



THE BANDIT NEWS

THE TOP STORY

A BETTER FOUNDATION

BY Kamari Killbrew, 11th grade

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build the door." That is exactly what owner of ABF Learning Center, Rocio Leiva did. The doors of the ABF learning center opened in 2007. A Better Foundation Learning Center welcomed children infant to 4 years old. Since the beginning approximately they have had many, many children come through their doors, they would say thousands of students have attended ABF Learning Center. Her mission for ABF Learning Center is simple and heartfelt, "to work with the child, we want to work in all areas; for example educationally, socially, and emotionally, and to me that is very important". Ms. Leiva states, "I feel very proud of the success and very humble I feel like we are a staple in the community." Little did she know her vision would soon grow into much more.

In 2020, just 4 months before the COVID pandemic, Ms. Leiva partnered with Mr. Riera. When the school shut down they never gave up and continued to excel virtually. The pandemic brought challenges, both academically and financially. But together they pushed forward and succeeded. Of that difficult time, Mr. Riera stated, "There was good faith in what we were doing, that we were putting out a good program when COVID was overwhelming. Families were more open to attending smaller schools and we created a safer, family-oriented environment ."

As for the future of ABF, they feel they are on a good trajectory; with the opening of a new campus in Hialeah. As for what she hopes moving forward, "I would love to one-day own property and get out of the shopping plaza and own a facility." If there is one thing I learned from Ms. Leiva it is to never give up on your dreams and always follow your heart.



SENIOR BREAKFAST

BY Anthony Hernandez, 12th Grade

On November 9th, ABF Academy held its first Senior Breakfast at The 94th Aero Squadron, for both Homestead and Hialeah Campuses. Parents and ABF administrators and staff celebrated the accomplishments of their sons. One of the most memorable moments during the breakfast was receiving our Senior shirts. Another special part of the breakfast was the Rose Ceremony dedicated to the mother's. The Seniors would like to thank Ms. Daisy and Ms. Terri for putting together such a special moment for us and our parents. It was a perfect event to start all the upcoming Senior Events for the year.



WIFFLE BALL WORLD SERIES

BY Emma Rodriguez, 11th Grade and Brianna Cuellar, 9th Grade

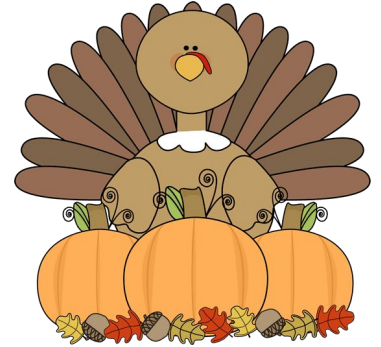
This year, ABF hosted their very 1st ever Thanksgiving Wiffle Ball World Series. The staff, coaches, and students participated in this fun event at JD Redd. The teams were selected by Ms. Terri and Ms. Daisy, and the teams were ready for some friendly competition. Ms. Terri's team had a great lead in the first inning, but Ms. Daisy's team played hard and caught up quickly. Brianna Cuellar said, stated "it was exciting to be playing alongside the boys baseball team and to be even better to be pitching for Ms. Daily's team." After an extra inning, Ms. Terri's team won with a final score of 22-18 and she was definitely proud. Ms. Terri said, "this was a fun and exciting way to start off the fall break."



FRIENDSGIVING

BY Hunter Tapanes, 12th Grade

This morning we had an amazing Wiffle Ball game. After the game we went to school and there was a Friendsgiving feast set-up for everyone to eat and be grateful. For the feast students signed up to bring a thanksgiving side or dessert. Overall, we had good food, good company, and a good time. I know we do not say it but we are thankful to have coaches, teachers and staff that make everyday better.



I Am Thankful

BY Bryan Ubeda, 8th Grade

My favorite moment and things about Friendsgiving were the decorations and the activities. Many people were here, probably over 20 or more. I signed up to bring dessert, I signed up to bring cinnamon rolls and sweet potato pie, other students brought stuffing, bread, sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, chicken, and a lot more. This was a special day for everyone because you need to say thank you for everything you do and have. I'm grateful for ABF Academy made me enjoy this day.

