

Panther Periodical

February 2023



Welcome to the ASHS monthly newsletter

Upcoming Events

Feb. 24th - FRESH Friday

**Feb. 24th - Sneaker Ball
7-10pm**

**Feb. 28th - Black History
Month Showcase**

FRESH Spotlight

Youth Art Month WINNERS!

(Photo by Zyaire B.)

(Drawing by Antwone G.)



Our ASHS Scholars, Zyaire Beasley and Antwone Grace, had their artwork selected by jurors for an award in the YAM (Youth Art Month) Exhibit 2023. Their artwork will be included in the online gallery, and it will be recognized during the virtual reception on March 30th at 5 PM. Their artwork will also be printed for display in the State Capitol where people across the country visit and can see the excellent work of our scholars. Congratulations Antwone and Zyaire!

English Language Arts & World Languages

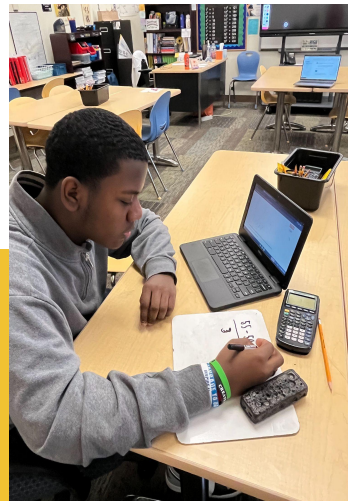
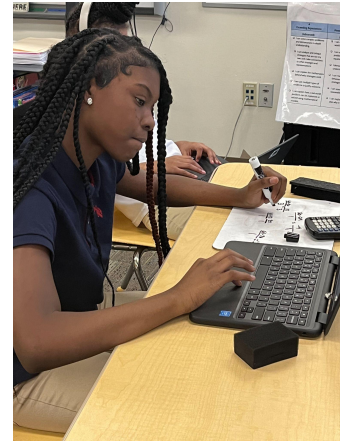
Scholars in Mr. Morgan's ELA 10 class are exploring the question "What is the relationship between freedom and power?" through the reading of historical speeches by important figures such as Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Malala Yousafzai.

Scholars in Mr. Morgan's AP Lit class recently finished a study of short form literature and are now analyzing poetry. Next month, they will begin a new novel: *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. These scholars are also reading and analyzing a classic novel of their choice.

Mathematics

The math department will be implementing a program during the month of January that will provide students with the tools they need to succeed. IXL has been adopted district wide to be used in all math classes. IXL will

provide personalized learning, individualized guidance, and real-time analytics. IXL provides skills to support both the curriculum, the Keystone Algebra 1 Exam, and any gaps in learning. IXL's diagnostics help to pinpoint your child's knowledge levels and reveal the skills they have mastered and the ones they're ready to learn next. There are over 1300+ video tutorials, lessons, examples



and real-time feedback to assist your child. Teachers will be incorporating the usage of IXL through whole

group instruction, individual skill practice, and continuous progress monitoring with score updating for both the student

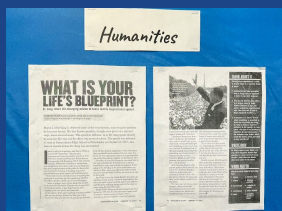
and the teacher. There are apps for smartphones, iPads and the Kindle to allow students to work anywhere. The use of IXL empowers students and teachers across Pennsylvania to achieve more.



Humanities and Science

Science

Humanities



In Civics this past month students were able to pay honor to MLK Jr. 's influence and impact by

reviewing a "Life's Blueprint" speech he gave to Barratt Junior High School six months prior to his untimely assassination. Students were able to consider their life's blueprint with writing and plans for their upcoming school year and post-high school plans. Additionally, students have examined and analyzed political ideologies and considered their own views on how our democracy should run. Students completed this review by writing an analysis paper considering the issues that mattered most to them as a future voter and which political party they align with.

Our Biology scholars are currently exploring cellular respiration, cellular reproduction, and the beginnings of genetics. The energetics labs being conducted include measuring carbon dioxide output in crickets and yeast. Please continue to encourage our 10th grade scholars to focus and keep pace as the Biology Keystone Exam is fast approaching!

Before the winter break, our 9th grade scholars conducted our first wet lab in the newly built science laboratory! This lab was mentored and monitored by our 10th grade Biology scholars, who had already conducted this lab. This mentored lab was a fantastic learning opportunity for both grade levels! 9th grade science scholars are more than halfway through our unit on biological macromolecules, which allows scholars to understand the structures and functions of life building chemicals. Our first ever Molecule Building Competition went off without a hitch!

Our Anatomy and Physiology scholars have been tackling the cardiovascular system. A&P scholars also recently observed a real open heart surgical procedure at Allegheny General Hospital!



Computer Science & Film Studies

Computer Science

In January, Computer Science Students learned how to create 3D models in TinkerCAD to then 3D print. Students all had the opportunity to print a first draft of an item of their own design and then decide what changes should be made for their final print. Items designed ranged from decorations like key chains and figurines to useful products like storage containers and phone cases. Everyone will receive the final version of their products over the next month or so.

Film Studies

In film studies, students worked together in groups to film and edit commercials along with a teaching artist from WQED. We filmed around the school and learned how to use professional grade sound recording equipment and video editing software. Final products are still being edited. When they are done, class members will be able to share the commercials they worked on through private youtube links. Art Room: [Link to Youth Art Month Winners Info and Artwork](#) Jaidon's work will also be in the show, even though he did not win an award this time around.

ASHS Panthers Boys Basketball

SENIOR NIGHT

Panther Pride was evident during the Andrew Street High School Senior Night Basketball game on February 6, 2023. The team secured a win against Hillcrest Academy on this night that highlighted senior Basketball Player Damonte



Gayles and Senior Cheerleader Alonah Moorefield. The two senior cheer team managers: Allenae Green and Tanajshia Pannell were thanked for their assistance, as well. Both teams have received numerous accolades for their level of sportsmanship this season. Way to go Panthers!



Principal's Corner

Dear Families,



I want to celebrate our scholars for the investment and pride shown regarding testing and achievement. On the recent MAP assessment, many scholars set and met their academic goals for Reading and Math. I have heard so many scholars saying, "what did you score?" or "I did so much better than last time!" or "I'm so close to the grade level score." Our culture here at Propel Andrew Street is goal-oriented and invested in growth and performance; this was evident in the most recent round of testing. Shout out to all educators and scholars for their hard work and dedication over the past few months.

Many other activities and celebrations are happening in February. Each Wednesday, scholars participate in Spirit Day. Some of our recent themes have been "Dress to Impress" and "wear your Red, Green, and Black"! Also, crews are participating in competitions such as door decorating contests, sock donations, can food drives, and penny wars. We will have our annual Sneaker Ball on February 24th from 7-10 pm. On the last day of February, we will have Black History Month celebrations and performances featuring our newly assembled Andrew Street Choir!

WELLNESS CORNER...

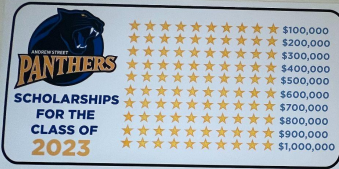
(PPIW, CCC, School Counselor)

College & Career Counselor

Our Seniors have been hard at work completing graduation requirements in the form of their daily classwork and fulfilling ACT 158 state requirements. All 25 seniors are on track to graduate!

They have also been diligently filling out college and scholarship applications! To date, the senior class has a total of 57 acceptances to 16 different programs/colleges/universities. They have a goal of \$2 million in offered scholarships that they are on their way to achieving as they have hit **\$1,229,500** as of 2/10/23!

The seniors are not only meeting but exceeding all expectations! We look forward to what they will continue to accomplish in their few remaining months of high school.



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