



Election Year isn't just for Obama: Middle School Student Council Officially Sworn into Service at Agassi Prep!



Judge Karen Bennett performs the swearing in ceremony for Agassi Middle School Student Council. Photo by Martin Carassco.

By Makayla Barnes and Ashlynn McCall

On Thursday, January 26, 2012, Judge Karen Bennett swore in Middle School Student Council officers in a festive ceremony held in the multi-purpose room. Agassi Executive Director, Mike Piscal, opened the ceremony, which included guest speakers Commissioner Braeger, Commissioner Weekly, and Senator Horsford.

Pictured in this photo with Judge Bennett are Student Council members: Ozhia Manor, Hagan Crear, Darayon Moore, Kyla Staples, John Foster, Valerie Toro, Carolina Barraza, Keyira Piper, Undrae Louis, Lon'Don Childs, Makhaela French and Jordan Parker.



Phil cautions, "Bundle up for six more weeks."

By Shooting for the Stars Staff
 Yesterday, prognosticator Punxsutawney Phil proclaimed, "As I look at the crowd of Gobbler's Knob, many shadows I do see. So, six more weeks of winter it may be! Groundhogs all around America disagreed. Shooting for the Stars' Staff wants to know what you think. Find us on Facebook and tell us what exact date *you* think temperatures in Vegas will hit 78 degrees. The prize? An ice cold McDonald's Shake for you and a friend! Learn more about Groundhog Day at www.groundhog.org

Science is what you know. Philosophy is what you *don't*



By Makayla Barnes & Ashlynn McCall. Photo by Ashlynn McCall.

Social butterfly and people-loving Sarah Ho is fascinated with science! Ms. Ho teaches 7th grade earth science in the Middle School and environmental science in the high school. This is Ms. Ho's first year at Agassi. She wishes to see all students achieve and "rock out" in their A.P science classes. Ms. Ho previously worked at Monaco Middle School, where she taught 8th graders. If she could change anything in the world, it would be replacing fossil fuels with renewable resources to limit pollution and fighting over things like oil. Ms. Ho's motto is "Science is the literature of truth."



Dr. Howard Fuller Visits Agassi Prep

Dr. Howard Fuller, legendary former Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools, featured in the documentary "Waiting for Superman," and Founder of the Black Alliance for Educational Options, will be spending today at Agassi Prep.

Dr. Fuller will be sitting in on classes, meeting with leadership and coaching us, learning the Agassi Prep way. Then, he will address the faculty after school. Students are dismissed at 2:25 to accommodate the faculty meeting.

Snack Shack prices explained

By Delmar Bufurd, Sarah Robinson, Aesun Lettsome, Ron Frame, Kyla Staples and Charles Wilkes-Kelly

Paying for a fieldtrip for all the kids in each grade is really expensive. That's why Student Council is raising money through Snack Shack sales.

"We set prices, so that we can raise money for class trips, but nobody wants to pay our prices," says Kyla Staples, Student Council Secretary.

"How are we going to pay for the trip?"

Delmar Buford says, "We've even created a survey to gather field trip ideas to find out where people want to go. The survey will be tabulated on Friday, February 3rd, but we'll need money."

Students like 8th grader Sarah Robinson ask, "Why don't we have Snickers, Twix or other candy like that? Then people would buy more."

Staples explained that until Student Council knows for sure that people will purchase snacks, they can't make an additional investment.

Ms. Walls help set the prices so that Student Council stays in the black. It's a great investment for students, so be sure to buy as much as you can from Snack Shack!



Director of Performing Arts, Jerek Hough pictured above in a sea of feet, as 6th, 7th and 8th graders in 8th period dance warm up.

Weekly Recycling Report: Save a tree for you and me!

Save a tree for you and me member Kayles Rice announced yesterday that Middle School students are taking recycling seriously. All Middle School Classroom collection boxes passed their weekly audit with the exception of Ms. Ho and Ms. Cho's boxes.

"It's a little embarrassing that the club convenes in my room and my recycling bin was found to have gum in it," says Ms. Cho, "Last week we had gum, sunflower seed shells, candy wrappers and food in the bin, so this marks an improvement."



IMPORTANT DATES

02/03 Dismissal at 2:25
 02/06-10 SPIRIT WEEK
 02/08 Dismissal at 2:40
 02/10 MS Dance 5pm-9pm
 02/14 Buddy Photos
 02/22 Dismissal at 2:40
 02/20 NO SCHOOL!
 02/21-23 8th Grade CRTs



Officer Whitehead, a recent graduate of the police academy, speaks with Stephan Laushaul as they walk back to the building from a fire drill. Whitehead and a colleague visited classes engaging in lively dialogue with MS students, who had plenty of questions to ask the policemen. Photo by Samantha Spangler.



Do you dream of learning Spanish in your jammies? Or practicing equations while eating ice-cream?

You can! Ask your advisor for your at-home login information for Rosetta Stone and Classworks. **IT'S FREE!**

Spirit Week

February 6-10

Mon: Battle of the Grades:
 8th Pink, 7th Red, 6th Purple

Tues: Pajama Day

Wed: Wacky Valentine

Thurs: Decade Day

Friday: Hip Hop



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