



THE BANDIT NEWS

THE TOP STORY

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

BY Ellie Rodriguez, 11th grade

Congratulations ABF Bandits, Champions fall ball! As most of us know, championship games are a very big deal, it's what most players practice hard and play harder for during the season. Joshua Ibarra, 11th grade Varsity team member, says "I felt very excited and relieved when we won, all we had been working towards was finally paying off." Joshua also said "I did face some difficulties getting to the championship with my team, I was injured and had to push myself harder than ever before to make a full recovery and be able to help my team win the title." The championship game was incomparable to any other game, says Anthony, 12th grade pitcher, "the adrenaline and feeling during that game for all of us was like no other" Congratulations Bandits! Let's bring home another trophy in the Spring.



NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS!

BY Emma Rodriguez, 11th grade

Happy New Year! As we go into 2023, many people are building their lists of new year resolutions and goals. In the new year, many people remember last year's achievements and failures and look forward to the promise of a new year, of a new beginning. Matthew Morris said, "my New Year resolution is to make the varsity baseball team as a freshman and to keep his grades up" as of now, he has a 3.8 GPA and is striving for a 4.0. 11th grader, Amani Ramirez says, "my New Year resolution is to be the best version of myself I can be, and to put in as much effort as possible to become that person." To kick off the New Year the students at ABF had 4-Star wide receiver, Mark Pope, born and raised in Miami, FL. visit and speak to the students about the importance of striving for success and overcoming obstacles. I personally think 2022 was a great year and it has been exciting to see ABF Academy grow and strive. Here is to thriving within ourselves, our environment, and becoming the best version of ourselves we can be in this New Year!



HALFWAY THERE

BY Kamari Killebrew, 11th Grade

The first half of the school year has come to a close. We at ABF have built a great family and have seen improvement. Not just academically but with the way we interact with one another. I feel we are more of a family now instead of just acquaintances. I believe the first nine weeks, most of us were shy, still in our shells unaware of new students, and slow to make friends. Now shy students are more comfortable, and friendships are noticeable. Speaking for myself, I feel more included, especially with the baseball team. I feel better prepared academically. Ms. Terri has helped us all register and prepare for the SAT and ACT, even helping me get my driver to permit. Seniors have applied and been accepted to college. These are some examples of the growth there has been at ABF in just 6 months.

We have also been challenged academically. The Spanish teacher, Ms. Leyva, does monthly projects with her students, from holiday celebrations around the world to building and experimenting with volcanos. For the holidays, Coach Ryno had the students in groups to design and build gingerbread houses. We put our ideas together to make a great design a reality, it was exciting to see the groups competing to build the best house. Lastly, we have a new math teacher that is helping us with our grades. I can see great things in the future for ABF!



HOLLY JOLLY: DECEMBER RECAP

BY Tiffany Bringas, 11th Grade

During the month of December we did had several different projects and activities for Christmas for example, the high school had to design and build gingerbread houses and researched how different countries celebrate the holidays. Early in the month Santa and his elves came to deliver presents to the all the students at ABF Academy. The younger students put together a Christmas Show for their families to enjoy. As stated by Ms. Jenny, the 1st-grade teacher, "It took a month for my class to prepare to perform Frosty the Snowman in the Christmas show". Right before break, the high school students had a Holly Jolly Pajama Party! The students had pizza and enjoyed different games such as; Bingo, Emoji Christmas songs, and my favorite pass the ball. For Pass the Ball Ms. Terri and Ms. Daisy wrapped a bunch of treats, including candy, gift cards, ornaments, toothpaste and more. Each student had to unwrap as much as they could until the person to their left rolled a 10 or more with dice. The student spent the rest of the afternoon listening to Christmas music, watching movies, playing video games, spending time together until it was time to go home.



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