008. In the middle of a very busy fall dance calendar, including six half-time Poms performances, Ms. Gooley got married! Congratulations, Ms. Gooley!

## The Directory is Back!

Student directories were distributed in homerooms with report cards on November 11. If your family did not get a directory, or if you are a two household family in need of another directory, they are available for pick up in the Main Office or at any upcoming PTSA meeting.

Thank you to all of the PTSA directory supporters. It is great to have the directory back! Contact Nancy Mendez with questions – [wrightone@verizon.net](mailto:wrightone@verizon.net).

(Thank you, Nancy!!!)

## Visual and Performing Arts Academy's Silent Auction

Anyone interested in a fun, fast, easy and tax deductible way to help the choir raise funds for a trip to New York City can make a donation to the upcoming

VAPA silent auction.



The purpose of the trip to New York City is to provide Honors Chambers Choir an opportunity to sing in a National Choral festival, be adjudicated, work one on one with an adjudicator, and receive a professional recording of the perform-

ance/session. Also, students will be participating in a dinner cruise/awards banquet, watching a Broadway Musical, and sight-seeing.

Donated items are a great way to promote your own business or the business you work for! Gift certificates, florists, spa treatments, photography, house goods, day care, jewelry, and themed gift baskets are fantastic ideas--not to mention an amazing way to get involved!

Accountants could offer tax services, cleaning ladies could offer a day of house cleaning, and YOU can offer a skill, hobby, or

even a piece of artwork you have that you don't have wall space for!

If you are interested in getting involved, promoting your business, or simply doing a great thing for a great group of kids, contact Judi Sheffer at [sjsheffer@aol.com](mailto:sjsheffer@aol.com).

Keep checking Einstein's Web site get updates on all the great items and be sure to come on the evening of **December 18th** and bid!! The auction will run 5:30-9:30 pm that night and the Winter Choral Concert will be presented 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

## AEHS Faculty Recital February 19, 2009 Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

This year the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts is sponsoring Albert Einstein's first Faculty Recital. It is the intention of the faculty to share our talents with students and community members.

The recital will include vocal and instrumental pieces, dances and poetry readings. There will also be several works of art and crafts for display. Admission is free, so come out and support the Einstein faculty!!

# AEHS Ineligibility Analysis

Gordie Brenne, PTSA VP for School Improvement

In the table below are data updated for the first quarter of this year.

### Observations:

Objective- Reducing ineligibility is one goal of MCPS and AEHS. MCPS uses the ineligibility rate to measure how effective instruction programs are at increasing attendance and promotion, and reducing drop outs.

Measure- The ineligibility rate is the percent of students with a GPA < 2.0, or 2 or more failing grades or losses of credits. It is the only overall measure of student performance, covering all grades and all students. Data shown for 1Q of 2008 is preliminary and subject to grade and loss of credit appeals.

Demographics- The overall 1Q ineligibility rate is 27%, about the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter in the last 2 years. Hispanics had the highest rate this quarter (37%), and since they are 44% of all students they also had the largest share of total 1Q ineligibles (60%). The difference between the His-

panic share of students and share of ineligibles is the achievement gap. American Indians had a higher rate, but represent only 4 students. African Americans had the second highest rate (28%), better than last year, and the same as 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2 years ago. Their share of ineligibles (24%) was close to their student share (23%).

Grade Level- Freshman had the highest ineligibility rate, and although that improved to 36% this year, it is still elevated from 2 years ago. This breaks down to 31% of “true” Freshmen who were ineligible, which is better than the risk analysis of incoming freshmen that were classified as 38% at risk based on their 8<sup>th</sup> grade grades. “Other” Freshman are those repeating the grade, but excluding the 35 ineligible repeaters, 77%

of the ineligible Freshmen students were true Freshmen, making them a significant challenge for years to come. Hispanics continued to have the largest number of ineligible Freshman overall (57%). Another significant component of ineligible Freshmen were African Americans (23%). Sophomore and Senior ineligibles were comparable to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter rates in the last 2 years. Junior ineligibles decreased due to significant drops in Hispanic ineligibles at this grade level.

Interventions- Interventions for Math, Reading, Biology and Government are now being implemented to improve

adequate yearly progress (AYP) and High School Assessment pass rates. Many teachers are available at lunch time and after school to help. Sports Safety Net- Sports are the oldest, largest, and most well funded eligibility program. Frequent grade monitoring by coaches continued with fall sports and resulted in 10 teams maintaining 100% eligibility through 1Q. Just 16 out of a record 311 fall athletes lost 1Q eligibility, and 41% made the honor roll. Other extracurriculars can be just as effective at helping kids maintain their eligibility.

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**Table of Ineligibility Rates Per Quarter**

	1Q06	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q07	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q08
<b>Total</b>	26%	35	34	25	28	32	29	28	27%
Asian	15%	24	20	18	14	16	15	18	13%
White	12	17	18	9	12	15	12	10	13
Af. Am.	28	41	41	28	32	35	35	32	28
Hispanic	37	45	45	34	38	44	39	38	<b>37</b>
Am. Ind.	33	67	83	67	33	50	60	50	75
SPED (IEP)	26%	35	34	26	49	44	39	36	38%
Grade 9	29%	38	37	10	39	49	40	na	<b>36%</b>
Grade 10	24	32	33	29	27	29	24	na	27%
Grade 11	26	35	32	27	23	27	28	na	20%
Grade 12	25%	35	35	36	22	28	24	na	23%

NOTE: The chart at right and story above refers to quarter, i.e., the first, second, third, and fourth quarters (1Q, etc) of the school year. SPED refers to students in Special Education Programs.

## How to Get Emergency Weather Information

It's getting to be the time of year when winter weather may disrupt school operations, forcing schools to close, dismiss early or delay opening.



Announcements of school closings or delays are made as early as possible, generally in time for news broadcasts that begin at 5 a.m. If schools are closing early, those announcements are made by 11 a.m.

There are several other ways to get the latest information on closings or delays:

- Parents can subscribe to the MCPS QuickNotes e-mail news service to receive emergency information. Sign up at [www.mcpsquicknotes.org](http://www.mcpsquicknotes.org). Be sure to select the school your child attends.
- The [MCPS home page](http://www.mcps.org) <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/> displays emergency announcements in bold red letters at the top of the page.
- The ASK MCPS Telephone Information Center at **301-309-6277 (-MCPS)** has English- and Spanish-speaking operators available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- The MCPS information line, **301-279-3673**, has recorded information 24

hours a day.

- MCPS Cable channel 34 and local radio and TV stations broadcast the information.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/emergency/> also has more information on emergency procedures and how weather decisions are made.

## A Taste of Einstein March 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm

Mark your calendars for Einstein's annual celebration, "A Taste of Einstein." Students and their families are invited to join the Einstein community for a wonderful evening that includes food from around the globe and performances from our talented students. Don't miss it!

If you would like to help -- please contact Debbie Brody, 301-585-7276, or Cynthia Schnedar, 301-588-7869.



## Changes to Learner's Permit Laws

Several new laws went into effect on October 1, 2008, regarding new driver learner's permits, which allow a new driver to begin the process of learning to operate a motor vehicle.

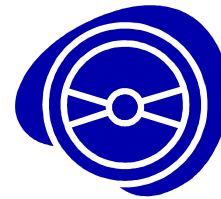
The minimum age for applicants for learner's permits is still 15 years and 9 months. Effective October 1, 2008, applicants must hold a valid learner's permit prior to the behind-the-wheel driver education training and driving on Maryland highways.

Also effective October 1, 2008, learner's permits are valid for 2 years from the date they are issued. This extension allows individuals an opportunity to acquire additional driving experience, if necessary, without obtaining a new permit.

Other laws regarding learner's permits are still in effect. While driving, learner's permit holders must be accompanied by a qualified supervising driver who is 21 years or older and

has held a license for a minimum of 3 years. The person must be seated beside the new driver at all times, with no other front seat occupants.

Learner's permit holders under 18 are prohibited from using a wireless communication device (including a cell phone) while operating a motor vehicle, except to make an emergency 911 call.



Learner's permit holders must hold the learner's permit for a minimum of six months, maintain a conviction-free driving record during this time period, and complete a standardized driver education course before becoming eligible for a provisional license.

For more information, please see the MVA website at [www.marylandmva.com](http://www.marylandmva.com).

## Alumni Sports Photos Needed

*Attention Alumni, Students, Parents:*

Send us photos of your student playing sports in college for the AEHS Booster Alumni Board!



Our Booster Alumni board is

looking mighty fine, with pictures of our recent graduates continuing the Titan sports tradition in college – but we need photos from the class of '08.

All types and levels of sports are appreciated -- intercollegiate, intramural, or club. We would love any type of sports photo – portrait on the field or action shot -- as long as it is in focus, and your son or daughter is prominent.

Please include your student's full name, date of graduation from Einstein, and the name of the school that they attend. This information will be included on the display.

Email high resolution (jpeg preferred) photos to Cindy Eicher [ecrdb@comcast.net](mailto:ecrdb@comcast.net). or send 8 x 10 prints to:

Einstein High School  
Booster Club Alumni Display  
11135 Newport Mill Rd.  
Kensington, MD 20895

## AEHS Ineligibility Analysis, *continued from page 6*

### Ineligibility Rate Stabilizes

Overall, the ineligibility rate was 27% for the first quarter that just ended, and is about the same as the first quarter in the last two years, and comparable to ineligibility rates in other Down-County Consortium schools. An explanation of this rate and detailed analysis is shown in the table on page 6. The biggest area of ineligibility is among Freshmen. In part this is due to the large number of incoming students (38%) who are classified as "at risk" because their grade point average in middle school was 2.4 or less.

This data is preliminary and subject to change as parents appeal grades and loss of credit (LOC)

**Remember you have 10 days to file a LOC appeal from receipt of**

Photos will not be returned.

Please contact the athletic department for your college. Some schools have a staff photographer. This is great publicity for them.

Any Questions? Contact Cindy Eicher

**the loss of credit notification letter.** The school does make record keeping mistakes. An effective appeal can provide evidence that unexcused absences and tardiness may have been recorded in error, but you can also make a case by discussing how your student will change his or her attendance pattern, improve performance on class assignments, and follow school policies and procedures.

### How To Make a Difference

Talk with your student's teachers to get ideas about how to improve performance. Make sure your student is taking advantage of the intervention programs offered by the school for subjects your student is struggling with. These range from lunch time sessions with teachers, to after school and night time programs.

Talk to your guidance counselor if you have any questions. The PTSA and African American Parents Group also have ideas that may help and would be pleased to answer questions: Gordie Brenne, VP for School Improvement [gwbr@erols.com](mailto:gwbr@erols.com); Wanda Watson, Black/African American Parent Council, [Wanda\\_F\\_Watson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Wanda_F_Watson@mcpsmd.org)

### An Ounce of Prevention

Please note that every demographic and grade segment experiences significant ineligibility increases during the second quarter.

There are various theories about what causes this, but one thing we know for sure is that a busy student usually performs better. Last year we looked at fall athletes who skipped winter sports. After maintaining their eligibility during the fall sports season, overall 17% of these kids became ineligible in the second quarter. Among Freshman it was even worse: 36% of Freshmen athletes who skipped winter sports became ineligible!

"No cut" sports teams like swimming and indoor track are good choices and it's not too late to join these teams. Other extracurricular activities with faculty sponsors like clubs can also help improve academic performance, and can be found on the school's web site under students, clubs, and organizations. Even though you may be tempted to pull your student from these activities to create more study time, without structure it often backfires.

## Fall Athletes Honored

The Fall Sports Banquet was held recently with the coaches giving out their Most Improved, Coaches Awards, and Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards.

### **JV Cheerleading / Coach Kathryn Ligon**

Most Improved: Aisyle Deriquito  
Coach's Award: Bea O'Connor, Nia Nyamweya  
MVP: Adelle Deriquito

### **Varsity Cheerleading / Coach Julie Gstalder**

Most Improved: Bonita Linton  
Coach's Award: Laura Fisher  
MVP: Krystal Parram

### **Cross Country / Coach Eric DaSilva (Girls)**

Most Improved: Monica Larravide  
Coach's Award: Xena Dreyfuss  
MVPs: Yodit & Ariam Solomon

### **Cross Country / Coach Eric DaSilva (Boys)**

Most Improved: Kevin Ortiz  
Coach's Award: Griffin Lerner  
MVP: Dawit Zewdie

### **Field Hockey / Coach Suzanne Murray (JV)**

Most Improved: Rebecaa Murtha  
Coach's Award: Annie Fulton  
MVP: Molly Moses

### **Field Hockey / Coach Suzanne Murray (Varsity)**

Most Improved: Elyse Frank  
Coach's Award: Anna Lourie  
MVP: Ingrid Rivas

### **JV Football / Coach Jermaine Howell**

Most Improved: Joelle Insilo  
Coach's Award: Sam Kaiser  
MVP: Keith Gaye

### **Varsity Football / Coach Michael Bonavia**

Most Improved: Kelson Patterson  
Coach's Award: Bryan Martinez  
MVP: Malcolm Crockett

### **Golf / Coach Dave Cannon**

Most Improved: Bill Sands  
Coach's Award: Ben Eicher  
MVP: Charley McGrady

### **Poms / Coach Tricia Gooley**

Most Improved: Jennifer Mercado  
Coach's Award: Brittany Mejia  
MVP: Carolina Pelaez

### **JV Girls Soccer / Coach Jeff Rackey**

Most Improved: D. Maldonado  
Coach's Award: Nicole Herrin  
MVP: Ginny Anderson

### **Girls Tennis / Coach Kelly Hale**

Most Improved: Samantha Macia  
Coach's Award: Nurin Thammavong  
MVP: Ann Levie

### **JV Girls Volleyball / Coach James Chan**

Most Improved: Gabriela Avalos  
Coach's Award: Johanna Melara  
MVP: Justina Bui

### **Varsity Girls Volleyball / Coach Emily Hallam**

Most Improved: Ali Vallespin  
Coach's Award: Kyllie Castellanos  
MVP: Padsy Romero

### **Varsity Girls Soccer / Coach Joan Rackey**

Most Improved: Molly Bryen  
Coach's Award: Anna McGrady & Kami Lapp  
Kamara  
MVP's: Andie Solomon & Katie Dunn

### **JV Boys Soccer / Coach James Andrews**

Most Improved: Manuel Amaya  
Coach's Award: Long Nguyen  
MVP: Marlon Garay

### **Varsity Boys Soccer / Coach Matt Kopacka**

Most Improved: Dereck Hernandez  
Coach's Award: Dennis Orellana  
MVP: Alec Anderson

Congratulations to all!

## Activities and Academics—a Winning Combination

The numbers are in ...10 teams in the Fall Sports program kept their WHOLE team academically eligible. Of the total of 311 kids who came out and joined a team only 16 became ineligible, so a whopping 95% maintained eligibility. This is cause for celebration and thanks to the coaches, administration and athletic department for working with the Booster Club in targeting this group. And this should be another reason for parents to encourage their kids to become active in some after school team or club. Active kids do better in their academics. Several winter sports teams have unlimited roster and may still be looking for new members. Please talk with your student about becoming a member of a club or team at Einstein.

*Kelly Giblin*

## EVEN EVERYDAY SHOPPING HELPS OUR SCHOOL!

Did you know that Safeway, Giant, Target and Sniders all have programs where your shopping **PAYS** Albert Einstein High School? Each year you must register your card to have a percentage of the money you spend sent our school. So far this year, Safeway has contributed \$150.75 to Einstein. Giant, with 13 card enrollments has paid a mere \$38.19, and with 34 registered cards, the last contribution from Target was \$395.05! For Sniders there is no card to register. Simply collect your receipts and send them to school.

This is arguably the easiest way you can offer financial support to Einstein High School. With the amount of food teenagers eat, it's nice to know that their school can benefit from all the money we spend at the supermarket!! And if you have a Target card, a percentage of purchases made with it will be contributed to the school you select. Please take a few moments to designate Einstein to receive donations from these companies if you use any of the following cards. Sniders receipts are tallied in January, so be sure to submit all of your 2008 receipts to school soon!

**SAFEMAY** – Einstein's ID # is 6651547. To register your card, visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), click on **About the Program**, then, click on **Sign-up**. You can also call 1-800-254-5404. If you don't remember your Safeway Club Card for Education number, call 877-723-3929. Each fall your card number must be re-registered to continue this program.

**GIANT** – Einstein's ID # is 00831. Visit [www.giantfood/aplus.com](http://www.giantfood/aplus.com), and click on **Register your card**, to designate our school for benefits. Or call 1-877-366-2668 to register over the phone.

**TARGET** – Einstein's ID # is 58091. If you have a Target Visa card, visit [www.target.com](http://www.target.com), at the top go to **redcards**, then under **Rewards and Benefits** on the left side, click on **Take Charge of Education**-click **enroll**. Or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate Einstein.

**SNIDERS** –Please submit all 2008 receipts by January 15th. Sniders will not accept any receipts from earlier years so please sort through your receipts carefully. Receipts can be either placed in the Einstein PTSA or delivered to: Debbie Brody, 1706 Corwin Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Thank you very much! If you have any questions, please contact Joanna McCully at [mccullyjo@verizon.net](mailto:mccullyjo@verizon.net) or 301-649-3724.



### Online Gift Wrap Signup

It's that time again -- the calendar is online for signing up for shifts at Westfield Shoppingtown to wrap gifts for the fundraiser that supports the After Prom.

We ask that you give your time to raise money for a safe and fun alternative for our kids after they enjoy themselves at Prom. Your commitment is not great -- minimally we ask for ONE HOUR of your time.

PLEASE GO ONLINE NOW AND SIGN UP FOR YOUR SHIFTS. If you have any questions, please Debbie Klein at [fmlyklein@aol.com](mailto:fmlyklein@aol.com).

#### ONLINE CALENDAR SIGNUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com)

2. Click on 'sign in'
3. User ID: aehsgiftwrap, Password: presents
4. Under "My Groups" click on "AEHSGiftwrapping"
5. Click on "calendar" (in column on left).
6. Use the calendar on the right to go to the day you want to volunteer.
7. To add yourself to the calendar click on the time when you want to begin working (or click the "Add Event" link).
8. Fill out the "form" by adding your name and phone numbers (home and cell) to the Title box and the NUMBER OF HOURS you will be working, NOT the time you finish working. Put an N next to your name if you are a new wrapper or would like to be paired with someone who knows the ropes.
9. Click "save" at the top or bottom of the screen.



#### Westfield Wheaton Shopping Center:

Thanks for sponsoring Einstein's gift wrap booth again this year!

## Join Einstein's E-mail Lists and Stay Connected

### AEHS Discussion

At this virtual gathering place, you can trade tips about tutors, remind each other about upcoming events and deadlines, and clarify Einstein rumors. Einstein staff members join in, too, letting you know about important programs, services, and activities. To join, send an e-mail to [einsteinhs-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:einsteinhs-subscribe@yahoo.com).

### AEHS Bulletin

You'll receive only e-mail announcements from the school and parent groups on this list. Members cannot reply to or post messages unless they are authorized "posters" for a particular group. To join, send a blank email message to [aehs\\_bulletin-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:aehs_bulletin-subscribe@yahoo.com). ■

### Help Needed: One-Day Gift Wrap Point Person (Xmas Eve)

We agreed to be in charge of lining up volunteers and supervising the Gift Wrap booth on Wednesdays during the holiday season, with the understanding that due to commitments in both our families neither of us is available Christmas Eve. We will line up the wrappers (in the past we've had good turnout with LOTS of volunteers this critical day) but need someone with some experience to be there

in the booth.

So if anyone out there would be able to be the point person for Christmas Eve, please let us know ASAP. Perhaps you could split the day with a friend into two shifts (the booth closes early Christmas Eve). Please consider this urgent request and drop us a line: [desands@juno.com](mailto:desands@juno.com). Thank you!

*Ellen Sands  
and Diane Dickson,  
mothers of juniors*

### Consider Edison

Thomas Edison High School of Technology offers advanced career technical education in 19 subject areas, including Biotechnology, Automotive Technology, Electricity, Network Operations, Carpentry, Plumbing, Professional Restaurant management and Interior Design.

The Annual Open house is December 4 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Students and

parents can also attend two-hour tours in the morning and afternoon during the school day. Reservations are required to attend one of the tours. To reserve a spot, call 301-929-6920.

Visit [www.montgomeryschool.smd.org/schools/edison](http://www.montgomeryschool.smd.org/schools/edison) for more information and for an application. Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply to the school.

## Einstein has an active Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA). Help keep us strong. Join today!

Return to: PTSA Membership, Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Mill Rd., Kensington, MD 20895.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Additional phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15

Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

**Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to AEHS PTSA. Thanks!**

*Your donations help fund staff appreciation events, the College Fair, the After Prom, the Minigrants Program, this newsletter, and more. The PTSA holds meetings the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm on subjects intended to help parents, students, and the Einstein community in general.*

# Calendar

## December 2008

- 10** 2nd quarter interims mailed
- 12-13** Winter One Act Plays, 7:00 pm, auditorium
- 16** Instrumental Music Winter Concert, 7 pm, auditorium
- 18** Winter Choral Concert  
7:00 pm, auditorium  
  
Silent Auction  
5:30—9:30 pm
- 24-  
Jan 2** Winter break, no school

## January 2009

- EXAMS—dates to be announced
- 19** No school, Martin Luther King Day
- 21** PTSA 7 pm parent meet and greet  
7:15 meeting

## January 2009, continued

- 23** Second marking period ends
- 24** SATs at Einstein
- 26** Professional day—no school  
PACE meeting, 7:30 pm, room 130

## February 2009

- 3** Report cards distributed
- 16** No school, President's Day
- 17** PTSA 7 pm parent meet and greet  
7:15 meeting
- 18** All-county Admission/Scholarship  
Event 6 pm, Main Street

- 19** Faculty recital
- 23** PACE mtg, 7:30 pm, room 130
- 24** IB Music and Art Show, 7:00 pm
- 27** Early release day



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