



THE BANDIT NEWS

THE TOP STORY

BANDITS BACK AT PLAY

BY Ellie Rodriguez, 11th grade

As the new school year starts, the boys are back on the field and working hard. Jose Bermudez, a 10th grader at ABF, said "My personal goal this year is to be the best catcher in our district." Jose also said he likes being a part of the ABF baseball teams because, "They push me to do better and they're like my family." Something always expected of our players here at ABF is that they **MUST** always give their best, on and off the field. Coach Ryno told us "I expect for them to give maximum effort every time they're on and off the field."

Through the years ABF Academy has become a leading school in athletics, the first in Miami-Dade County. Students have the opportunity to receive a rigorous curriculum, simultaneous to training with the best coaches in the area.



Pitcher, Brian Cuellar, getting a pep talk from catcher, Jose Bermudez.

A MESSAGE TO MY COACHES

BY Carlos Nunez, 12th grade



Head Coach, Manny Crespo and Assistant Coach Ryno

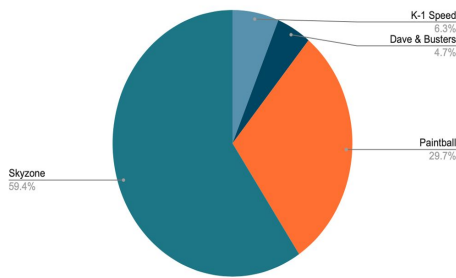
To my coaches,

Thank you for everything you do. You have helped us grow as a team and as individuals. You've always been supportive, even at our lowest moments. I hope we have impacted you as much as you have impacted us. As our coach, we want you to know we appreciate everything you do for us. Baseball has changed our lives, It has taught us that patience, dedication, teamwork, and persistence is the key to success.. Baseball isn't just a game to us, it's a lifestyle. Our days revolve around baseball; from 8:00 AM practice at the park, to weight training, to playing on the field.

Baseball is our peace. Baseball is in our blood, Baseball is our life, and we wouldn't be where we are today if it weren't for coaches like you that believe in us.

BANDITS ON THE GO

BY Kamari Killebrew, 11th Grade and Darnesa Colquitt, 11th Grade



Coach James Conley being interviewed by journalist, Kamari Killebrew and Darnesa Colquitt.

How do you feel about a class field trip? When asked in the high school, there were many different opinions. Mr. Conley, a new instructor at ABF, told us, "Going on field trips gives the students an opportunity to get to know their classmates better and have the chance to make a lifelong friend". We sat down with 11th grader, Tiffany Bringas, and asked her what makes a field trip great, she responded, "what makes a field trip great is teamwork. We get to spend quality time together and build connections outside of school." We conducted a survey at the high school, the top field trip choice was to go to Skyzone. Going to play paintball came in second, K-1 Sport in Fort Lauderdale third, and Dave and Busters came in fourth. "Unfortunately, due to liability, going to paintball is out of the question" said new Assistant Principal, Ms. Terri. Luckily for us, she is open to other suggestions.

Aside from choosing the right field trip, money is a big factor. Many of the field trips the students were interested in can be costly. Some suggestions that we came up with to cut the cost for our field trips are; bake sales, sell Bandits merch, have a variety of schools event and charge a fee, such as a Trivia Night, a family night, or a faculty vs. student kickball game.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MRS. D

BY Brianna Cuellar, 10th Grade and Emma Rodriguez, 11th Grade

We would like to spotlight ABF's amazing 4th and 5th grade teacher, Mrs. D. Mrs. D has been teaching at ABF Academy for 2 years. She shared with us that one of her main goals for her class this year is for her students to reach their grade reading level and improve their reading skills and comprehension. Her favorite subject to teach her students is math and grammar.

Mrs.D told us, "I like teaching because I enjoy giving back to the community. I have wanted to be a teacher since I was 8 years old and teaching comes naturally to me". When asked about ABF, Mrs. D emphasized, "It is a family oriented environment. The staff and administration makes the teachers feel appreciated." When not dedicating her time to her students, Mrs. D. enjoys reading and watching Netflix.



A BRIGHT FUTURE

BY Brianna Cuellar, 10th Grade and Emma Rodriguez, 11th Grade

Here at ABF we have some excellent students that are determined to have a successful future. For example, we interviewed, Alaric Pagan who is in 4th grade, he was excited to share a couple of words that describe him; fun, entertaining, special, and creative. He expressed, that he wanted to get better at art, "I have to work hard, but luckily here at ABF the staff and teachers push us to do our best and encourage us to never give up. School isn't all about working, we have fun too!" Alaric enjoys math, art, physical education, and the after school program. His favorite teachers are Mrs.D & Mr.Glen.



Un nuevo comienzo

BY Jacqueline Roque-Perdomo, 9th grade

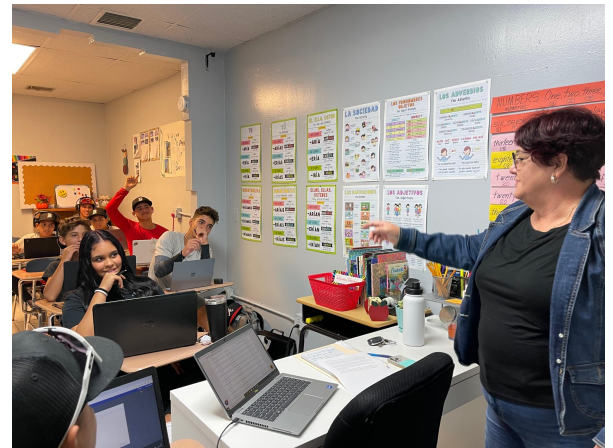
¡El verano ha terminado y la escuela está de vuelta! A medida que comienza el año escolar, nos dan la bienvenida a nuevas clases, conocemos nuevos amigos y establecemos nuevas metas. Rápidamente me doy cuenta de que esto es algo que me da mucho miedo. Esta es mi primera vez en una nueva escuela, en un nuevo país.

Mis padres se fueron de Cuba en busca de una vida mejor. Mis padres trabajan muy duro para asegurarse de que reciba una buena educación y tenga una comida en la mesa. Ahora sé que mi objetivo es ser un gran estudiante y enorgullecer a mis padres. Por suerte para mí, comencé mi primer año de secundaria en ABF con una profesora increíble, la Sra. Teresa Leyva.

La Sra. Leyva había estado en educación desde 1981. Nos dijo: “Entré a esta carrera porque en mi familia hay una tradición de enseñanza. Me apasiona ayudar a los adultos jóvenes a aprender”. Antes de ABF, la Sra. Leyva trabajó en la Escuela Católica Champagnat durante 22 años, que es la escuela más nueva de ABF en Hialeah.

“Siempre trato de buscar el lado bueno de las cosas malas que aparecen, obviamente hay dificultades pero ella prefiere ver el lado positivo antes que el negativo”. Se enteró de ABF por una prima y hoy está muy contenta de trabajar aquí ya que tiene muy buenos compañeros de trabajo y muy buenos alumnos.

Nuestra opinión es que es una profesora muy buena y muy sabia ya que por sus años de experiencia sabe enseñar muy bien y que su forma de pensar es la más razonable y adecuada para una profesora. Cumple muy bien con sus deberes y siempre busca nuestro bienestar.



La Sra. Leyva mantiene a sus estudiantes comprometidos con el aprendizaje.

A BETTER FOUNDATION, A BETTER FUTURE

BY Ms. Terri Amador, Assistant Principal

First and foremost, I would like to introduce myself. I am Terri Amador and I feel honored to be the Assistant Principal at ABF Academy. Previous to ABF, I worked for Miami-Dade County Public Schools teaching middle school; Language Arts, ESOL, Reading, Journalism, Theatre. After, too many years in the system, I knew I needed a change. I decided to leave my comfort zone and take a leap of faith.



David Arteaga, Rocio Leiva, Manny Riera, Ana Gonzalez, Lucia Cespedes, Maribel Ortega, Terri Amador

On Monday, August 15 (2 days before the 1st day of school) I walked in and was greeted by Ms. Lucy, I was immediately charmed by her charisma. After waiting, for what felt like hours, I met with Mr. Manny Riera and I was captivated by his passion and vision for ABF. Without hesitation, I knew ABF is where I needed to be...and I haven't looked back since.

From walking into the high school my first day, to working with an incredible team, to attending the baseball games; I know ABF is the future. Thank you students, parents, and staff for making me feel so welcomed and allowing me to be a part of this journey with you.

OCTOBER EVENTS

BY Tiffany Bringas, 11th grade

Halloween October 31

Students, with cars, will participate in Trunk or Treat!

High School students will receive 1 hour of community service for every bag of candy they donate.

Seniors: Save the Date

Breakfast for students and parents.
November 9th at the Rusty Pelican.
RSVP by October 19

ABF ACADEMY

Red Ribbon Week

SPIRIT DAYS

OCTOBER 24- OCTOBER 28

10/24-MONDAY- PROUD TO BE DRUG FREE

Wear red to kickoff Red Ribbon Week!

10/25-TUESDAY- "SOCK IT" TO DRUGS

Wear crazy socks!

10/26-WEDNESDAY- MY TEAM IS DRUG FREE

Wear your favorite sports team!

10/27-THURSDAY- PA"JAM" OUT

Wear PJ's!

10/28-FRIDAY- YOU HAVE THE POWER!

Wear your favorite Super Hero shirt!

YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE. BE DRUG FREE.

ABF ACADEMY/LEARNING CENTER PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST

9AM-11AM

ABF LEARNING CENTER PARKING LOT
12767 SW 280TH STREET HOMESTEAD FL 33032

For More Information About This Event Please Call Lucy at 305.267.5565 ext. 1003

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BASEBALL SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Freshman Schedule

Saturday Oct.15 -Freshman Black @ Dade Christian -1:00PM-Palm Springs
Monday Oct. 17- Freshmen Grey @ Mater Lakes- 6:00PM- Palm Springs North
Tuesday Oct.18 -Freshman Black @ Southwest -6:00PM - Southwest
Thursday Oct.20-Freshman Grey @ Goleman -4:00PM - Goleman
Saturday Oct.22-Freshman Black @Palmer Trinity -12:30PM - Palmer Trinity
Tuesday Oct.25 - Freshman Black @ Goleman - 4:00PM - Goleman

J.V .Fall Ball Schedule

Saturday - Oct.15 JV Vs Rip tide - 5:00/ 7:00 - JD REDD
Tuesday - Oct.18 JV Vs Gulliver-6:00 - JD REDD
Tuesday - Oct. 25 JV Vs. Lasalle-6:00 -JD REDD

Varsity Fall Ball Schedule

Thursday - Oct. 13 - Varsity Vs. Gulliver - 6:00 - JD REDD
Thursday - Oct. 20 - Varsity @ Homestead High - 4:00 Homestead
Thur- Sat - 10/27- 11/3 -Bullshark Fall challenge - TBD



Joshua Ibarra, Anthony Hernandez, and Carlos Nunez.



The name on the front of the jersey represents who you play for, the name on the back of the jersey represents who raised you. Do them both justice.

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