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AoC Times

Seniors Look Forward to Celebrating

by: Grace Langhenry

The fifth graders have a few upcoming events meant to celebrate the end of their time at AoC. They are planning Fun Fridays, a senior trip, the graduation.

The senior trip has been officially decided. The fifth grade seniors are going to the Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament. It is a show with live horses and men fighting on them using shields and javelins. However, fifth grader Dorothy Bennett disagrees as she would rather go to an animal shelter, "...because it would be fun to help out with the animals while having a great time!"



Fun Fridays will include Crazy Hat Day and Crazy Sock Day; and possibly Twin Day. Ms. Orfelina Cisneros says for Crazy Sock Day, the fifth grade will not just wear crazy socks, but donate a pair too.

The graduation will be held on June 20 beginning at 5pm. Come if you can to witness AoC's Class of 2018 in the auditorium show off their caps and gowns!

This Month's News

AoC Likely to Expand to Middle School

by: Ana Hoxha & Mariana Sarmiento



Plans are to expand AoC into a middle school. It will probably open in 2 to 3 years, according to Caren Leslie, Assistant Principal for grades kindergarten to 2nd grade. However, the board is still looking for space for the middle school. One

possibility is the building right across 31st Ave called "Hair Motion."

There will be a combination of new and old teachers in 5th and 6th grade for the moment.

Ms. Leslie states that the subjects will be PE, lunch, art, Spanish and much more. Lockers will also be something new in the middle school.

A few of AoC's current teachers want to join and be a middle school teacher but they don't know what subjects or grade they want to teach yet.

Mr. Lee, AoC principal added that "we will have musicals and theater play. We might even eat outside for lunch." He is 99% sure there will be a new AoC middle school.

Students will be able to pick some of what they will study. For example if you want to learn art, you can pick any type of art like landscapes or if you want to study history, you can pick classes such as US History or ancient civilizations.

AoC Students Sign School Safety Petitions

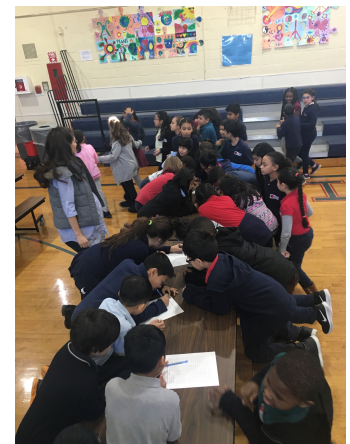
by James Maitrechit

On March 14th 2018, AoC participated in the National School Walkout to protest gun violence. Richard Lee, the Principal of AoC decided it was for the best because they felt that it was important to talk about with parents and all of the students of AoC.

AoC did not walk out of the school, but everyone attended a special assembly in the gym and had a moment of silence for the victims of gun violence. It was followed by the signing of by petitions by students in support of school safety and to

protest gun violence. The petitions will be sent to elected officials of New York. The posters included the statements, "Gun violence in schools is not right", "We should speak up when we see something that is not right", "We should feel safe in schools at all times," "I will stand up for my rights and others and not be a bystander."

Before the assembly Principal Richard Lee sent a note to parents informing them of the assembly and what it was going to be about.



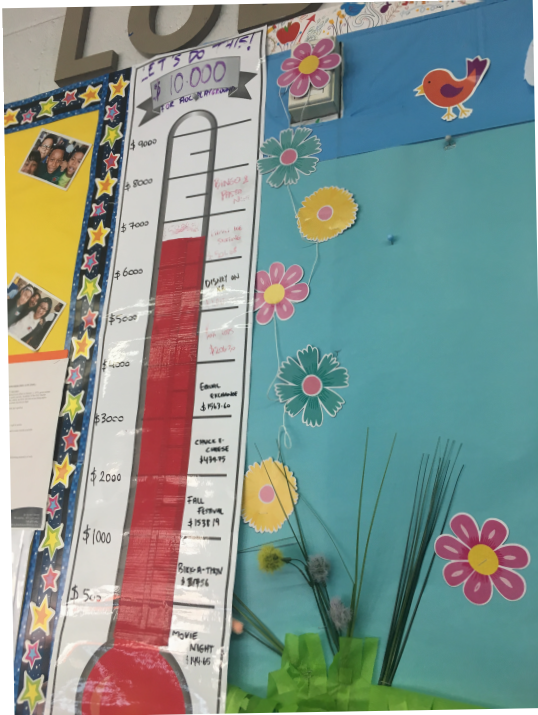
During the assembly, Mr. Lee talked about the posters and answered questions that children had.

Upcoming Events

- April 27: Paint Night
- May 1-3: NYS Math Exam
- May 8: Art/Science/Spanish Expo
- May 17: K-2 Spring Concert
- May 31: 3-5 Spring Concert

PCO Raises \$3,018 for New Playground

3 Fundraisers Combined Brings AoC Closer to Total Needed for Playground



The thermometer in AoC's lobby shows how close the PCO is getting to their goal.

Popcorn Fundraiser Raises \$1,332

by Pierre Castro and Brandon Tined

In February, the PCO organized a Popcorn Fundraiser at AOC in order to raise money to build the new playground for the kindergarten students.

Students had to sell the popcorn to other people, neighbors, and family. The idea was found on the internet and they chose popcorn because it was delicious, according to PCO President, Ms. Lopez. The total proceeds collected were \$1,332.

The fundraiser included different popcorn flavors — 14 types of popcorn, according to the magazine.



Ms. Lopez said that the company that made the popcorn is called Double Good.

The popcorn deadline was on February 26 and it was delivered in 2 weeks instead of 1 week because it took too much time to make it.

The most popular popcorn flavor was Butter Believe It, according to Mr. Lopez

Students Skate for Playground

by Sophia Ivaldi

On Saturday January 2, students from AoC went to the Family Ice Skating Fundraiser at Flushing Meadow Ice Center to raise money for a new playground in the parking lot where students have outdoor recess.

In all, the PCO raised \$501. Fourth grade student Tara Gyalsten says "she loved ice skating with her cousin Sonam." Representatives from the PCO said that 69 people, both parents and students from AOC came to the event.

During the ice skating

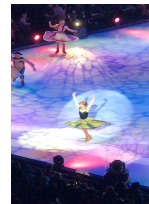


event, some students also had an instructor to teach them how to skate.

Last year, the current 5th graders came up with blueprints of the playground. It includes monkey bars, swings and a real soccer field.

First Ever Disney on Ice Event Raises \$1,185

by Fabiana Kumar and Valeria Munoz



This past January, the AoC PCO hosted a Disney on Ice fundraiser in order to raise money to build a new playground. This event took place at the Nassau Coliseum on Long Island and raised \$1,185 towards the playground.

Students were entertained by the Disney characters doing flips all while on ice skates. Suzanna Lopez, PCO

President had said that she enjoyed the show. She also said "a lot of teachers came." This was the first time the school hosted this event," responded Suzanna Lopez.

The Disney characters that skated were Anna, Elsa, Ariel, Belle, Beast, Mickey Mouse, and Minnie Mouse.



AOC Paint nite

** adults only!
\$30

Friday, April 27, 2018
6-8pm

Come join our art teachers Mrs. Lopez and Ms. Grace for a fun night of painting! Includes painting materials, drinks, hors d'oeuvres and babysitting will be provided. Email aoc-pco@gmail.com to register.



4th Grade Experiences Life Living in a Tenement

by Camila Cox

Back on February 8th, the fourth graders visited the Tenement Museum in NYC to learn about how immigrants lived in homes. Students experienced how immigrants lived & were treated.

Students saw how a lot of families lived in one small tenement and shared everything including rooms, beds and food. When conditions got hot, people even slept on the roof to stay cool. Students learned that they lived in unsafe conditions - for example, the buildings were not built properly and they even had to use buckets to shower.

Fourth grade student Valeria Munoz

tells about her experience at the tenement museum. "I felt like I was traveling back in time," she said.

According to the website, some exhibits include "Hard Times" for ages 8 and up, and the newest exhibit is called Under One Roof," also for ages 8 and up. Another fourth grade student Aisha Kajosevic said her favorite part was about seeing how people in the old days survived." The Tenement Museum has a gift shop that you can visit. If you would like more information, the website for the Tenement Museum is www.tenement.org.

Winter Concert's on Fire!

by: Janelle Odigie

Fourth Graders stole the show at the Winter Concert with their version of "We Didn't Start the Fire." Students changed the lyrics to words that involved their PBL about Thanksgiving, the Confederacy, Columbus and Hispanics.

On Thursday, January 18, at 6:00 pm, grades 3-5 performed a variety of songs. The students dressed up in white shirts and dark pants. The music teacher, Mr. Alan picked the songs along with Mrs. Jensen. The audience was clapping and cheering after the students performed.

The music teacher Mr. Alan said "the hardest thing about the concert is making sure all six grades had songs to



be proud of. "I know they will work when I can hear them singing that song even when they are not in front of me." A highlight of the show was when the fourth grade performed "We Didn't Start the Fire," which they wrote the lyrics to.

The AoC Winter Concert started even before Mr. Alan became the full-time music teacher. This means that this is AoC's seventh year of concerts.

3rd Graders Take a Trip to the 'Magic City'

by: Matteo Cajas and Justin Nguyen

The third graders got a look "behind the scenes" of a movie during a trip to Brooklyn Academy of Music on February 11, 2018. The movie called the *Magical City*. Ms. Galea thought it would be a good trip because "it shows the 'behind the scenes.'"

The students got to see what they did to make the movie. For example, the performance had a projector so they saw the characters far away. The movie was about a girl making a city. She got in the

city and she got trapped. Ashely Vergara, a third grade student was impressed by the music, the sound affects and the amount of surprises."

Sangay Llama also thought it was cool because there was a monster. Another student, Nathan Patrick liked one of the girl characters because she was very creative. Uziel Vallinas, of class 3-107 thought that the people in the movie were very funny because they were spoons and forks!



Mr. Santiago

by: Sebastian Khan

Did you know Mr. Santiago has many hidden talents? He is a musician who sang in a church concert on Feb 24. He went there to entertain people with his band members. He thought he did a good job. Mr. Santiago said "I don't get scared" when he performs at a concert. He also commented "my other band members do get nervous," but he did not elaborate on that topic.

Mr. Santiago also said one of the songs he played was called "Oceans," which he co-wrote with his band members. Everyone cheered at the end of the concert. Mr. Santiago said he felt proud after the concert.



Mr. Santiago transfers his skills to AoC by teaching students in grades 3-5 chords and songs on the guitar, piano and drums. There are two different groups; the beginner group and an advanced group. In order to get into the "advanced group," you need to be really good at knowing the chords.

To celebrate all the students have learned, Mr. Santiago decided to have a small concert for parents where the musicians showed off what they have learned. He plans to have another concert before the end of the year.

PROBLEM SOLVERS

An Advice Column by *Gianna Goje and Ariana Rodriguez*

Dear Problem Solvers,
Me and my formal BFF are having friend troubles. She is hanging out with other people. I feel horrible.

-BFFless

Dear BFFless,
No worries, because I have a solution. Try and get her attention or you should move one. There are other friends out there waiting to be your friend or even better than your BFF.

-Problem Solvers

Dear Problem Solvers,
I like someone and he knows that I like him. I tried giving gifts on Christmas and Valentine's Day. How do I get him to like me?

-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
I think that the way to tell someone like them is you can talk about your feelings with that person. The person might feel the same way. If that person is just not ready for your amazingness, then just move on and find someone that can put the earth on your feet.

-Problem Solvers

Dear Problem Solvers,
Some of the teachers yell at us and that's not how I learn.

-Being yelled at

Dear Being Yelled At,
I think you should tell your grownups about how you're getting yelled at and if it fails, you can talk to your teacher and principal to work out the problem. If it does not work, come back to us.

-Problem Solvers

Dear Problem Solvers,
My friend thinks it's funny when she does something I think is mean. I feel like she's stealing my BFF.

-Annoyed person

Dear Annoyed Person,
Talk to that person face-to-face and tell them what you told us. If that doesn't work, then maybe don't hang out with her for a while.

- Problem Solvers

Dear Problem Solvers,
My siblings don't let me do my homework. They always annoy me.

-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous
One way to tell your little siblings to leave you alone is you can ask them to let you concentrate, or you can tell your parents. Those are some examples to let your siblings know you need to do homework. You can also go to the library.

-Problem Solvers

Dear Problem Solvers,
A friend and I have little things as problems and they're undoing our friendship bond.

-Someone who has this problem

Dear Someone who has this problem,
Try not to get into problems that cause him/her to dislike you or undo your friendship with her. If you can't deal with that, then move on because there are lots of other friends out there who are even better.

-Problem Solvers

5th Graders Highlight DACA

by: *James Maitrechit*

The 5th grade took all that they learned about DACA and performed a play about it in front of teachers, parents and other students on February 14. DACA is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and it is a program for immigrants. The program's fate is unknown since Donald J. Trump is trying to rescind it. Parents and students of other classes attended the play. Parent, Milsa Uruchima remarked "all of you did really well in the play." Student Joshua Yauri quoted "It was a pretty good play."

Class 5-205 had a bake sale and raised over \$200 for the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Association.) The performance also included a short musical. Over the past few months, students split into groups and researched the topic online and in articles. They then wrote the scripts by themselves with a little help from their teachers.

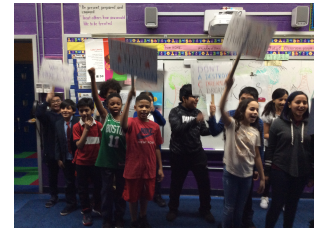
Here is a summary of the skit:

The play starts with a fictional character named Joseph asking a woman on a bench where the lawyers office was. She says to him that it is close by and asks why he needs a

lawyer. Joseph explains that a woman tried to sue him because she thought he stole her money. The woman asks him if he's a part of DACA and he says yes. She then says that she is also in DACA and she has a friend that's a lawyer and she specializes in immigration law.

The two's conversation was overheard by 3 kids that were playing basketball. Then the scene changes to 4 kids and 1 of them is in DACA as well. His dad hates him because of it. All of the characters meet at a coffee shop and watch a interview with Kacey Girl Ortega. After they watch the interview, they watch a court case about a man named Jose Baja who is getting deported because he is an immigrant.

When he is deported, his wife is devastated and turns to Mike who works in a deli. He gives her a 70% discount for everything. The play ends with a protest and all the characters shouted "DON'T DELETE DACA!"



4th Grade PBL Packs a Crowd

by *Joseph Rendon*



The fourth grade presented their Thanksgiving and Christopher Columbus PBL work on February 15, 2018 to a large crowd of parents. There was about 195 parents looking at all of the fourth grade projects.

First the fourth grade sang a song called "We Didn't Start the Fire" by Billy Joel, but the students changed the lyrics into what they were learning about — all by themselves. They presented projects that explained the history about Christopher Columbus — that he thought he discovered America, but Native Americans already discovered America before Christopher Columbus. Other

projects included history about the first Thanksgiving in the 1500s.

Haylee Lizardo's mother said she was proud of their work because she likes everything she does in school. Ms. Nikolopolous added "my students were good and they completed it just in time!"

The students did a lot of work using Chrome Books, iPads and books from the library. The teachers took their time after school to get books from library.



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Travel Review: European Vacation

by Dorothy Bennett

Have you ever dreamed of being on a European vacation? Well, lucky for you, far, far, away (not really), lying off the coast of the European Mainland, lies the UK. The "UK" stands for the United Kingdom and it includes Wales, England, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

I went there for an awesome vacation because I personally love to travel! It was especially fun going in September, when the leaves are pretty and it made a treat of warm hot cocoa with a croissant feel extra special.

In London, there were some amazing sites, such as Buckingham Palace. This is where some members of the Royal Family live, including Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip. There were also a bunch of the Beefeaters (guards).

Then we saw Big Ben - the bell, not the clock. In Scotland, I went golfing. FYI - golfing is not as easy as it looks.



As far as food goes, I had some "to die for" fish and chips. Chips are what the British call french fries. It is like their traditional food.

We got around in London by using public transportation; big, red buses. To get to Scotland (from London) we took a train - it was so fun traveling 1st class. In Scotland, we rented a car, and we had to drive on the opposite side of the road and sit on the opposite side of the car! To travel to and from the USA, we obviously took a plane.

AoC Students Make Club Suggestions

by: Duran Russell and Armani Johnson

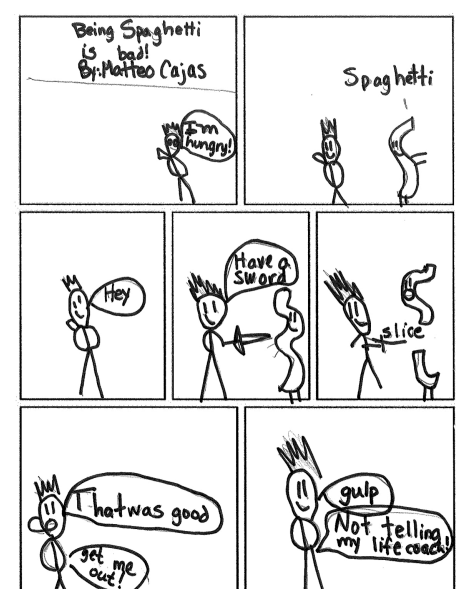
AoC Times reporters thought it would be a good idea to ask 3-5 graders about suggestions for the period called Clubs - this is where students have fun and learn new things. AoC Times reporters went looking for information for other club ideas by interviewing children and teachers.

Reporters took polls to see what clubs students wanted and the majority chose soccer club (15 votes). According to Operations Associate, Mr. Ajon, it is possible. However, they need the physical education teacher to be able to do the club in the gym because that is where most sports clubs happen. Mr. Paul added, "clubs are important because you get to learn new things."

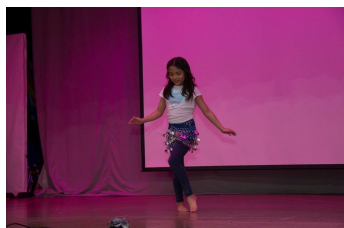
The two other clubs that students wanted were a Pancake Art Club which came in third place with 4 votes, but problems students thought might happen were injuries or making a mess.

The club that came in second place was Dance Club with 12 votes, but students don't know where there would be space because Zumba already uses the stage and P.E. is in the gym.

COMICS BY: MATTEO CAJAS



Scenes from AoC's 1st Multi-Cultural Night



Friday, April 13, 2018



Mr. and Mrs. Pequero showcase their talents.



Mr. Alan performs Taiko for the audience.

SENIOR NEWS & REMINDERS

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- *CAP & GOWN
- *T-SHIRT
- *YEARBOOK
- *SENIOR TRIP

FUN FRIDAYS: MORE INFO TO COME

SENIOR TRIP: MEDIEVAL TIMES

THURSDAY, JUNE 14.

PERMISSION SLIP DUE: 5/18

GRADUATION REHEARSAL:

MONDAY, JUNE 18TH 2:45-3:30 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 8:30-10:00 AM

GRADUATION CEREMONY:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 5-7PM

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