By Bella St. Laurent
Editor

Seniors Thank Staff

Adan
“Thank you for always being there for me and being a positive influence in my life.” -Kat Cacioli

Aramli
“Thanks” -Karim Alilatene
“Thank you for sharing a common interest when it comes to science of superheroes!” -Ashawn Morris

Avery
“Thank you Ms. Avery for being the best and most understanding teacher you could throughout the years.” -Jason Daigle

Canterbury
“Thanks for staying cool and in touch throughout the years, appreciate it C’dawg” -Hector Rivera

“Much respect you are a teacher that won’t be forgotten” -Xavier Reid

Champier
“Thank You for being so beautiful and so nice, every time I see you, you automatically make me smile. I love you! Even if you don’t know it, now you do.” -Shantay

Combs
“You kept it real since day one. You Never Gave Up On Me &’ You Kept Me Focused No Matter How Much Times You Pissed Me Off. I Know You’ll Miss Me” -Nyelle Palmer

Del Valle
“Thanks for being a great homeroom teacher, for both of the years I’ve had you.” -Jonah Zgombick

“Thank you for being a cool teacher” -Xavier Reid

Dion
“Thank you for taking the time to try to teach out class despite being dropped this class and having to learn the curriculum with the rest of us and not giving up on our class.” -Sebastian Balram

Frenette
“Thank you for being such an amazing person. Although I never had your class you are still amazing. Everytime I see you in the hall way we always say Hi to each other and you just make my day. I will always respect you, Thank you once again.” -Shantay Reid

Hussey
“Thanks for getting me here” -Herbie

“She’s like my mom even though i don’t see her often or a lot, but i know she is someone i can trust and go to when ever i need help or advice and i know she got my back.” -Anderson

Kupieciki
“You Of All People Been By My Side Since.. Forever. You’re The Most Understanding Person I’ve Ever Met In My Life &’ You Always Show Me Things In Different Point Of Views. For That I’m Forever Grateful” -Nyelle Palmer

Madore
“Thank you for letting me do fun stuff with rockets you probably shouldn’t have.” -Ryan Sponauer

Manby
“Thanks for always helping no matter the problem.” -Mark Beauregard

Parkington
“Much love for being my coach for four years and helping me graduate” -Xavier Reid

Quinn
“Shoutout to Mrs. Quinn for talking me off the ledge in capstone class” -Lillian

Hussey
“Thank you for helping and encouraging me to keep working and to keep up with my work and for helping do all my work and for making me not give up” -Hillary Argueta

“Thank you for all the stuff you’ve done to help me to make sure I can pass my classes and to become a better kid” -Samari Faber

“Thank you for not keeping class boring with your optimism!” -Ashawn Morris

Shenk
“For real thanks for actually writing my recommendation letter and supporting me. I’m not sure if I would have gotten into the college I wanted to without you. More importantly though, thanks for being chill as hell and cool to talk to.” -Malek Agha

Sindland
“Thank you for forcing me to go to prom and being there when i needed it!” -Ashawn Morris

Sinesi
“You guys were so helpful during my junior year and I’ve had some of my best

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Stop and Shop Workers Strike Back

By Will Hobson-Rhoades
Editor

If you visited a Stop and Shop around the week of April 14th, you probably noticed a parking lot devoid of everything but a small band of people by the entrance. That small band, however, stood for a big cause - the rights of the workers.

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And so, the workers went on strike. Mothers, brothers, neighbors and friends decided to strike these proposed changes, each singing a song of rebellion in parking lots across New England.

At first, the company refused to make a statement. But slowly, as the stores emptied and people found out about the strike, the company began to take notice.

Even in the midst of this conflict, the company did its best to serve its community. It began donating all of the food sitting on the shelves to homeless shelters and food pantries. It told the strikers to act with civil behavior. Even the community began to give back, providing the strikers with food and drinks.

And then, after 11 days, a deal was reached. The store finally agreed to the terms that the 31,000 workers had set forth. Workers everywhere are celebrating their victory over the monster-sized chain, and the only thing left is to ratify the deal.

We Love The Earth
So let’s fix it

By Ashawn Morris
Staff Writer

Lil Dicky’s new song about Earth has gone viral with 68 million views on Youtube. The song goes into depth about the problems on Earth: humans that might be too overpopulated, animals about to go extinct, and ways we can solve these issues.

Lil Dicky touts that the planet has about 12 years to turn its act around before the degree meter for Earth gets an extra 1.

Help by unplugging any electronics you have not being used, not running the water while you brush and recycling.

Earth, by Lil Dicky, is an informative website on how to protect the planet

Measles Outbreak Continues

By George Castillo
Staff Writer

The vast majority of people infected with the recent measles outbreak have not been vaccinated.

Communities with lower vaccination rates are vulnerable because measles spreads so quickly through coughing and sneezing.

An unvaccinated child from Israel traveled back to the U.S and caused an outbreak in Brooklyn and other parts of New York, Connecticut, and Baltimore County.

The CDC has recommended that children and babies take two doses of the vaccine. The first dose should be for babies that are 6-12 months, and the second dose are for children 4-6 years olds.

Researchers from Johns Hopkins University and University of Texas have identified 25 U.S. states that are at risk of measles outbreaks.

The health crisis has become a political issue as President Trump declares people have to get vaccinated.
Gales Going Back to Cali Cali

By Raheem Jackson
Staff Writer

The expression "to come full circle" means that after many significant life events and major changes one returns to a place from which one started from. This could be said about our very own Mr. Gales - his life about to come full circle.

Mr. Gales accepted a new position as an assistant professor of Kinesiology and Head Wrestling coach at Sacramento City College in California. Sadly, Gales is leaving us but he is going back home to California.

Gales originally came to AAE in January of 2013. He reflected on his first day at our school: "My first substitute teaching assignment was Mrs. Sweet's 6th grade writing class... Later that day, Ms. Bolton called me into her office and told me that she would love to have me work for that school full-time. So she hired me as an Associate Instructor."

As an Associate Instructor (AI), Gales was responsible for assisting with different grade levels substitute teaching, cafe duty and various other tasks. He taught an 8th grade study hall class called Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO).

Gales also coached at least one sport every year: Middle School soccer, helped start the CREC HS Football program, and coached five years of Middle School track and field.

In addition to AAE, Gales is also the head wrestling coach at Trinity College.

Gales also served as the Director of the Connecticut chapter of Beat The Streets Wrestling - a series of after-school wrestling programs for elementary and middle schools in Hartford.

According to Gales, "My best memories are the friendships and connections made with students and staff members like Ms. Sindland, Mrs. Bolton, security staff, administrative staff, and parents."

Students And Staff Run Cheshire Half Marathon

By Neha Kataria
Staff Writer

Mr. Williams started a half-marathon training club to run the Cheshire Half Marathon April 28th.

Every Thursday, Williams lead a group of students and some teachers running after school. Their end goal was to complete the half marathon in 1:50. They all ended up beating the goal.


Ms. Hussey trained on her own, but also ran the Cheshire Half Marathon.

Bells During AP Exams

One student's opinion about where priorities are

Imagine: it's 10:51 and you're one of the hundreds of students who's taking an AP exam this year. You're half-way through a three hour test, attempting to get college credit, a goal you've had the whole year and... the bell rings or Mr. Johnson comes on the announcements or a phone goes off or a middle-schooler screams in the hallway or a lunch wave goes through or a million other sequences with the same result: annoyance.

Students have worked hard all year and in their time of need what they get is a lack of support, disinterest in the test and an administration who's well wishes are less than meaningful. Yet, as soon as the scores come out at the beginning of July the school will parade them with pride, use them for national ranking and as a means of attracting other students.

Students at Aerospace are quite literally the dirty laundry of administration, tossed aside and only brought out when there's something they specifically want, but that's the cycle at AAE, put off until tomorrow everything you can do today.

What's For Lunch?

One student really doesn't know

By Neha Kataria
Staff Writer

The talk about school lunch has always been around, and is getting louder and louder.

In the beginning of May, sophomore Jordan Hodge got the buffalo chicken wrap. When he lifted up the piece, this is what he saw.

Unsure of what it was that he was looking at, he ended up not eating the lunch and giving it to someone else.

Still hungry, he was forced to ask other students and teachers for food. Why should anyone else ever have to suffer in the cafe again?
A Scary Time For Seniors

What graduation means

As a senior, I wonder if other seniors are feeling both fear and excitement about graduating. A fear of life and being on your own away from your parents and everyone you know and love.

It’s thoughts like these that scare and frighten the minds of seniors on graduation night. The feeling of what is next after high school, the feeling of loss because just about everyone you know and love will be leaving and you might never see them again.

Just about everyone you see now has been part of your life since 6th grade; that’s 7 years of bonding into a family. The last day of school will be a very emotional day for most to say their goodbyes.

Off With The Wave Cap?

School rethinks wave cap policy

As an African American, I honestly think that wearing a wave cap is not something that the school should go after.

On May 9th, Breaking B.R.E.A.D. discussed the means and motives of the school and its rules on wave caps. The majority of the students that wear wave caps are African American. From my perspective, it’s almost like racial discrimination because the wave cap on an African American does not mean that they are dangerous, violent, gang affiliated, or simply trying to be cool.

There are a thousand reasons to show that the wave cap is perceived as a negative symbol, and students are told to roll over and follow the rules which is going against the culture in which they were raised.

The wave cap serves a purpose. It holds hair down to create a certain hairstyle. The same goes for females when they wear a bonnet or a head scarf to hold their hair down to keep their edges laid. But here is the catch, females are not penalized for wearing these necessities.

This plays a part in the discrimination against males within the student environment. This injustice has affected students with wave cap because it is taking away from their personal life.

There shouldn’t be a rule that potentially violates a student’s freedom of expression under the First Amendment. What evidence proves that wave caps disturb the learning environment?

Chaotic Courtyard

Warm weather brings garbage

As we approach the end of the school year, the weather begins to get warmer and warmer, and when it’s time for lunch, I see eager eyes and frenzied faces as everyone tries to get the best seats outside in the courtyard.

However, all this recent buzz in activity has a downside. One major one is the mess left after all the lunch waves. Therefore, I have a proposition from our loud librarian, Ms. Sindland. She and some 7th graders went outside and cleaned the basketball court for an hour.

Senior, Robert McBride, cleans up the courtyard every day after lunch too.

Have some courtesy and clean up after your lunch wave outside, even if it isn’t your mess.

Parking Lot Malarky

Student laments about his lost twenty dollars

It was September when students excited to drive to school were warned of the punishments they would receive if they drove to school and parked here without a parking pass.

Eight months ago, not wanting to be hit with the book, other students and I spent twenty dollars, made copies of our licenses and insurance, and filled out a lengthy form.

I have yet to receive the parking pass I paid for, hear of anyone else receiving the one they paid for, or have my twenty dollars returned.

I should also mention that I have never been punished for parking here without any pass for eight months, and neither has any other student, meaning that the regulatory threats I heard at the beginning of the year were empty.
Dear Lyla
By Yekxenie Morales
Lifestyle Writer

Anonymous

I am reaching out to you because I have a situation, and I need help. I have this friend who used to be the smartest and most family oriented person. However, he has completely changed to the point where he doesn’t even care about going to school because he doesn’t want anyone talking bad about him. He’s very insecure about himself, what he wears, and where he goes. I used to text him every day to make sure he was okay and now it’s like we are strangers. I want to help him, but he is just depressed and sad all the time, and I don’t know what to do.

Advice
I can already tell that you are a very caring friend, and he should be blessed to have you. Boys are typically harder to talk to because most of them don’t like telling anyone how they are feeling. I think you should ask why he is feeling like this and if he doesn’t want to talk give him space. The only thing you can do right now is to keep checking up on him.

CAPTION CONTEST
we provide the cartoon - you make it funny

Top Submissions:
“Heads down, thumbs up”
“I’m not even asleep, but this is my worst nightmare”
“I have no fire lit under my booty”

Horoscope
Taurus
April 20-May 21

Taureans are known for being reliable, ambitious, sensual, and practical.
Taureans are dedicated in their work and relationships alike. They also are generous, humane and loyal individuals, and love to maintain and nurture their friendships and relationships with a genuine tender care.
Taureans’ lucky numbers 6, 15, 24, 33, 42, 51. Their lucky day of the week is Friday.
Taureans love food, eating, and, of course, cooking too! You can give your Taurean friend the foodie of the year award! They are never lazy about food.

End Game Hype
By Brian Sinclair
Staff Writer

The lineage of the Marvel superhero movies continues to boom with the great success of ‘Avengers Infinity War.’

With the ending scene of Captain Marvel showing up, fans are eager to know what is going to happen next. Soon, we are going to have cast changes for the Avengers in the next upcoming movies.

According to IMDB, famed actors Chris Evans, who plays Captain America, and Robert Downey Jr., who plays Iron Man, they aren’t going to be acting for the Avengers anymore as their contracts will expire. Fans are devastated, but at least we get to see them in the most hyped and important movie to come in the Marvel timeline, ‘End Game’.

Movie Review: ‘Avengers End Game’
Biggest movie from Marvel Studios

By Jordan Jenkins
Movie Analyst

This movie scored a 9/10 on IMDb, 77% on Metacritic, and got a 95% on Rotten Tomatoes.

The saga continues as the Avengers take a trip back and forth across time. With courage, wisdom, and the ultimate sacrifice. Earth’s mightiest heroes take their 1 out of 14,120,005 chance to try and finally defeat Thanos, and reverse the ‘snap’ to bring back half of Earth’s population and the other heroes that were lost.

The plot for this finale is well planned out having it connected with some of the other movies in the MCU such as ‘Avengers,’ ‘Antman and the Wasp,’ and ‘Infinity War.’

The cast was absolutely amazing with the way they made the audience feel a range of emotions throughout.

The setting is definitely a lot to pay attention to, especially with the team time traveling. Marvel directors should have slowed down for those non-Marvel or somewhat-Marvel fans that may not have understood what was happening.

Marvel’s latest movie in the MCU reached about $350,000,000 in ticket sales and about $1,200,000,000 globally. ‘Endgame’ reached number 1 in the box office.
Thanks

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times in your classes. Thank you for being my teachers! :D” -Simon Ball

“Thank you for always being there for me and helping me with everything and thank you for always listening to me when I needed someone there for me “ -Hillary Argueta

“Thank you for your advice and supporting when I am down. If anything happens to me, you will be there. I thank you for your support and I love you as a teacher very much” -Anaiah Smith

“Thank you so much for always being there for me Mrs. Sinesi, I’m going to miss you a lot next year.” -Chris R

“Thank you for everything you’ve done for me and my family. I’ll never forget it.” -Adrian Ruiz

“Thank you for being there for all four years in my high school years. You’ve really help me with my writing and reading” -George Castillo

“Thank you for helping me in need and helping me in the process of signing up and being a reference for the Marines” -Xavier Reid

Sirois

“Thank you for being a mentor while I’m in the process of becoming a marine” -Xavier Reid

Wollins

“∫E⋅dA = Q/ε0” -Jean Pasato

Wright

“Thank you for being a cool guy and looking out and helping me with my capstone” -Xavier Reid

“Thank you for getting me through the hard times you have always managed to tell me it is ok” -Walter M.

A Week Of Appreciation

Teacher appreciation week at AAE kicks off

Teacher appreciation week, May 6th through May 10th, is a week where students get to acknowledge and appreciate their teachers for what they done for them.

School is not just a learning environment, but a family environment as well.

Ms. Patterson and AAE’s PTO helped put together a memorable week for teachers with something special for lunch each day.

On Monday, teachers were greeted with coffee and baked goods in the staff lounges. On Tuesday, there was a choice of a taco bar or a deli selection for lunch. Wednesday staff were able to dine on Chinese food from the Black Bamboo restaurant. There were also students who came around with Ms. Patterson to deliver a sweet afternoon treat of strawberry and blueberry shortcake with toppings of whipped cream, chocolate sauce and caramel.

Student council placed personalized thank you notes in each teacher’s mailbox.

Students Feel Scammed

As the end of the year approaches, Live School points have begun to be given out less and less in classes.

Some teachers introduced the ability to buy snacks from them using Live School points.

Now that Live School points are being given out a lot less than before, students want snacks to cost less or for points to be given out more often. Students feel like they are getting scammed and want to be able to use their Live School points that they have earned for rewards.

Students in the City

Field trip to Harlem takes students to Apollo theatre

By David Carmona

Staff Writer

Recently at Aerospace, the 10th graders were given the opportunity to visit Harlem, New York on a Civics/Black History related field trip. The purpose of the trip was to expose the sophomores to the culture of Harlem and culture of Black History.

The first place they visited was the Apollo Theater where they got to witness a few shows regarding the history of R&B.

They also visited the Schomburg Center, a research library of the New York Public Library, and an archive repository for information on people of African descent worldwide.

The final destination was the famous Holcombe Rucker Basketball Court. There, a lot of the sophomores got to enjoy their time by playing basketball or by walking around and examining the famous park.

Overall, the 10th graders had an enjoyable and hopefully inspirational time.

Sophomore Noel Fendi who attended the trip said, “I got to eat at nice places, walk around and meet new people. I’m also grateful for the educational opportunity I got”.

Subway graciously donated gift cards that allowed students to buy snacks and drinks on the long ride home.

By Mauri Castro

Staff Writer

Students Feel Scammed
Capstone Day Approaches
Final stepping stone in high school

By Ashawn Morris
Staff Writer

Capstone is a graduation requirement. The exhibition event will take place on May 23rd, in the cafeteria, from 5:30-7:30. It is a requirement that students attend.

Students should come dressed for the event, but can wear their senior t-shirt or college shirt with dress pants.

The event is hosted by the capstone teachers and orchestrated by Mr. Wollins. “The sharks from October will come back to look at your final product,” 12th grade capstone teacher, Mr. Wollins said.

The exhibition will be happening on the week of May 23rd, and students and family are welcome to attend.

International Coffee House’s Quality Is Upped
The coffee house had talent and food till the end

By Theodore Colbenson
Staff Writer

The International Coffee House is about showing your talents and/or showing your culinary experience from your culture. Though it has come and gone, that Friday shouldn’t be without mention. This event always holds great highlights from the play, and this one is no exception. It would also mark as the last performance for the seniors that performed there; I myself being a part of that.

There were some great dancing performances and others who took their time to sing their heart out. There were duets and some instrumentals. Memorable performances included Avery Martindale playing some real mean drums, Sam “Sinatra” Kavouras in his glorious performance of “New York, New York”, as well as Nico McMahon with his performance of Santa Fe from Newsies and then Nithila Annadurai and Richa Balamurugan with their majestic classical Indian dance.

Moreover, there were magic tricks, and poetry recitations as other great expressions of art and talent.

One poem in particular was centered around immigration in the U.S. being an undeniable issue, and the magic performance by Rufus Abradab has a twist I dare not share to spoil. I would say my experience with this Coffee House I treated as more of a milestone which gave me excitement and bravery to do this. The build up to my performance was like waiting for my turn to speak in a TED talk! In the meantime, I was still impressed by all the other performances that went before me.

I sang my original song “End of Tomorrow” hoping not to have claps to the beat. When they were able to read on the constant use of “whoa” they actually recited them as I did. To say the least, I was as ecstatic to see this work out pretty darn well. I received many people praising the song and high fives and photos followed. It was the best night to end off on my Coffee House days.

Freshman Take On D.C.

On April 25th, 9th graders went on a field-trip to Washington, D.C.

By Raheem Jackson
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 25th, 44 students and 5 chaperones took off on the annual freshmen trip to Washington, D.C.

The ride was described to be “smooth sailing” by Mr. Canterbury. The bus driver, Larry, was a mini tour guide. The chaperones were: Mr. Canterbury, Mr. Sirois, Mrs. Lavoie, and Mr. and Mrs. Mojica.

Upon arrival, the group was too tired to visit their first stop. They lodged at the Comfort Inn in Springfield, VA. Canterbury reported the group being up early to visit the memorials. The group visited the Udvar Hazy Museum, Arlington Cemetery, the MLK monument, the Smithsonian, and the Lincoln memorial.
The Dragons Get Slain In Their Lair
By The Jet Eagles

On May 8th, the Jet Eagles took their first ever win in history against the Dragons of MLC.
In the top of the first, the Jet Eagles scored 1-0 but MLC answered with 2 runs to take the lead. In the second, the Eagles added 3 more.
However, over the next 2 innings, MLC scored 3 more runs taking a 5-4 lead. In the fifth, the Jet Eagles scored 4 more runs, but MLC answered back with 3 more runs. There was a back and forth battle between the Dragons and the Jet Eagles.
In the top of the seventh inning, the Jet Eagles added 2 runs to take a 12-8 lead. MLC came back and scored 4 runs which forced extra innings.
In the extra inning, the Jet Eagles put up 7 runs and ended the game with a 19-12 victory.
Shoutout to Senior Captain Dez Chapman who had an RBI and reached base 7 times.

The AAE Jets slayed the MLC Dragons on Tuesday May 15th at Bill Lee field.
The Jets won 13-1 with senior Ben Parke going strong throwing a complete game in only 71 pitches! Abdield-Santiago Felix pitched great to start off for MLC only allowing 1 run in the first 3 innings. Justin Muños provided on the offensive end with 4 RBIs with a bases clearing double in the second inning.
The Dragons scored their run with a hit from Whalen. The team recognized #5 Whalen for his play in the field and sportsmanship. With 3 games left in the regular season. The Aerospace Jets last game is on Monday, May 20th, away at Hartford Public.

The War Hawks and the Jet Eagles support children at Yale New Haven
By Raheem Jackson
Staff Writer

The Aerospace War Hawks and CLHS/AAE Jet Eagles took time during their practice last week to make cards for children at Yale New Haven Hospital.
The players participated as part of a community service project.

These cards had messages of positive support and inspiration for children who are dealing with terminal conditions.
The teams want to send their support through words of encouragement and sports themed drawings.