

Quantum Quest

Albert Einstein High School PTSA

February 2010



Sixth Annual Taste of Einstein

Celebrate our Diversity

Friday, February 19, 6-9 pm
(See page 10 for details.)

Parent meetings

- ✓ Boosters—Feb. 10, 7pm, room 130
- ✓ PTSA—Feb. 16, 7 pm, cafeteria
- ✓ PACE—Feb. 22, 7:30 pm, room 130

Wrap on, wrap on

Do a little more giftwrapping for Valentine's Day and after prom—see p. 12

IB Music and Art Show

Feb. 25, 7 pm

Swing Dance concert

Mar. 6, 7pm



Spring musical (and photo show)

March 12, 13, 19, 20, 7 pm

Mulch orders are due March 6

(sale is **March 13**, snow date **March 20**)

Get your orders in now!
(Order form—page 11)

Update from the PTSA President

The PTSA Board sends an enormous “Thank you!” to Martha Kaiser and her team of dedicated volunteers who pulled off what, at times, seemed like a Herculean effort in running the Gift Wrap booth at Wheaton Mall this past Holiday Season (see page 13). Most of us can't imagine the time and energy it takes to pull off an undertaking of this magnitude. This year's junior class will have an After Prom party in 2011, thanks to Martha, chair and fearless leader, and the many volunteers who helped. And there is still time! The booth will be open a few days before Valentine's Day. Contact Martha to help.

Taste of Einstein is fast approaching. Debra Brody and Patricia Williams are the PTSA liaisons for our

school's version of International Night, to be held February 19 in the cafeteria. Always a fun night, this community builder needs you to help and to attend!

The **After Prom Committee**, ably chaired by Karen Lee, has been working for several months on the May 21st event. Volunteers are and will be needed. Let's send our seniors off with a fun-filled, alcohol/drug free party!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday March 16. The PTSA will host a speaker from the **“I Drive Smart” Community Education Group**. The presenter will be talking with us about how to mentor teen drivers and keep them safe.

Finally, though second semester is just beginning,

we all know how fast it goes. The **PTSA officers** will be ending their terms in June. Have you wanted to work on a particular issue or start something new? This is the time to consider what next year's PTSA will focus on and who will be on the board. To start the process, we need volunteers for a nominating committee to accept the names of those interested in offices. If multiple names come in, we'll have elections. Please contact me to be on the nominations committee or if you want to be on the board. President, VPs of Communications, School Improvement, and Programs, and Treasurer are open. ■

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THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
MARYLAND

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Monte has been an integral part of Albert Einstein High School in Kensington since the school opened in 1962, becoming a guidance counselor in 1964 and going on to become an institution at the school and a legend in his field; and

WHEREAS, as a 28-year-old 10th grade English teacher in Room 2A at Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C., in 1960, Joe Monte nurtured and ignited the interest in literature of a particular student—Pat Conroy—who was challenged by the assignment to read the Faulkner novel, "The Sound and the Fury," a fact noted by Pat Conroy in his book, "My Losing Season" in which he wrote: "I wanted to follow Mr. Monte around for the rest of my life, learning everything he wished to share or impart"; and

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Monte, in his long and illustrious career, has served as president of the National Association for College Admission Counseling—from which he received the Margaret E. Addis Service Award—and as president of the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admissions Counseling. In 2003, Mr. Monte received the Marian Greenblatt Award for Excellence in Teaching, the first counselor to receive the award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monte established the College and Career Center at Einstein High School and continues to serve the school in many ways, including as the co-founder of the Albert Einstein High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Monte has guided thousands of students at Einstein gently and skillfully along high school life's zig-zagging path, and was influential in the lives of two members of this County Council: Phil Andrews, Class of 1977, and Marc Elrich, Class of 1967;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montgomery County Council congratulates

JOSEPH A. MONTE

on his impressive achievements and expresses its lasting thanks for his remarkably dedicated service to students in Montgomery County and also thanks his wife of more than 46 years, Mary Catherine, for sharing him for so long with a grateful County.

Presented on this _____ 1st _____ day of _____ December _____ in the year _____ 2009 _____.

Phil Andrews
Council President



This Montgomery County Council certificate was awarded to Mr. Monte in December 2009 for 46 years of service!

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@yahoogroups.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 aebs_bulletin-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. ■

Counseling Corner

For 9th, 10th, and 11th graders

Registration for the 2010 – 2011 school year began in January. Please be on the lookout for the registration card (color coded by grade level) Please note that the AEHS Program of Studies Guide is available online (see below). The registration card will list teacher recommendations for courses for your student. If you or your student have questions about recommendations, please contact current teachers. If you have general questions see the counselor. Counselors will meet with every student to review the card and check graduation requirements.

The registration card requires signatures from the academy head and a parent; we will not accept any cards that do not have both signatures. Counselors will also be giving each student a Four Year Plan form to complete during registration.

For more information visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteins/counseling/>. Look about halfway down the far right column for the 2010-2011 AEHS course catalog and the 2010-2011 registration card.

If you would like to request a change to one of the other Downcounty Consortium high schools for next year,

you may pick up a Change of Choice request form in the counseling office.

Completed forms must be turned in by Friday, February 19th.

Online Summer Courses

MCPS Online courses being offered this summer:

- MCPS Comprehensive Health and Wellness (.5 credit, three week course, \$310),
- MCPS Personal Finance (.5 credit, three week course, \$310),
- MCPS Foundations of Technology (1.0 credit, six week course, \$620).

Students interested in taking one or more of these online courses will need to do the following:

1. Work with their school counselor to select a course/courses,
2. Complete and print the online registration form at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/onlinelearning/enroll.shtm>,
3. Return the printed form with necessary signatures and tuition payment to MCPS Student eLearning, 2096 Gaither Rd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20850 or by fax: 301-670-8235).

Registration information will be available at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/onlinelearning/enroll.shtm>

Also, MCPS has approved several AP courses that students can take during the school year or summer via **Maryland Virtual School (MVS)**. For more information on which courses are approved courses or how to register, go to: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/onlinelearning/mvs.shtm>.

For questions, contact:

- Online student services, course enrollment information: abbottgregory047@gmail.com
- General program information: Patrick_Thompson@mcpsmd.org

For 12th graders

Seniors need to let Ms. Perez* in the counseling office know when they hear from colleges—acceptances, deferred, denied, etc. We also need to know if they get a scholarship, the amount and for how long (one year or every year) and the name of the scholarship. We use this information to help other Einstein students see where our students go! (*Rebecca_A_Perez@mcpsmd.org, phone (301) 929-2220) ■

College Goal Sunday, Feb. 14th

What:

- Receive free help to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

When:

- Sunday, February 14, 2010, 2-4pm

Where:

- Montgomery College—Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
- Charlene R. Nunley Student Service Center

Who:

- College bound seniors
- Interested underclassmen
- Parents and guardians

Note: At least one week before the event, parents and students should both register for a PIN number at <http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp> Parents and students should bring these PIN numbers to the event, along with completed 2008 or 2009 IRS 1040 tax forms, a W-2 form and other 2009 income and benefits information.

For more information:

www.collegegoalsundayu.sa.org ■

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)

On-the-spot admissions/scholarships evenings

- Feb. 11, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.—John F. Kennedy HS: Bowie State Univ.
- Feb. 17, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.—Richard Montgomery HS: UNCF/ NAACP/ MCPS HBCU College Fair, for students in Grades 9 through 12, with some on-the-spots admission/scholarship interviews—colleges TBD.
- March 10, 6 to 9 p.m.—Northwood HS: Coppin State University.

HBCU College Tour

Students are invited to participate in the Historically Black College Tour which will take place April 5-9, 2010. Students will visit Clark-Atlanta, Morehouse, North Carolina A&T, Bennett, Johnson C. Smith, Hampton, Virginia State, and Virginia Union. The cost of the trip is \$425 by January 24, 2010; \$465 after January 25, 2010. For additional information, call 301-265-8326 or 301-248-8833. The trip is sponsored by the Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church. ■

Career Transition Program

The Career Transition Program (CTP) helps students who have mental health concerns make a successful transition to college, vocational training, the work force or other post secondary goals. The goal is to empower these youth to improve their independence skills, increase their chances to successfully complete their education program, to find/get/keep jobs and support their successful transition. Our program has a 15 year track record of 85% employment rate and 90% high school graduation rate.

CTP provides a variety of services including career assessment, supported employment services, supported educational services as well as a variety of case management services. The program works one on one with students and families in the community to assist with goals that students themselves create. This is a completely FREE program and is not income based.

Eligibility Criteria: Ages 16 to 22, Mental Health Concerns (but don't need documentation), Montgomery County Resident (must have a social security number).

To Refer or Apply or for ANY Questions, please contact: Cindy L. Bustillo, MBA—Mobile: 240-429-9307, bustilloc@stlukeshouse.com. Web site: <http://www.careertransitionprogram.org>.

You may also contact your counselor for more information or an application. ■

The Hispanic College Fund/ McDonald's Scholarship Program

Individual Awards: \$1,500

Deadline: February 16th, 2010

Apply at: <http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org>

Eligibility Criteria:

- * Must be of Hispanic background,
- * Must be a current high school senior in DC, MD, VA, and WV planning to enroll as a full-time undergraduate college student for 2010-2011,
- * Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident,
- * Must have earned and maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average of no less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- * Must demonstrate financial need.

Hispanic Youth Symposium @Towson University

June 29 – July 2, 2010

Join and be a part of the Latino Network. Spend 4 days and 3 nights on a college campus. Compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships. Learn how to pay and apply for college. Meet college admissions representatives. Discover career opportunities and much more!

You can apply if you

- are in 9th, 10th or 11th grade,
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA,
- Are recommended by a teacher or counselor.

Deadline is March 31, 2010. Web site is www.hispanicyouth.org ■

Daniel Sarmiento
Director of the Hispanic Youth Institute
Email: dsarmiento@hispanicfund.org



Roger Manno Scholarship for Special Needs Students

The Delegate's Scholarships are earmarked for applicants with pervasive developmental disorders (PDD), autism, learning disabilities, emotional or behavioral disabilities, mental health challenges, developmental delays, or other special needs. This is the fourth year of scholarships provided by the Delegate for special needs students. Applications will be available January 15, 2010.

To qualify, you must be:

- At least a high school senior.
- Currently enrolled in or applying to an undergraduate, graduate, professional or trade school in Maryland. (Exceptions are made for "unique majors" that are not offered at any Maryland institution.)
- A resident of Legislative District 19, which includes portions of Silver Spring and Rockville. To check the Legislative District in which you reside, log onto <http://mdelect.net/electedofficials/>.

Applicants will be required to write an essay and provide at least one letter of recommendation.

For more information, please contact Tracey Webb at the Montgomery County Collaboration Council, 301-610-0147, x213 or via email, tracey.webb@collaborationcouncil.org. Application and all materials (including references) must be postmarked by May 15, 2010. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made. ■

Johns Hopkins Summer Engineering Program

Did you know that every summer the JHU Whiting School of Engineering offers a four-week Engineering Innovation program at JHU's Montgomery County Campus (MCC) in Rockville for high school students? And that at the end of the course, students with a passing grade earn three transferable Johns Hopkins University credits? It's true!

The program includes instruction on engineering concepts as well as

hands-on projects, such as building a better mousetrap and a spaghetti bridge competition. (Interested in seeing last year's students test their spaghetti bridges? Check out this short video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nS_5A97N3E.)

Eligible students must have completed their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school and also have completed a laboratory science and Algebra II course. More details about eligibility requirements and financial aid are available on the Engineering Innovation web site, <http://engineering-innovation.jhu.edu/>.

This year, the program at JHU MCC will run from July 6 – July 30, with classes going from 9am – 3pm, Monday-Friday. The application deadline is Monday, May 3, 2010.



Your future is a world full of possibilities.

Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund

The Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund is looking to award 30 scholarships to students of Southeast Asian heritage. The minimum criteria are:

1. living in the Washington, DC area (DC, VA, MD),
2. graduating in 2010 and planning on higher education,
3. Lao, Vietnamese, or Cambodian heritage.

Applications are being accepted, and the deadline is March 5, 2010.

In the past, Lao-Americans have been under-represented. If you (or anyone you know) meet the above criteria, please fill out the application at <http://www.nsrefund.org/scholarships/>. ■

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SAT and AP Scores Place AEHS in New Peer Group

Gordie Brenne, Vice President for School Improvement

Our SAT score average of 1672 for the November 2009 session showed the greatest increase among all 25 MCPS high schools. Also, AP scores ranked AEHS ahead of 8 other schools. Not bad for a school with the second highest Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) population in MCPS!

We're in good company with our SAT scores. Only eight schools had a better total average score (B-CC, Blair, Churchill, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Poolesville, Whitman and Wootton). Our AP scores ranked ahead of Gaithersburg, Kennedy, Northwood, Rockville, Seneca Valley, Springbrook, Watkins Mill, and Wheaton. No wonder our administrators are no longer content with comparisons to other down county schools!

Of course, having an IB academy does make a difference for us, but some of the improvement in SAT scores is due to better preparation using the Triumph program. Further, our AP scores tell a more inclusive story about our kids' strong performance, since many more kids take AP courses. For example, FARMS AP test takers had the 6th highest par-

ticipation and were 12th among MCPS high schools. Equally impressive were the strong performance of African American (14th overall) and Hispanic (12th overall) students on AP tests. In fact, had it not been for the very strong participation of our Hispanic kids (5th overall) coupled with their strong performance, the school would not have done as well.

Just 5 years ago, we were told that comparing our school to schools outside of the down county was inappropriate, "apples to oranges." What a difference new leadership and the dedicated efforts of our administrators and faculty have made. They have raised expectations for all our kids, and it's beginning to pay off. Sixty-seven percent of our graduates last year went on to either a four-year or two-year college program, compared to less than 50% of graduates five years ago. Also, only 23% of our students were academically ineligible at the end of the fall quarter, compared to 35% five years ago.

Like all stories there are at least two sides. In the case of SAT scores, our participation rate dropped to the fourth lowest in

MCPS as more students elected to take the ACT exam instead and senior class enrollment dipped. Assistant Principal Mildred Charley-Greene has lead responsibility for SAT and ACT testing. "We believe that our recent participation drop can be attributed -- in large part -- to students who have chosen to take the ACT or Accuplacer," said Ms. Charley-Greene. "We are working with our cluster's SAT Coordinator to get a firm number of ACT test takers. Unlike the SAT, we do not have an agreement with ACT to report student names to us. The information we have is self-reported. While we work to solidify these numbers, we are also engaged in outreach efforts to encourage students to pursue college and to take the college readiness test that best matches their goals."

Ms. Charley-Greene acknowledges that African American and Hispanic students have lower participation rates in the SAT and ACT exams and says the school is working on this: "College readiness will be the topic of a yet-to-be titled 'college' day during which PSAT, Mock ACT and PLAN (practice ACT for freshmen) scores

are distributed and students receive tailored information about planning for college. Mentors who take part in our 30-30 and AIP efforts have been encouraged to discuss college readiness -- including test taking -- with mentees. All students will hear from current college students during Alumni Day in December. Our basic strategy regarding college readiness tests relies on individual conversations with students in which they are encouraged to select the "test of best fit" and to approach that test with as much preparation as possible."

Our AP scores certainly benefit from having IB program students take these tests. But last spring, 412 students took AP exams, three times the IB program enrollment. The schedule below summarizes AP test results for the most popular courses and shows we still have lots of room to improve in science and math subjects.

Whether you think the glass is half full or half empty, it is nice to reflect at year end on what we have accomplished and where we are going. Hard work does pay off. Here's to 2010 and another banner year! ■

AP Trend Analysis

AEHS 2007-2009 Results - Most Popular Courses

Course	AEHS Tests Taken			AEHS Pass Rate			MCPS Pass Rate	Comments
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2009	
Gov & Pol	63	76	74	58%	60%	72%	74%	Good—enrollment steady; rate up
US History	51	39	63	55%	54%	67%	70%	Good—enrollment & rate up
World Hist	41	38	44	43%	53%	64%	67%	Good—enrollment & rate up
Spanish	na	40	42	70%	96%	93%	81%	Outstanding!
Calculus AB	39	30	31	17%	25%	32%	70%	Problem —but rate increased
Calculus BC	41	18	21	27%	67%	67%	84%	Good—enrollment up; rate steady
Statistics	67	48	45	24%	29%	38%	68%	Problem —but rate increased
Eng Lit	67	36	60	48%	35%	50%	66%	Good—enrollment & rate up
Eng Lang	33	50	42	66%	61%	52%	72%	Problem —enrollment & rate down
Biology	30	17	15	57%	31%	33%	73%	Problem —enrollment down
Env Sci	82	88	97	23%	46%	39%	60%	Problem —enrollment up but rate down
Chemistry	19	5	12	21%	100%	58%	81%	Problem —enrollment up but rate down
Psychology	67	63	73	62%	47%	58%	72%	Good—enrollment & rate up
Physics	15	22	12	56%	78%	50%	na	Problem —enrollment & rate down

Sources: MCPS 2008 and 2009 Placement Exam Results, Clare Von Secker, MCPS 2002-2007 AP Participation and Pass Rate Analysis, Clare Von Secker, 7/07

Problem: when pass rates (score of 3 or better) drop significantly or are below 50%

Register for Upcoming Advanced Placement Exams

Registration for the Advanced Placement (AP) exams is going on now through



March 15. Exams are scheduled for May 3–14; the cost of each AP test is \$86. Students register for the exams through the

school. Funds are available for students who need assistance. For more information,

students should contact the school counseling office or the school's AP coordinator. ■

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aehsnews@yahoo.com Deadline for the next issue is Feb. 12.	

SUPPORT RELIEF FOR HAITI

Dear Einstein Families,

I was contacted by Sidney Woods at Westfield Wheaton Shopping Center, our giftwrap booth liaison and a tremendous help in Einstein's fundraising efforts. I am forwarding his note regarding help for Haiti. Thank you, Martha Kaiser, Giftwrap Chair

From Sidney Woods:

In support of the relief effort for victims of the earthquake disaster in Haiti, all Westfield shopping centers are serving as donation collection sites for Convoy of Hope charities. Westfield Wheaton is now accepting cash and check contributions, with all proceeds being used to provide water, food and emergency supplies to those in need. The donation collection point is located on the exterior of the mall near DSW Shoes and H&R Block. Convoy of Hope, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, already has an emergency command center operating just outside of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince and is even now distributing water and supplies to victims of the earthquake. To donate online, go to <http://westfield.com/wheaton/specialoffers/HelpingHaiti.html>. ■

AEHS Represents County at the 21st Annual Maryland High School Dance Showcase Concert

The snow delay could not keep Einstein's Dance Company from traveling to Goucher College on Friday, January 8, 2010, where they performed, under the direction of Ms. Tricia Gooley, in the 21st Annual Maryland High School Dance Showcase Concert. More than 40 companies from across the state competed for one of the 13 coveted evening performance slots. In addition to performing before a capacity crowd in the Krashaar Auditorium, the students were given the opportunity to participate in two 90 minute master dance classes: one modern, the other jazz.

Congratulations go to Karen Carbajal, Pia Pamela Castillo, Jordan Coyne, Lisa Fuentes, Sara Gebremedhin, Kiara Hill, Tia Johnson, Rubina Lama, Kamilya Lapp-Kamara, Ryan Miller, Kathy Nguyen, Kevin Pajarilaga, Ray Payleg, Natalie Perez-Duel, Cynthia Rodriguez, Rem'y Shoyelu, and Chelsea Taylor for their outstanding performance of "Sssshhhhh!" choreographed by Ms. Gooley.

Additional congratulations go to Natalie Perez-Duel for receiving an Honorable



AEHS dancers warm up in a makeshift studio space at Goucher College before attending master classes.

Photo by Debbie Duel

Mention in the Maryland All-State competition which took place on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

Second semester brings dance to the Einstein Stage when the Dance Company is joined by Advanced Studio and Dance as a Fine Art Classes for two evening performances,

April 22 & 23 at 7pm. Works by student choreographers will debut at that event. Tickets will go on sale after spring break. For additional information, contact Ms. Gooley. Tricia_Gooley@mcpsmd.org

Debbie Duel



AEHS dancers perform at the December 3rd concert.

Photo by Tony Ventouris.

These photos will be clearer on the Web at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/einsteins/parents/pta.asp#newsletter>.

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GUYS AND DOLLS is coming to Einstein, courtesy of Einstein STAGE! This perennial favorite about loveable Broadway Gamblers and the women who love them in spite of their faults is one of the true classics of the Broadway musical. It's sure to be the major community event of the spring. It will be our first musical to test out our new stage extension, which will put the action closer than ever to the audience. Get your tickets now!

Einstein STAGE also invites you to be an official patron of the theatre arts at Einstein by becoming a S.T.A.G.E.Hands contributor! Your donation will help us to pay the many expenses of theatre production that ticket prices alone cannot possibly cover. Your contribution will entitle you to free show tickets, STAGE clothing and more! If you would like to become a S.T.A.G.E.Hands sponsor for the spring, please contact Mr. Smeallie, the theatre program director, at einstein-stage@comcast.net. ■

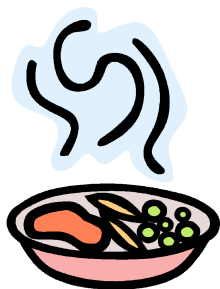
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Taste of Einstein – Tastes From Around the World

February 19th , 6-9 pm

The annual "A Taste of Einstein" event will take place on Friday, February 19 from 6-9 pm.

Come celebrate the many cultures that embrace the Einstein Community. This annual school wide event, with support from the PTSA and many teachers and staff, gives our students an opportunity to showcase the unique cultural riches of their school community. The festivity begins with a large buffet of international foods and exotic taste treats in the cafeteria and then continues with displays of artwork, authentic costumes,



instrumental, vocal music and dance performances by our talented students in the auditorium. Now in its 6th year, A Taste of Einstein has become a lively celebration that many students and their parents truly look forward

to attending. We extend a special invitation to families of freshman students as well as others who have never attended; please come and be entertained, as you will not be disappointed.

Help make our buffet tables bountiful by bringing an entree, vegetable or appetizer representing your cultural heritage.

Dessert will be provided. (A small donation is requested for those who cannot bring a dish to share).

We need many volunteers to make this event a success - and it's never too late to help out.

For information on how you can participate or volunteer for the event, please contact Debra Brody at debrajbrody@earthlink.net or at 301.585.7276. Mark your calendar now, and we'll see you on February 19th! ■



The next issue of the Quantum Quest will combine March and April.

Submissions can cover news and announcements for those months until the end of the school year.

Join the PTSA Communications Team Next Year!!

Parents, guardians of incoming students of all grades: want to make sure you—and the rest of our community—are informed about AEHS? Become part of the PTSA communications team!

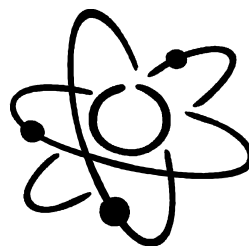
Here's what's needed:

- A **VP of Communications** to lead the charge,
- An editorial team of **2-3 people** to plan, seek information from par-

ents, staff, wherever else, edit it, lay it out, and proofread it,

- A **calendar honcho** for the back page,
- A **feature writer** to profile people, events,
- A **printing coordinator**,
- A **distribution guru** to get labeling done,
- A **mailing coordinator**.

The high school years go by fast with many important events, decisions, and opportunities. And those dear teens of our don't necessarily let us know

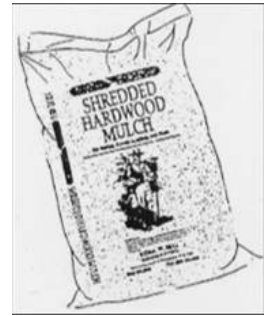


what's going on. Stay informed, stay involved—help our remarkable community communicate.

Questions? Want to start learning the ropes now? Contact Connie Raab at raabcd@gmail.com or (301) 588-7206. ■

Spring Mulch Sale

Support Your Einstein Athletes!



ALBERT EINSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

EIN 06-1648544
11135 Newport Mill Road
Kensington, MD 20895

When: Saturday, March 13 (March 20th snow date)
8:00 am - 1:00 pm (Mulch not delivered on Saturday will
be delivered on Sunday)

What: Shredded Hardwood Mulch ~ 2 Cubic Foot Bags ~
15+ bags for curbside delivery (available for orders within a 5 mile
radius of Einstein)

To Order: Please mail your check (payable to "AEHS Booster Club") with form to
:

AEHS Booster Club
3102 Homewood Parkway
Kensington, MD 20895

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY March 6 & PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!

**For more information, or to volunteer your team and truck to help with deliveries to earn
.75 cent per bag credit for your team account, contact Thomas Giblin at 301-946-2270,
ktplus4@verizon.net**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Please Select **One**:

I will be **picking up my order** on Saturday, March 13 between 8am and 1pm at AEHS

of Bags _____ X \$3.75 = \$ _____

I live within a 5-mile radius of Einstein and would like **curbside delivery** on my order of 15+ bags

of Bags _____ X \$4.25 = \$ _____

AEHS Athletes Honored

The Washington Post and Montgomery Gazette have recognized three Einstein athletes as being among the region's best athletes in their sports.

Senior Hamzah Lodge, an offensive lineman for the Titans football team, was listed by both The Post and Gazette. He was included among offensive players in Montgomery's 3A Division in The Post's All-League Teams published Dec. 16. The All-League picks are chosen by coaches in those divisions. Lodge also was named to the All-Gazette Football's second team in the weekly newspaper's Dec. 16 edition. Lodge was picked as a "reliable, talented road grader," said The Gazette.

Senior Karim Wills, who played one year for Titans football after transferring from Kennedy, was named to The Post's All-League Team in Montgomery 3A as a defensive back.

In the All-Gazette Girls Soccer list published Dec. 9, junior goalkeeper Jordan Solomon received an Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to these outstanding Titan student athletes! ■

Susan DeFord

Way to go!!

Booster Update

The Boosters hope everyone had a good holiday season and wish everyone a happy new year. Even though the air is cold and the ground is frozen, the days are getting longer which means only one thing: **MULCH**. The Boosters' annual mulch sale is right around the corner and will be held on Saturday, March 13.

The Boosters are once again selling 2 cubic foot bags of shredded hardwood mulch for delivery, \$4.25 per bag with minimum 15 bag purchase or \$3.75 per bag for pick-up. Proceeds from the sale support the Booster general fund as well as allow teams to earn 75 cents for each bag delivered for their team account. See the enclosed form to place an order or order on line at <http://connectedcommunities.us/newthread.php?do=aehsmulch>. Orders must be received by

March 6.

The Boosters are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery of the mulch and students can earn student learning service hours. Please contact Thomas Giblin at 301-946-2270 or ktplus4@verizon.net.

Coinciding with the Mulch sale is the **Boosters' scholarship application process**. The Boosters will be awarding six \$1,000 college scholarships. Applicants or their parents must be Booster members to apply. Check the Booster page on the Einstein web site to get the application. Booster membership is the primary support for these scholarships; please help us reach our goal of fully funding them from membership.

The Boosters would like to wish **Athletic Director Brady Blade and Business Manager Angie Blade** a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement. The Boosters appreciate all the work they did for the school. We are especially grateful to Brady for working with the Boosters over these last four years and the many accomplishments we have been able to achieve because of his time and efforts. ■

Thomas Giblin
Booster President

Gift Wrap Concessions Open Again for Valentine's Day

In order to raise sufficient funds to cover the cost of the After Prom Party for the Class of 2011, the PTSA will once again open the Gift Wrap Concession Booth at Westfield's Wheaton Plaza Mall for Valentine's Day, from February 11 through Valentine's Day, February 14, 2009.



We need your help to staff the booth from 10am-9:30pm each of those five days, except for Valentine's, when we'll close at 6 pm so we can celebrate the holiday too. Student volunteers may earn SSL hours staffing the booth by contacting our Student Volunteer Coordinator, Wanda Watson at [Wanda F. Watson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Wanda_F_Watson@mcpsmd.org) or 240-460-6874. Adult volunteers, especially Junior parents -- this is for your kids! Please contact Martha Kaiser @ 301-587-5064 or kaiserfamily@starpower.net ■

Holiday Spirit Shines at AEHS

Principal James Fernandez and school administrators want to thank school staff, families, and community members for joining in a holiday collection for Einstein students whose families are in need. The drive collected \$4,158, Fernandez said, and checks continue to come in.

"It was a big success," Fernandez said. "I was surprised by that amount." Donations pay for gift cards to Giant, Safeway, Target and other stores. The effort started a few years ago with a collection of under \$1,000. Last year, the drive collected \$3,668 from staff and community members. ■

Susan DeFord



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The Results Are In!

The 2009 Holiday Gift Wrap Booth at Westfield Wheaton Mall was a success despite a blizzard of historical proportions and a recovering economy. It took in more than \$14,500, up from last year's holiday season gross of \$13,000.

Volunteers turned out in record numbers, particularly after the snowstorm and just before Christmas. More than 75 Einstein parents, students, alumni and staff members wrapped gifts, poofed bows and counted cash.

The booth was open 28 days with half of the money made during the final week. That made for busy days, especially at the end where more than a dozen volunteers worked side by side to benefit the Einstein After Prom.

The list of people critical to the booth's success includes student volunteer coordinator Wanda Watson, calendar organizer Sandy Patterson (whose kids are yet to arrive at Einstein), supply and setup coordinator Deb Ferrin, bow coordinator Nancy Mendez (bow pulling started last February), and treasurer Joanna McCully (who reports a Christmas Eve tally of \$2,261).

The Day Coordinators

who encouraged and cajoled friends and neighbors into helping out were: Patti Giglio, Mary Murphy, Linda Giannarelli, Janice Landfair, Patricia Yeghissian, Ellen Sands, Diane Dickson, Cheryl Stevens, Pam Broomall, Kerstin Florian-Staguhn, Jenny Hess, Rich Lerner, Melinda Frederick, Suzanne Milton and Leslie Fogg Bowie.

Einstein received support from two corporate sponsors. Westfield Wheaton Shopping Mall generously provided space for the booth. In addition, they donated \$500 in exchange

for Einstein volunteers managing a free gift wrap day on the mall's behalf. Select Event Rentals, a leading East Coast provider of event supplies, donated tables and tablecloths for use during the entire month. Thank you both!

If you missed the fun, you have another chance because the booth will reopen for Valentine's and Mothers' Days. See page 12 and watch the listserv to find out how you can volunteer. ■

*Martha Kaiser
Gift Wrap Coordinator*



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NOTE: We'll need a new directory coordinator for 2010-2011. This could be YOU!

Calendar

<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
3 Report cards distributed	4 Interims mailed	1-5 No school, Spring Break and Easter holiday
10 Booster Meeting, 7-9 pm, Rm. 130	6 Swing Dance Concert, 7-11:30 pm, cafeteria	6 No school, Professional Day
11-14 Gift Wrap Booth open, Westfield's Wheaton Plaza Mall, 10-9:30 pm	10 Booster Meeting, 7 pm, Rm. 130	12-15 HSAs
14 College Goal Sunday, 2-4 pm, Montgomery College Takoma Park Campus	12-13 Spring Musical & Photo Show, 7-10 pm, auditorium & art gallery	14 Report Cards Distributed
15 No school, President's Day	13 Booster Mulch sale	14 Booster meeting, 7-9:00 pm, Rm. 130
16 PTSA 7 pm, cafeteria	16 PTSA 7 pm, cafeteria	20 PTSA 7 pm, cafeteria
19 Taste of Einstein, 6-9 pm	19-20 Spring Musical & Photo Show, 7-10 pm, auditorium & art gallery	21-22 Visual Arts Center (VAC) Annual Show, 7-9 pm
22 PACE mtg, 7:30 pm, room 130	26 3rd Marking Period ends	23 Dance Concert, 7-9:30 pm, auditorium
25 IB Music and Art Show, 7:00 pm	29-31 No school, Spring Break	28 VAPA Instrumental Concert, 7-9 pm, auditorium
26 Early release day		29 Choral & Art Exhibit, 7-9:30 pm, auditorium

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