

MIT Daily Bulletin  
Wednesday, 06 February 2013



**GOOD MORNING MIT ACADEMY!**  
**PLEASE STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

ANNOUNCERS: WAIT 10 SECONDS THEN ENUNCIATE THE WORDS CAREFULLY. PAUSE ONLY AT THE END OF EACH LINE OR COMMA.

I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one nation under God, — indivisible,  
with Liberty and Justice for all.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE BEING BROUGHT TO YOU BY:  
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**BE SURE TO WRITE THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN YOUR AGENDA!**

**OPEN HOUSE** on Saturday was a great success with parents eagerly turning in applications praying that their child is selected in our upcoming lottery. If you know of any middle or high school students who would be a good fit for MIT, remind them that there is another Open House today, from 6-8pm, where prospective students and parents can learn about the school, get a tour, and have all their questions answered. It all starts in room Z, so we hope to see them there!

Also, Mr. Smith is looking for students to be the face of MIT Academy for these students and families at **OPEN HOUSE**. If you are available to help this evening at any time from 6-8pm, please drop Mr. Smith an email at [msmith@mitacademy.org](mailto:msmith@mitacademy.org) to let him know he can count on you! *Thank you! Ms. B Greer*

The **MIDDLE SCHOOL FORMAL DANCE** that was scheduled for this Friday has been canceled. REPEAT: The MIDDLE SCHOOL FORMAL DANCE that was scheduled for this Friday has been canceled.

In 2012, Vallejo passed a no smoking ordinance for all public parks and recreation areas in the city. Prior to getting this ordinance passed, a team of **PROJECT ASHES** volunteers collected thousands of cigarette butts and other tobacco litter in four parks to show the severity of the problem. This tragic yet important visual aid was instrumental in showing how our children's playgrounds were being turned into ashtrays.

Project ASHES Staff is now looking for 20 volunteers to help with another clean up on Saturday, February 23 to see how the ordinance is working. We are also looking for chaperones/drivers as well. Please see Mr. Katz for more details.

MIT Academy  
wishes the  
following  
student(s)



**THIS IS NATIONAL:**



A Month-Long Celebration of Heart-Healthy Recipes  
February 2012

**TODAY: ZAIRA ARANDA  
AMANDA FOLKS**

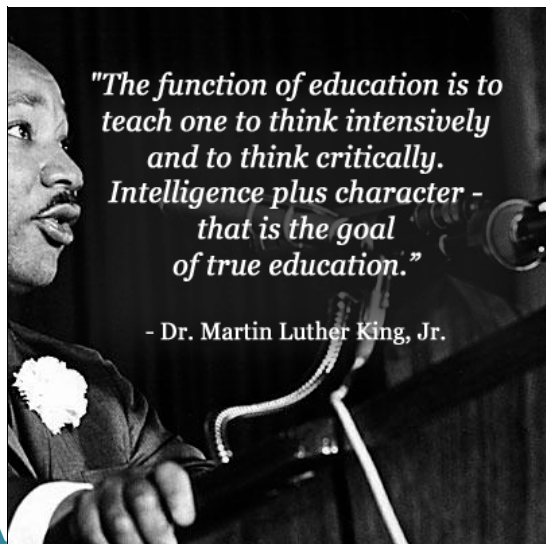
**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

1820: The first organized immigration of freed slaves to Africa from the United States departs New York harbor on a journey to Freetown, Sierra Leone, in West Africa. The immigration was largely the work of the American Colonization Society, a U.S. organization founded in 1816 by Robert Finley to return freed American slaves to Africa. However, the expedition was also partially funded by the U.S. Congress, which in 1819 had appropriated \$100,000 to be used in returning displaced Africans, illegally brought to the United States after the abolishment of the slave trade in 1808, to Africa.

1985: In his State of the Union address, President Ronald Reagan defines some of the key concepts of his foreign policy, establishing what comes to be known as the "Reagan Doctrine." The doctrine served as the foundation for the Reagan administration's support of "freedom fighters" around the globe.

Reagan began his foreign policy comments with the dramatic pronouncement that, "Freedom is not the sole prerogative of a chosen few; it is the universal right of all God's children." America's "mission" was to "nourish and defend freedom and democracy." More specifically, Reagan declared that, "We must stand by our democratic allies. And we must not break faith with those who are risking their lives—on every continent, from Afghanistan to Nicaragua—to defy Soviet-supported aggression and secure rights which have been ours from birth." He concluded, "Support for freedom fighters is self-defense."d

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**



**DAILY DOSE OF HUMOR**



Our annual **HONOR ROLL PASTA FEED** is coming up fast on this Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. will be held. Everyone is invited to attend! Our Semester 1 Honor Roll students will have their dinner paid for by MIT Academy and can invite their family and friends to join them for the celebration. Plan on being there for a great time!

*Are you interested in **SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES?***

Vallejo High **GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS:** 2013 JV and Varsity team tryouts for freshmen to senior girls currently attending VHS or MIT. February 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> , from 4:15 – 5:45 on the back field at VHS (behind Corbus Field). Come ready to play with your soccer cleats, sneakers, and shinguards. There is a flyer in the office.

VALLEJO DAWGS 12U Travel Baseball is currently seeking to fill a couple of positions to complete a roster that is ready to play the upcoming spring season beginning in March 2013. The team is comprised of highly competitive 11 and 12 year old girls. They play in tournaments all over Northern California with events such as USSA and all world baseball. Tryouts will be in about mid-February. Contact info is on the flyer in the Main Office.

Awesome news from the **ALEKS FRONTIER:** On Friday of last week Kailoni Walker had completed her ALEKS course in just over 1 semester. You heard that right: Kailoni Walker completed her ALEKS course in just over 1 semester. Excellent work Kailoni! If you see Kailoni give her the thumbs up! Congratulations Ms. Walker. See Mr. Muller for your FREE DRESS PASS.

This ALEKS Champion has been a contender and quietly passed the ALEKS finish line to complete an entire ALEKS course in much less than a year. This student is a quiet force to be reckoned with and has already started charging the next ALEKS course.

Give the thumbs up to our unsung ALEKS hero... Esmeralda Romo—Great Job! Esmeralda you are certainly on your way to future successes.

Be sure to check out our **FACEBOOK** page where you can see photos of Bingo Night, Acadeca, Colorguard, AVID and other MITA events!

CLUBS & GROUPS	DAY & TIME LOCATION	SPONSORING STAFF
ANIME CLUB: The MIT Academy Facebook page gives updates on what we're watching, field trips, and current anime news. Feel free to join the club or page even if you cannot currently attend our EDRTI meetings.	Daily, during EDRTI Room: Ev2	Mr. Matt DiGiordano
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB: Explore nature hands on as you earn community service hours.	Friday HS Lunch Room: U1	Mr. Tyler Grinberg
<del>GLEE CLUB: Do you like to sing, dance &amp; have fun? Come unleash your talent and share it with us in the Glee Club!</del>	<del>Mondays, HS Lunch Room: Omega 2</del>	<del>Ms. Tisha Donnelly</del>
BSU: Black Student Union	Tuesdays, MS & HS Lunch Room: Y	Mr. Paul Franco
GSA: Gay Straight Alliance	Tuesdays, HS Lunch Room M	Mr. Byron Laird
DND Club: also welcomes groups that want to come and play Magic cards, Munchkin, etc.	Wednesdays, 2:00-4:30 Room: Ev2	Mr. Matt DiGiordano
HEART ART:	Thursdays, HS Lunch Room V	Ms. Aubrey Perry
ASIAN PACIFIC CLUB: Join us as we come together as one to explore ways we can express our culture to our community and help others to understand us better. If you would like to have fun while getting to know other students, then join us! Middle school students go to Mrs. Saldana's room during their lunchtime and high school students go to Mr. Lumanglas' room during their lunchtime.	Thursdays, MS Lunch, rm A6 HS Lunch, rm S	Ms. Liz Saldana Mr. Lumanglas

OPPORTUNITIES	CONTACT NAME
LEADERSHIP * ACTIVITIES * EVENTS	Ms. Barbara Greer
YEARBOOKS	Ms. Anna Hamilton
AVID	Mr. Micah Studer
COLORGUARD	Mr. Marcus Mills
BSP/ASP * INTERNSHIP * ASP CLUBS * DRIVER ED * SPORTS	Mr. Jeffrey Katz
SCHOLARSHIPS & College Classes	Ms. Patricia Quintana
CANNED FOOD COLLECTION & COINS 4 COATS	Ms. Debora Castaneda
<u>Tutoring/HW/Study Help @ JFK Library</u>	<a href="http://solanolibrary.com/LOCATIONS/BRANCH.CFM?ID=1114">http://solanolibrary.com/LOCATIONS/BRANCH.CFM?ID=1114</a>
<u>Tutoring/HW/Study Help @ Springstowne Library</u>	<a href="http://www.solanolibrary.com/locations/branch.cfm?id=1340">http://www.solanolibrary.com/locations/branch.cfm?id=1340</a>
Lost & Found: clothing – MPR by bathrooms	Lost & Found: not clothing – H1.5 * G1.5 * K2
<b>PLEASE CHECK THE PUBLIC CALENDAR / MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DATES &amp; TIMES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS &amp; ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS REGULAR UPDATES.</b>	

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a reminder, please make sure that students who leave your classroom should either...

1. Be given a **campus pass** that indicates the date/time they are out and when they return (e.g. put a 10min limit on their time out of the class), or...
2. They should put their name, date, and time on a **signout sheet (and sign back in when they return)**. They should also be given a discrete time limit.

**We want to restrict the time students are out and about by creating a "buffer zone" of 20 minutes at the beginning of each period (yes, including 5th period and ED-RTI).** In addition to restricting the time, a side benefit will be that lessons can get started right away with fewer disruptions. **We will make every effort to ensure that the policy works both ways (no calls to your classroom for the first 20min).** Since most people are able to (and should) read this email by the end of 1st period, **I'd like you to announce this policy at the beginning of the 3rd period.**

Just to clarify the new buffer zone policy, the intention is to restrict students from being out of the classroom more than necessary. **If you have to ask a student to leave due to a behavioral issue, you may do so at any time. Also, Student Services may need to contact you during the first 20min as part of an investigation.**

It is best to never have students carry confidential documents. Should you need something carried by a student, make certain it is enclosed in an envelope. This includes, but is not limited to, attendance reports, report cards and student/staff contact information.



28 Jan – 03 Feb 2013:

**HERE ARE YOUR WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Monday there will be a **VOORP** meeting at 5:00;
2. Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin their **CAHSEE EXAMS**; then at 4:00, please join us at **ZACATECAS**, when 25% of your bill will go to our senior class for their D.C. trip;
3. On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue their **CAHSEE EXAMS**;
4. Thursday will be the weekly **CAR WASH**;
5. Friday will be the **ELAC VALENTINE LUNCH**; then the Middle School Formal will be at 6.
6. On Saturday, please join us in the MPR for the **HONOR ROLL PASTA FEED** at 6:00.

Thank you!

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### **Important January Dates!**

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| Tuesday, 1/1:       | New Year's Day holiday (office closed)                                       |
| Monday, 1/7:        | School resumes   |
| Tuesday, 1/8:       | Facilities Committee Meeting, 5:00 – 6:00 (rm Z)                             |
| Wednesday, 1/9:     | Ca\$h For College, 6:30 (MPR)  |
| Thursday, 1/10:     | PTN Meeting, 5:30 – 6:30 (MPR)   |
| Mon-Thurs, 1/14-17: | Finals week (no Wednesday early dismissal)                                   |
| Tuesday, 1/15:      | Fiscal Committee Meeting, 3:45 (room Z)<br>Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (room Z) |
| Wednesday, 1/16:    | Regular schedule (not a minimum day)   |
| Thursday, 1/17:     | Last day of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (regular day)                           |
| Friday, 1/18:       | Teacher Work-Day – no school for students                                    |
| Monday, 1/21:       | Martin Luther King Holiday (no school)                                       |
| Tuesday, 1/22:      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester!                             |
| Wednesday, 1/23:    | Regular schedule (no short day)  |
| Saturday, 1/26:     | Strategic Planning Update Day 1, 8–3, MPR                                    |
| Tuesday, 2/5:       | Exit Exam testing / all 10 <sup>th</sup> graders (English)                   |
| Wednesday, 2/6:     | Exit Exam testing / all 10 <sup>th</sup> graders (math)                      |

\* Note that, for students, 1/18-21 is a four-day weekend!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Bingo Night, Friday, 01 Feb, 6p  
Colorguard Spaghetti Feed, Saturday, 02 Feb, 6p  
Honor Roll Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, 09 Feb, 5p  
Casino Night: Sunday, 14 April 2013 - Seniors  
Cinco de Mayo: 03 May 2013 – ELAC  
DC Trip: 13-17 May 2013  
Multicultural Day,

## **COLLEGE DRESS FRIDAYS:** <https://sites.google.com/site/griffenleadership/college-dress-day>

February 01	April 05	June 07
March 01	May 03	

*The Portfolio Time Frame site is:*

<https://sites.google.com/a/mitacademy.org/mit-academy-portfolios/2013-time-frame>  
and can be accessed on the Students tab of the MIT Academy website.

*As always, do not hesitate to contact me with questions! Barbara*

Barbara Greer is keeper of the MIT Activities Calendar: X-Games: Dodgeball, Volleyball, Basketball  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> | March – none | April – 26<sup>th</sup>

### **— TABLE OF ANNOUNCERS —**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Leadership</b>			<b>Seniors</b>	
Mileena Boone	Mindre Landaverde	Leslie Machado	John Farmer	Christopher Daniel
Dion Moore	Ahtziri Alatorre	Edgar J. Hernandez	Angel Kidka	Vincent Arce
Vanessa Gonzalez	Christopher Watanabe - OA		Casandra Walker Linette Guzman	
	Daisy Arechiga - OA		Susana Linarez Mandi Benesh	

For March 2013, the National Women's History Project selected the theme, "**Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.**" It is with great pleasure that we announce the Honorees for NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2013. The 18 women chosen are all extraordinary visionaries and role models in the **STEM** fields, where women are still noticeably underrepresented.

The 2013 Honorees represent a remarkable range of accomplishments and a wide diversity of specialties including medicine, robotics, computer programming, atmospheric chemistry, architecture and primatology. These women's lives and work span the centuries of American history and come from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. We are proud to honor them and all women seeking to advance these important fields.

Be sure to check out the list of honorees, their field, and accomplishments on our MIT Academy Facebook page, as well as in the main office!

<http://www.nwhp.org/whm/honorees2012.php>