in-can-des-cent:

Adjective

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

Shining a light on the latest hot topics!

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- TECS Teachers tied the knot!
- Fictional Fun...can you solve the mystery?

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A History of Halloween

by Maddy Yates



Trick-or-Treating has been a tradition since the late 1920s!

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, it was believed that ghosts of the dead returned to the earth, "ooooOOOOoooo". Halloween is also known as

Hallowe'en, Allhalloween, or All Hallow's Eve. Ways people celebrate Halloween include trick-ortreating, attending costume parties, decorating, carving pumpkins (making a jack o' lanterns), apple bobbing, and vising haunted attractions. Trick-ortreating has been a customary Halloween tradition since the late 1920s. It typically happens between 5:30pm and 9:30pm on October 31. Halloween used to symbolize the dead and was a holiday set aside to remember lost loved ones, but then people started to dress up as devils and other scary things. That is when society started to think that Halloween was a holiday to celebrate the devil, which is why some people choose to ignore the holiday altogether. In the Halloween tradition the foods they eat apples (candy and caramel), pies (pumpkin and apple), apple cider donuts, and apple cider. Spooky movies are a tradition as well. A new spooky movie that is out is Goosebumps and it was released on October 16th 2015.

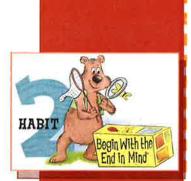
8th Grade Visit to Howard HS

by Elijah Jones & Kylah Ruff

Approximately 30 8th grade students visited Howard High School on October 13, 2015. Five Howard seniors divided Edison students into groups and gave them a tour of the school. Students witnessed high schoolers learning about potential future careers, such as culinary, cosmetology, automotive technician, and dental assistant. The seniors had a lot of advice for our students. They said to have goals when you start as a freshman, and to be sure to complete your work.



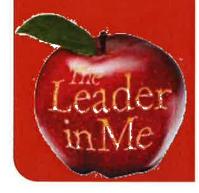
Jah'Ray, Nafis, Jahkai, and Jairus look over Howard's course offerings.



7 Habits
Advice:

How to Begin with the End in Mind

- I. Plan weekly.
- Keep the important tasks in focus.
- Don't get sidetracked by other things!



Scholar Pizza Party

by Maddy Yates

On Thursday October the 1st select students were chosen to attend a pizza party. The students got two slices of pizza and a juice box served by Mr. Shelton, Ms. Yates, Mrs. Shelton, Ms. Lyden, Mr. Scott, and other teachers. They had to put their tickets in a bucket for a raffle. Ten students were selected and got to pick a prize from the scholar dollar cart, and a good time was had by all.



TECS Chess Team Wins Big in Baltimore

by Jakirah Al-Amin

On Saturday, October 10th, the Kings and Queens of Thomas Edison competed in a chess tournament at Roland Park Middle School in Baltimore, Maryland.

Approximately 25 students from Edison in 4th through 8thgrade competed. The team won team awards and individual awards as well.

Almost 200 students from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware competed in this event. The team won 1st place in the Elementary School, Middle School and High School divisions.

Maddy Yates went 4-0 and tied for 1st in the advanced



division. Rebecca Williams went 5-0 and won 1st place in the intermediate high school/middle school division. Kenny Norwood came in 2nd in this division. Destiny Smith and Deondre Wise also placed 4th in the advanced division.

Congratulations to the entire chess team on a job well done!



High School Night

by Jakirah Al-Amin



High School night was a huge success! There were a lot of high schools and 8th graders who attended. There weren't just 8th graders though! There were younger grades, too. The high school representatives shared a great deal of information with our students and parents.

High Schools that attended: Ursuline Academy,
Tower Hill, DAPPS, Del
State (early college), Howard High School, Tatnall,
Saint Elizabeth's, Wilmington Charter, Freire, the
Brandywine School District, and Delaware Stem
High School (new!).



Sr. Manuel's Foreign Phrase of the Month

disfruta el momento, mientras dura

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

Columbus Day

This year, Columbus Day was celebrated on Monday, October 12th. Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in the United States in 1937. Many countries in the new world and elsewhere officially celebrate this holiday and the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas, which happened on October 12, 1492. That's 523 years ago! His discovery was controversial, as there were already people living in America and in the Caribbean.



The L-Y-T-E Program

by Ronajah Anderson

Ronajah: What does LYTE stand for? Mr. Arya: LYTE stands for Leading Youth Through Empowerment. RA: What do you do in the LYTE proaram?

MA: Students prepare for their high school placement tests.

RA: Is it hard managing the LYTE program while you also help the 8th graders with high school placement?

MA: Yes, it's a challenge, but I've been doing it for a few years so I'm used to it. RA: Why did you start the LYTE program? MA: I started the LYTE program to increase our students' exposure to the top high schools in Wilmington.

RA: What do you have to do to be a part of the LYTE program?

MA: You have to complete an application in 7th grade and come to our summer program.

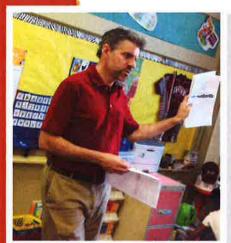


See Mr. Arya for more information, or check out the program's website: www.lytescholars.org

The State of Delaware

Mr.
diMichele
as the
Charter
School
Teacher
of the
Year in

Veteran Teacher in New Role: Mr. diMichele



by Aniah Crippen

Aniah: Why did you choose to work in first grade?

Mr. d: Mr. EL asked if I was interested and it helped the school so I was up to the challenge.

AC: Do you like first grade better than kindergarten?

Md: They are really the same to me, but not too much different.

AC: Is it easier or challenging working in first grade?

Md: It's challenging because of the time...it feels like less time.

AC: How many years have you worked at Thomas Edison?

Md: I have worked here for 11 years.

AC: What challenges do the first graders give you that are different from kindergarten? Md: I think its more challeng-

ing encouraging them to be more independent.

Principal EL's Words of Wisdom:

by Zyaire Benson

- Persistence overcomes resistance.
- 2. When things get tough and life pushes back, never give up.

Current Slang

by Kiara McManus

Did you ever hear someone say something and you think to yourself "What on earth are they saying?" We'll let me decode some current slang words and phrases for you...

On fleek means that someone is on point and looking sharp.

Shade means to insult someone. (Ex: "Throwing shade...")

Squad is your group of friends

Turnt or Turn up means to get hyped (excited) about something.

BAE stands for Before
Anything Else and is usually used as a nickname
for someone very important to you.

Veteran Teacher in New Role: Ms. Guy

by Niyah Ramos

Niyah: Why did you change your grade this year?

Ms. Guy: Because I worked in 6th grade for three years and I wanted to try something new.

NR: What other grades would you prefer working with?

MG: I would like to stay in

4th grade.

NR: How many years have you worked at Thomas Edison?

MG: Four years.

NR Do you miss your blue walls from your old 6th grade room?

MG: Not at all!

NR: Do you plan on working here next year?

MG: Yes, I plan on working here next year.

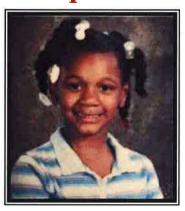


8TH GRADE LEGENDS

September Spotlight - Ronajah Anderson

features students who have been attending TECS since kindergarten.

8th Grade Legends



Ronajah, kindergarten

by Niyah Ramos

Niyah: What high school are you planning on going to?

Ronajah: Howard

NR: Do you feel like you are being successful this year, and if RA: Yes, because I am trying not, what are you going to do to be successful?

RA: I think I am, but I need to stop laughing in class.

NR: What are your goals for this they push me the hardest to

RA: To get honor roll and stop getting on ADP and go to a good high school.

NR: Do you feel like this year is harder than any other year? If yes, why?

to get in a good high school.

NR: What are you going to miss the most?

RA: My teachers because get into a good high school. NR: What are you most looking forward to in high school? RA: The challenge. I need to not play around and always pay attention.

and that it would give me more knowledge.

September Spotlight - Kylah Ruff

by Di'Asia Scales

Di'Asia: What do you like to do? Kylah: Listen to music and sing in the shower. (My mother always tells me to be quiet.) **DS**: Is 8th Grade more challenging than 7th Grade?

KR: Not really, not yet at least. We have the same teachers and not much has changed.

DS: What are some of your

goals for this year?

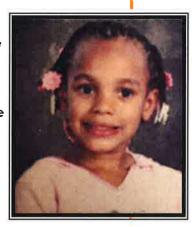
KR: My goals are to be in the classroom as much as possible. Hike to talk, and I need to work on that.

DS: What is your favorite TECS memory?

KR: My favorite memory is when I was in 6th grade and we had a Junior Academy dance. That was fun.

DS: What high school are you planning on going to?

KR: I am planning on going to Early College **High School and Del** State.



Kylah, kindergailten

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT by Shalondamae Ross



East Stroudsburg University

Location: East Stroudsburg, PA

Mascot: Warriors

Fun Fact: The degree programs with the highest enrollment are business management, biology sciences, psychology, exercise science, criminal justice, and athletic training. ESU is also located in the Poconos, an area known for its many ski resorts.

Alumni at Edison: Principal EL!

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips



By Maddy Yates

Kids look forward to Halloween for many reasons. They like to dress up in costumes but they mostly like it for the candy and treats! Who wouldn't? However. you can never be too careful when it comes to Halloween. Some tips for staying safe and having fun with your friends are...

- Don't eat candy that's open.
- Don't travel alone, it's better to travel with an adult or older friend.
- Do not go into strangers houses without a guardian
- Always use sidewalks or paths and stay out of the street!
- Have a flashlight or glow stick so that others and cars can see vou.

- Don't eat candy without parent's permission (I know, it's a hard one!)
- Only go to houses with a light on, because not everybody celebrates Halloween or has candy for you.
- And don't forget to brush your teeth!!

DID YOU KNOW? (Halloween Version)

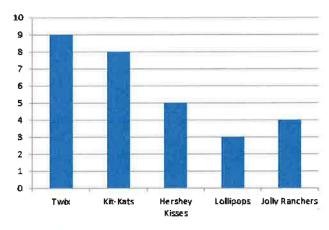
Every time you eat Skittles this Halloween, a vampire high-fives a werewolf!

What's the BEST Halloween Candy?



by Aniah Crippen

I asked some students, "What is the BEST Halloween candy?" The most popular candy choices were Twix and Kit-Kats. The students also liked lollipops, Hershey kisses, and Jolly Ranchers.



Fictional Fun: Can You Solve the Mystery?

by Elijah Jones

The National Gallery has been robbed of its famous and rare Grey pearl. What a tragedy! But the big question that remains...WHO DUNNIT?

Let's find out! Imagine you

are now a senior detective with 15 years of experience. The Prime Minister just assigned you to this important case. To solve such an important case you need to know two facts.

Here are two verified witness statements. All information provided is the truth.

Suspect #1 - Author von Francis:

He comes from a long lineage of rich snobby British men. "V" is what he likes to be called. He is next in line to inherit the National Gallery. Its popularity and valuable artifacts keeps his family rich and, since it generates so much money, this guarantees that he would have to give up his passion of collecting stamps. (continued on page 9)



EDISON ALUMNI

Mr. Smallwood

by Kiara McManus



Kiara McManus: How were your years at Thomas Edison?

Mr. Smallwood: My years at Thomas Edison were great. We had many different things that we don't have now.

KM: What was different when you went here?

MS: There were a lot more students, and we went to school until 4:45pm!

KM: Do you remember any of your teachers? If yes, who was your favorite?

MS: Yes, my favorite teacher was Mr. Belcher.

KM: Is it awkward working in the same place where you went to school?

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MS: At first it was, but then I got used to it and now I like it.

Daeja Gonzalez

By Kiara McManus

Kiara: What high school

do you attend?

Daeja: Tower Hill.

KM: Is it challenging in

high school?

DG: Not at the moment.

The work right now is

pretty easy for me. We also have a free period and get to do the things that we want to do. It's quieter in high school then it was here.

KM: What is your favorite

subject?

DG: My favorite subject is

history.

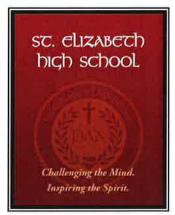
KM: How long were you at Thomas Edison?

DG: All 9 years.



Daeja Gonzalez | TECS Class of '15/

HIGH SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT by Zyaire Benson



St. Elizabeth's

Location: 1500 Cedar St. Wilmington, DE 19805

Colors: Maroon & Gold

Fun Fact: St. Elizabeth's has their own student-run newspaper!

TECS Alumni Currently Attending: Eric Smith & Dashaun Brooks

How to Apply: Contact Matthew Haney for more information. (302) 656-3369 x3039

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Al Early College Academy-11/4 from 6-7pm

Archmere Academy-11/15 at 1pm

Brandywine School District-11/1

- -Brandywine, 2:30-3:30
- -Concord, 1:00-2:00-Mount Pleasant, 4:00-5:00
- -Mount Pleasant International Baccalaureate Program, 11/9 at 7pm

Cab Calloway School of Arts-11/19 from 6-8pm

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

TECS Teachers Tie the Knot in October!

by Kylah Ruff & Jaheedah Holloway

Love is in the air! Two TECS teachers got married on Saturday, October 3rd (but not to each other!). Below is an account of each of their wedding days.

Mrs. Huffner

(formerly known as Ms. Lyden)

Kylah: How does it feel being married?

Mrs. Huffner: It doesn't feel any different the only weird thing is my name changing. KR: How long do you think it will take your students to get used to calling you Mrs?

MH: Maybe by Thanksgiving, but I think it will take me longer.

KR: Where was the wedding?
MH: Upstate New York.
KR: Were you nervous?

MH: I wasn't nervous because I was late!

KR: What were your colors?

MH: Peach , Gold & Ivory

because my parents colors were peach & the others matched the fall.

KR: What kind of cake?

MH: One layer was chocolate and the other was vanilla and the cake topper was the same as my parents!

KR: Where was the honeymoon?
MH: Aruba , and funny story , I
saw Mr. Butler!





Mr. Butler

Mr. Butler said his wedding was BIG. Planning the wedding was hard at times because there were a lot of things to do. The weather was cold on his wedding day, but it didn't rain. His wedding colors were coral and grey, and he wore a light grey suit to match. He had five different

kinds of cake!

The flavors were pumpkin, apple, chocolate, confetti, and marble.
The type of music he had was hip-hop



and chicken and salmon was served to the guests. The reason why we weren't invited was because he didn't know us at the time and when he was passing out the invitation in the summer. Last but not least, his favorite part of his wedding day was dancing with his friends.

Conrad School of Sciences-11/12 from 6-8pm

ECHS at DSU-11/3 at 6pm, 11/11 from 8am-5pm or 12/1 at 6pm "YOU MUST REGISTER"

Freire-11/4 from 5:30-7pm

MOT Charter School-11/8 from 2-4pm

TECS Teacher & Staff Birthdays

September:

3rd-Ms. Wilson

8th-Ms. Paoletti

11th-Ms. Pettit

13th-Ms. Cortes

17th-Mr. Carter, Mr. Smith

19th-Mr. Shelton

23rd-Ms. Baltrusaitis

24th-Ms. Winder

26th-Mr. Brown

28th-Ms. Warner

October:

2nd-Mrs. Ransom, Ms. Parker

6th-Ms. Hood

7th-Ms. Flores, Mrs. Steiner

9th-Ms. Ross

12th-Mrs. Shelton, Mr. Sims

15th-Ms. Landry

21st-Principal EL

31st-Mr. Thomas





Fictional Fun cont'd from page 6

This drives him crazy and he would do anything to get a limited addition Queen Vitoria stamp.

"Did I do it? Now why would I do it? What would be my motive? My life is perfect! I don't need the 50 million, I already have 30 million! If anything, I would want the Queen Victoria stamp, the one that is only sold with an ivory case. But I have said too much already...not that

there is anything to hide, but it is just a certain market that I have to connect with, and it's become really expensive, but still...I did not do it!"

Suspect #2 - Halley Thornton

She has always been the popular girl and always sports the latest fashion trends. But when she failed 2 of her classes, her dad (an expert gemologist who is now studying the Grey polar

sapphire located in the National Gallery) cancelled her allowance. Halley will do anything to get her fifty thousand dollar allowance back.

"Like...did I do it? UH...NOI Why would I do it?! I get everything I want! Well I used to...I don't anymore because I got an F on my report so my dad told me to get my act together. I started a hobby...now I study jewels! Except not really... I just told my dad that so he would give me money to fly to Europe. But on another note, I love the color grey! Like grey everything! I also like pearls Never mind, I have to go."

So who do you think did it? Stay tuned to our next issue where the answer will be revealed!

November Movie Sneak Peak! by Di'Asia Scales and Elijah Jones

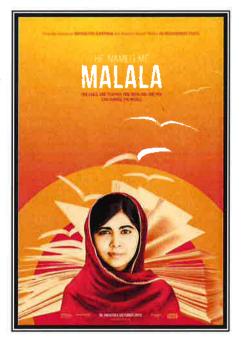


PLOT: Snoopy, the world's most lovable beagle and flying ace - embarks upon his greatest mission as he takes to the skies to pursue his arch-nemesis The Red Baron, while his best pal, Charlie Brown, begins his own epic quest.

STARRING: Noah Schnapps, Bill Melendez, Hadley Belle Miller, Mariel Sheets, Anastasia Bredikhina, Noah Johnston, Rebecca Bloom, and Mar Mar

RELEASE DATE: November 6, 2015

RATED: G



PLOT: A look at the events leading up to the Taliban's attack on the young Pakistani school girl, Malala Yousafzi, for speaking out on girls education, and the aftermath, including her speech to the United Nations.

STARRING: Malala Yousafzi

RELEASE DATE: October 2nd (Yes, it's already out...go

see it now!)

RATED: PG-13



Principal EL's birthday was Wednesday, October 21st. He turned 51 years old.

To celebrate, staff and students made cards, and performed for him!

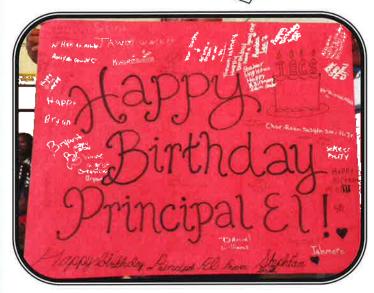


Happy Birtho

I hope you have a happy birthday!

October birthday's are the best.!

-Ms. Landry



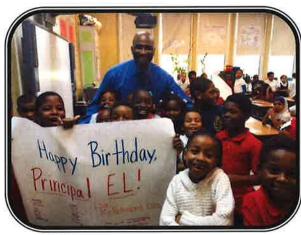


Thanks for all you do Happy Birthday and many more!

- Ms. Harris

Happy Birthday Principal EL! Thank you for accepting me into your school. I have got all of the help I needed and thank you for your care, support and everything you've ever done for me. P.S When I leave make sure you remember me!

Love, Noretta Brown



lay, Principal EL!

by Jakirah Al-Amin



Roses are red, Violets are blue. Dinosaurs are old, And so are you!

-Mr. Durant

You are a beacon of light paving the way for all you lead. Thank you being a great role-model mentor and leader. Thank you for your light.

Happy Birthday!

- Mrs. Inniss

You are my best friend. You are a really good principal. Happy Birthday and thank you for doing the best and trying to be the best principal because you are.

– Kaylen Batemen



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION:

New Castle County Vo-Tech Schools (Delcastle, Howard, Hogdson, St. Georges)-Sun, 11/8 from 12-4 AT THE SCHOOL

Padua Academy-Call (302)421-3739

Salesianum School-11/8 from 12:30-3:30pm

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

St. Marks High School-11/1 from 12:30-3:30pm

The Tatnall School-11/7 from 10am-1pm

Tower Hill-11/1 at 1pm, 12/2 at 1pm

Ursuline Academy-11/1

William Penn College Academy-11/3 at 6pm

And the winners are...

PRESIDENTS ... yes there are two!



Destiny Smith

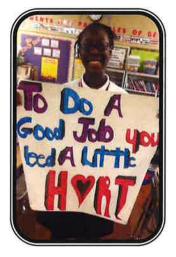


D'Jireh Williams

VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER



Joy Watson



Khalia Hart



Taelynn Brooks

FEATURED STUDENT MUSIC

by Ronajah Anderson & Kylah Ruff

UKELELE

Ronajah: What inspired you to teach this class?

Ms. Warner: I tried to play guitar and it was hard but the ukulele was way easier.

RA: What kinds of skills are necessary to be successful in this class?

MW: No music skills necessary, just be focused and pay attention and you will be good.

RA: Do you have any upcoming performances?

MW: Yes! We are performing Let it Go for grades K-3 this week!

RA: What do your students like to do the most?

MW: They like playing along to popular songs they know from the radio.



Ukulele students enjoy learning a new song.

STOMP



Ruben Monroe gets ready for the day's activity in STOMP.

Ronajah: What inspired you to teach this class?

Ms. B: There is a performing group called STOMP that uses everyday objects to create music.

RA: What kind of skills are necessary to join this class?

MB: A willingness to try and focused. Anything else I will

help you with.

RA: Do you have any upcoming performances?

MB: Not at this time.

RA: What do your students like to do the most?

MB: Bang on the desk.

DRUMLINE

Kylah: Why did you decide to teach drumline?

Mr. Leydic: I've been involved with drumline for over 10 years and I love the activity, having the opportunity to teach drumline here was a no brainer.

KR: What are some of the hardest things to teach in this class?

ML: Teaching correct technique to students of different skill levels. KR: Do the students catch on fast?

ML: Yes, they do. I've been really impressed with how quickly they've been able to learn in music.

KR: What advice would you give to students who want to join?
ML: The drumline class is open to anyone, like someone who has never touched a drum to someone who has been playing for 3 years. Just sign up and show up.



The Drumline plays some "Pickled Beats."

CURRENT

Race to the Top! (as of 10/23/15)

Top 7th Graders:

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

Top 8th Graders:

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

STANDINGS...

#1. Mr. Till



#2. Mrs. Inniss



#3. Mr. Arya



#4. Mr. Durant



Dual Presidents

by Ronajah Anderson

Ronajah: Were you surprised when you heard you both won? D'Jireh: I wasn't surprised because I didn't want her to lose, but I didn't want to lose either

Destiny: It was a fair outcome for a fair competition.

RA: What challenges do you think sharing the same job will bring?

DW: We might bump heads.
DS: We might both think
different things so there might

be a lot of pros and cons.

RA: Do you think most of it will be easier since its two of you? DW: Yes, I think it will be easier.

DS: I think it will be easier because we both kind of want the same thing.

RA: What plans do you have for Junior Academy?

DS: I want it to be better than last year.

DW: I want to have fundraisers, dances/parties, and 8th grade formal because they didn't have it last year.



Upcoming Events!

November 3rd - NO SCHOOL (Election Day)

November 4th - Group Picture Day

November 11th - NO SCHOOL (Veteran's Day)

November 12th - Family Math Night

November 16th - National Liberty Museum Trip

November 19th - Exploratory Sign-Ups for 2nd Trimester

November 20th - Exploratory Sign-Ups Make-Up Day

November 23rd—Exploratory Classes Posted

November 25th—1/2 day, Last Day of 1st Trimester

November 26th—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

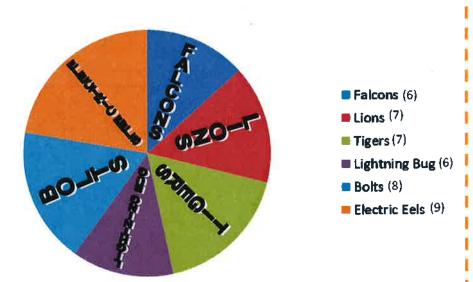
November 30th—1st day of 2nd Trimester



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

STUDENT POLLS - You Spoke...We Listened!

43 random JA students were asked for their input on what our mascot should be. The results are...



The following songs were submitted as suggestions for the 8th grade graduation song. What do you think?

Unbreakable Smile - Tory Kelly We're All in This Together - HSM It's Hard to Say Goodbye - Boys II Men The End of the Road - Boys II Men Man in the Mirror - Michael Jackson Stand in the Rain - New Edition RESPECT - Aretha Franklin

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Shining a light on the latest hot topics!

The Edison Incondescent 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.

Newspaper Staff:

Jakirah Al-Amin

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Ronajah Anderson

Niyah Ramos

Zyaire Benson

Shalondamae Ross

Aniah Crippen

Kylah Ruff

Jaheedah Holloway

Di'Asia Scales

Elijah Jones

Maddy Yates

For more information see Ms. Johnson!

MONTHLY PUZZLES

Sudoku & Maze

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