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Adjective

1. emitting light as a result of being heated.
2. Passionate or brilliant

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Bullying - Enough is Enough**
- **Decades of Service — Interviews with Teachers who have spent many years at TECS**
- **Girls and Boys Basketball Spotlight**

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Shining a light on the latest hot topics!

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BULLYING - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

We're tired of bullying—the fighting, the name calling, the tension, and the consequences. We've decided to take in upon ourselves to try to stop it. That's why each and every member of the newspaper staff decided to approach bullying some way, some how in this issue. We hope you will not only take the time to read what we have to say, but also take it to heart and put it into practice.

—The Edison Incandescent Staff

Bullying—Mrs. Vaughan's Point of View on What Needs to Happen

By Maddy Yates

Maddy: *Have you witnessed any bullying going on in our school?*

Mrs. Vaughan: Yes

MY: *If someone was bullying a student in your class how would you handle it? How would you want a student (whether they are being bullied or witness someone else being bullied) to handle it?*

MV: I would first try to bring the two students aside and hear each child's side of the story. Then I have them express to each other how this makes them feel. I would want a student to try to stop the bullying with their words in a

calm manner. Then I would want them to seek help from the nearest adult.

MY: *Do you have students that tell you when they are being bullied?*

MV: Yes, some students will let me know if someone is bullying them.

MY: *Do you have any advice for teachers or students to help stop bullying?*

MV: As a school identify bullies and identify what's motivating them to bully. Then in a small group work with kids on learning how to express their feelings in a positive way.

MY: *Do you believe that some children more likely to be bullied than others?*

MV: Yes, because of the way children dress, how they look, learning ability's, or if they are too quiet.

MY: *Why do you think people choose to bully others?*

MV: People who are hurting inside tend to hurt others. They don't know how to positively handle their emotions so another way to handle the way they feel is to hurt/bully others.

How to Help Someone Who is Being Bullied

by Aniah Crippen

One way to help someone who is being bullied is to try to stop the bully so the person that is being bullied won't get hurt. You should stop the bully because the bully will try to find any way



to hurt the victim that is being bullied. Another way to help someone that is being bullied is to tell an adult. You can also encourage the bullied person to talk to an adult. You should tell the person who is being bullied to talk to an adult because if you don't tell an adult it's possible that nobody will ever know that the person is being bullied.

TECS Chess Team Travels to Perryville, MD

by Aa'khai Hollis and Maddy Yates

On Saturday, November 7th, the Good Knights of Thomas Edison competed in the Sussquehannah Scholastic Chess Tournament in Perryville, Maryland. The tournament was hosted at Perryville Middle School.

Twenty-seven TECS students from 3rd to 8th grade competed. The team won lots of trophies and finished in 1st place in the elementary, middle, and high school divisions!

Students from many different states competed in this event. A'akhai Hollis finished with a 5-0 record and won first place in the intermediate section. Tenye Martin went 3-1 in the advanced section. Kawai Brown went 3.5-1.5 in the intermediate section.

Aa'khai Hollis interviewed fellow chess team member, Kenny Norwood, about this experience.

Aa'khai: What inspired you to play chess?

Kenny: What inspired me to play chess is I wanted to be a good player to help the chess team thanks to Mr. Thomas in

third grade.

AH: What do you think makes you better at chess?

KN: I think what makes me better at chess is I play the coaches and advanced players and I use their strategies and study them.

AH: How do you think the last tournament went and how will you do at the nationals?

KN: I think I could've done better. I know that the coaches expect more from me and I will try my best at all times at the nationals.



7 Habits Advice: How to Put First Things First

1. Respect deadlines
2. Set milestone deadlines
3. Consider the consequences
4. Consider time required
5. Set monthly goals
6. Work backwards



Help send our chess team to Nationals in Indianapolis from April 15-17, 2016!

Contact the school to see how you can help!

No Recess...Good or Bad?

by Kylah Ruff

For the students on the third floor we all know recess isn't common. So I've talked to the staff and looked at their intake on this. I asked the question: *What was the purpose of stopping recess?* They replied: *The purpose was to incorporate more academic time, a better system so we could only take*

the people who represented us well outside based on their actions during the week...and there is a lot more they said but this is an article not a life story! There are many pros and cons about this situation. For example: one woman said her daughter doesn't have recess her whole 6-hour school day and she comes home tense because of this. Yes, this is a real article

on par-
enting.com!

But then again...think if you were in the teachers' shoes, would you want to deal with tense kids all day? So, like Mrs. Inniss says, "OCBA is here to stay!"



**Ms. Angie's
Foreign Phrase
of the Month**

Si sey puede

*The first five
people to tell Sr.
Manuel a correct
translation will
earn bonus
points!*

History of Thanksgiving

by Ronajah Anderson

Each year, on the fourth Thursday in November, Americans gather around the table to give thanks in a holiday we all know as Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving traditions include feasting, football, napping, playing board games, and preparing shopping lists for Black Friday, etc. It continues to be a day people gather around the table to give thanks.

We hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving!



Upcoming Events!

- December 1st - Picture Make-Up Day
- December 10th - 1/2 day, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- December 11th - 1/2 day, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- December 16h - Junior Choir Show, 2:50pm
- December 17th - Junior Choir Show, 2:50pm
- December 18th - Leadership Breakfast, 9:30am
- December 18th - Winterfest, (Hot Chocolate Bar), 2:15pm
- December 22nd - 1/2 day, Winter Break Begins

**Be sure to check out the basketball game schedule of page 6!*



**Don't miss out
on any
upcoming
events! Mark
your calendars
TODAY!**

What do LEADERS do?

By Jaheedah Holloway & Niyah Ramos

Leaders...

- Arrive on time for your classes
- Always do their homework
- Are prepared
- Set good goals for other classmates
- Help others
- Don't take part in drama
- Show respect to others
- Set good examples
- Tell others to do the right thing
- Stand up to bullying



So that is what leaders do! Are you a leader?

Principal EL's

Words of Wisdom:

Leadership is about service. If you don't serve, you can't lead. Leaders inspire others to become leaders themselves.

Over a Decade of Service: Mr. Harvis

by Ronajah Anderson & Jaheedah Holloway

Ronajah: How many years have you been at TECS?

Mr. Harvis: I have been here for 15 years.

Jaheedah: How has the school changed in that time frame?

MH: It's a much better learning environment now. It was very difficult in the beginning.

JH: What is your current role?

MH: I'm the special education coordinator.

RA: Have you always been in your current role or have you had other roles?

MH: I started out as the special education teacher and I was that for 9 years,

but I was also a Dean for Junior Academy for 1 year.

RA: Since you've been here so long, how do you feel when you see a class graduate from 8th grade?

MH: I feel really proud and it's just nice to see students leave here successful.

JH: What inspired you to first come to TECS?

MH: My inspiration was I got married to someone who lived in Delaware and I needed a job! I saw an ad in the newspaper looking for teachers at TECS.

RA: What keeps you coming back day after day, year after year?

MH: This place is like a second home to me. And the people and students I work with are like family.

JH: What advice do you have for teachers who are just starting their career at TECS?

MH: It's not going to be easy, however, if you can make a difference in one child's life a day, multiply that by the number of days you've been here and that's really how many children you made a difference for. You need to see the good in every child.

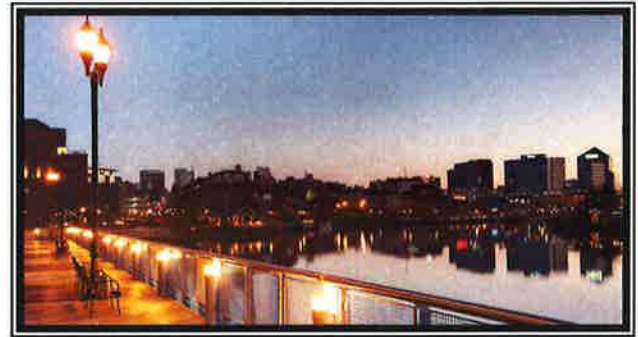


Violence in My City - How to Stay Safe

by Shalondamae Ross

There is violence everywhere you go. Lately we've seen and heard about a lot of shootings and killings in our own city - Wilmington. It needs to stop! Now, I'm not saying go out and tackle somebody who has a gun in order to stop it, but there are things we can do to try to stay safe. 1) Always be aware of your surroundings,

especially when you're in a public place. Know where the exits are, because in a crisis situation, your mind may not be able to process how to locate the exits. 2) Know who is present. 3) Find a safe place to hide, maybe under a parked car if outdoors. 4) If you're running away from a problem, don't do it in an open space. 5) Don't be nosy! If it sounds like trou-



ble, stay away if you can. 6) Call the police if you can once you are safe. If you make a mental note of these tactics in advance of

a crisis, you will be able to respond better in an emergency.

News of the Weird - Skunk Dancing

by Zyaire Benson

A wildlife camera at an Arizona national park captured footage of a show-off spotted skunk performing a handstand to intimidate the device. The footage, shared on Instagram by the U.S. Department of the Interior, shows a spotted skunk at Saguaro National Park's Happy Valley

dancing on its front legs in front of the camera. The department said spotted skunks often go into a handstand in an attempt to intimidate aggressors -- in this case, the wildlife camera -- before spraying the unpleasant scent associated with its species. *"You never know what you are going to see at America's public lands,"* the department said in a comment on the video.

A spotted skunk performs a handstand to "intimidate" a wildlife camera at Saguaro National Park.



Trend Alert: Hoverboards!

by Zyaire Benson



If you've been engaged in any sort of social media in the past few months, then you have seen the new craze taking off in personal transportation devices. It all started when *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* aired back in May 2015. Jamie Foxx, a

guest on the show, entered the stage on a self-balancing scooter called the PhunkeeDuck Personal Transportation Device, and ever since then, all sorts of personal scooters have hit the market. Ranging from two-wheel self-balancing

scooters, right through to powered skateboards such as the Boosted Board, personal transportation devices are becoming ever more popular.

SCHEDULE:

12/3 vs. Kumba

Girls 4pm, Boys 5pm

12/16 vs. Aspira

Girls 4pm, Boys 5pm

1/7 vs. Shue

Girls 3:30pm, Boys 4:30pm

1/12 @ Gauger

Girls 3:30pm, Boys 4:30pm

1/13 @ Aspira

Girls 4pm, Boys 4pm

1/20 @ Eastside

Girls 4pm, Boys 5pm

1/21 @ Shue

Girls 3:30pm, Boys 4:30pm

1/26 @ McCullough

Girls 3:45pm, Boys 4:45pm

1/28 @ Bayard

Girls 3:30pm, Boys 4:30pm

2/4 @ PS Dupont

Girls 3:45pm, Boys 4:45pm

2/10 vs. Eastside

Girls 4pm, Boys 5pm

2/23 @ Springer

Girls 3:30pm, Boys 4:30pm

They'll see



Jah'Ray Davis



Josiah Harris



Joy Watson



Shamar Richards-Donald



Deontae Holland



Zaria Rodgers-Tomlin

Our girls and boys basketball teams have been hard at work practicing for the past few months. Both teams are coming off of high-performing seasons. The girls team has had two straight undefeated seasons, winning the Red Lion Tournament last year. The boys team has also been play-

ing well, only losing one game last year. With much anticipation going into the season, we decided to interview their coaches.

What is your prediction for the upcoming season?

Mr. Belcher: To have an undefeated season.

Mr. Shelton: I predict that we will at least win the majority of our games.

Do you feel any pressure to have a winning record this

8th Graders -

on the you in court!

By Zyaire Benson, Aniah Crippen, Elijah Jones & Kiara McManus



season since your team has had successful seasons in the past?

Mr. Belcher: Yes because it's always hard to go back-to-back and I am a little concerned.

Mr. Shelton: No. This year we have a lot of returning members.

What do you think wins basketball games?

Mr. Belcher: I think defense, hard work, and dedication.

Mr. Shelton: Defense!

BASKETBALL
it's not just a sport
It's a Lifestyle



Keandre Buckham

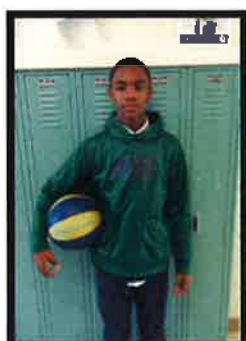


Andrew Thompson

Our Leaders on the Court



De'Andre Wise



Nafis Murray



Taelynn Brooks



Jaquan Lacy



Khalia Hart

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION:

**Charter School of
Wilmington**-Call
(302)651-2727

**ECHS at DSU-12/1 at
6pm** **YOU MUST REGIS-
TER**

Padua Academy-Call
(302)421-3739

St. Elizabeths-Call
(302)656-3369
x3039

**Tower Hill - 12/2 at
1pm**

Why DO We Wear Uniforms?

By Maddy Yates

There has been a lot of confusion over the topic dress code vs. uniforms. A dress code is a set of rules, usually written and posted, specifying the required manner of dress at a school. This means that the kids can wear what they want, but only if it fits the rules of what they are allowed to wear. A uniform is the distinctive clothing worn by members of the same organization or body or by children attending certain schools. The kids who attended the school must all wear the same thing.

Uniform Pros:

- Wearing school uniforms will eliminate the need for parents from lower

income families to have to buy clothes for kids to 'fit in' with the remaining crowd in school.

- School uniforms can lower the cases of bullying in schools. Kids are picked on because of the clothes they wear, how they look, or in some cases the materialistic things that they may or may not have.

Uniform Cons:

- Students need to be unique and special in their own way. Having every student in a school dress the same way is like saying that they can't be different, you have to dress that way because it's easier.
- Depending on where you go to school, the uniform can be more specific and it can be harder for parents to find. It also gives teach-

ers another thing to worry about. "Take off your sweater skirt! Tuck in your shirt! Where is your tie?!"

Dress Code Pros:

- Dress codes still allow students to wear what they want which leaves students with a sense of choice and expression.

Dress Code Cons:

- It would be harder to tell visitors apart from the kids in our school because they are all wearing different clothing and can blend in more.
- Kids are more likely to be bullied based on what types of clothing they wear or by the things they have.

Over a Decade of Service: Mrs. Clark

by Ronajah Anderson

Ronajah: How many years have you been at TECS?

Mrs. Clarke: Almost 14 years.

RA: How has the school changed in that timeframe?

MC: The school has taken a direction where we are trying to educate every child. Not only do we focus on the academic, but also the well-being of each child.

RA: What is your current role?

MC: I'm a paraprofessional

in kindergarten, providing traditional educational support.

RA: Have you always been in your current role or have you had other roles?

MC: My first year here I was a substitute teacher.

RA: Since you've been here so long, how do you feel when you see a class graduate?

MC: I really enjoy being a part of that child because I have seen the child grow and develop from kindergarten to 8th grade.

RA: What inspired you to first come to TECS?

MC: From the time that the school opened I was a volunteer here and was asked to

join the staff.

RA: What keeps you coming back day after day, year after year?

MC: Being able to come in every day to help motivate, educate, and develop students on their educational journey.

RA: What advice do you have for teachers who are just starting their career at TECS?

MC: To embrace the opportunity to work with the staff and have patience and love for every child. It has been a very inspiring part of my life. My years here have been very rewarding.



Current Slang - Part 2

by Kiara McManus

Bruh! - Used by males in everyday vocabulary to greet one another. For example: *Wassup Bruh!!!*

Bustin me - you're hurting my vibe.

You got me chopped! - When someone says something you don't like.

Lets go!! - When you get hyped up (excited) about something.



Welcome Back, Mrs. Ransom!



by Aniah Crippen & Kiara McManus

Kiara: How do you feel about being a mother?

Mrs. Ransom: It's the best experience I've ever had and I love being a mother.

Aniah: Is your daughter talking or walking yet?

MR: No she's just three months. She does try to talk though.

KM: What is it like being a new mom?

MR: It's wonderful!

AC: Are you excited to be back?

MR: I'm excited to be back, but I miss my baby.

KM: Are you thinking about having another baby?

MR: I think I have my hands full right now.

AC: What's the best thing about being a mom?

MR: I think the best thing about being a mom is now I have a little piece of my heart outside of my body. Also, she chose me!

KM: What's the hardest thing about being a mom?

MR: I think the hardest thing are the things that I can't control as she grows up.



Student Council Report

by Jakirah Al-Amin



Student council is currently working on fundraising in the form of bake sales and pretzel sales, as well as selling candy-grams. They are hoping to have

bake sales and candy-grams in December. They are planning to have more field trips and activities for students. They also want to have more activities and

events that will build school involvement, spirit, and positive reinforcement for students.

Race to the Top! (as of 11/30/15)



HOMEBASE STANDINGS...

#1. Mr. Till



#2. Mr. Durant



#3. Mrs. Inniss



#4. Mr. Arya



Top 7th Graders:

1. A'Cora Hickson
2. Maddy Yates
3. Marie Horne
4. Corri Hickson
5. Rebecca Williams
6. Camryn Lewis
7. Andrea Lloyd
8. Johana Melendez
9. Briana Washington
9. Jakirah Al-Amin (tied)

Top 8th Graders:

1. Khalia Hart
1. D'Jireh Williams (tied)
2. Shanea Higgin
3. Destiny Smith
4. Hughroy Johnson
5. Nafis Murray
5. Kylah Arnold (tied)
6. Albert Kamara
7. Xavier Wedington
8. Elijah Jones

TECS Teacher & Staff Birthdays

November:

- 8th - Ms. Rehmann
- 9th - Ms. Veney
- 11th - Ms. Meadows
- 13th - Nurse McLaurin
- 14th - Ms. Beaman
- 16th - Ms. Gederberg
- 16th - Ms. Newman



What are YOU thankful for?

by Jakirah Al-Amin



Being here!

-Niamani Mays, Grade 5



I am thankful for my family.

-John Barnard, Kindergarten

I'm thankful for talent.

- Du'Shon Daniels-Reynolds, 7th grade



I am thankful for my family—my wife, daughter, and daughter on the way. I am also thankful for our students.

- Mr. Shelton



I am thankful for being employed.

- Ms. Hussey



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Shining a light on the latest hot topics!

The Edison Incandescent staff is made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students of Thomas Edison Charter School. In addition to going the distance to find the latest stories, the newspaper staff also meets every day to make sure they bring you nothing but the truth regarding the latest events happening in our school.

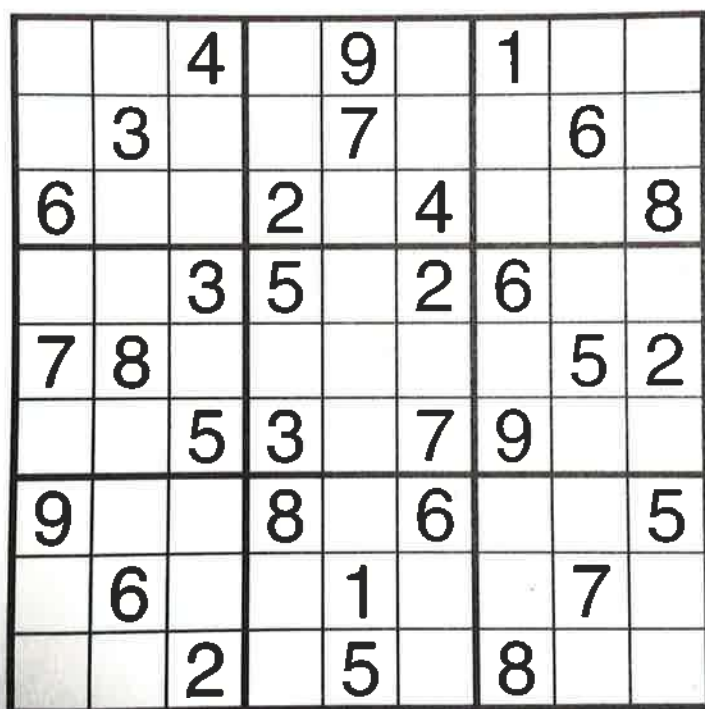
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For more information
see Ms. Johnson!

MONTHLY PUZZLES

Sudoku & Maze



First person to get this Sudoku right (no lies!)...see Principal EL...for a prize!



T-Shirts for Sale!

\$10: **Red** and **Navy** available

Eligible students will be
allowed to wear their TECS
T-shirt on Fridays for OCBA!

See Ms. Yates to purchase one!