

The Davie ACE Reporter

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The Davie ACE Reporter is here to keep readers informed of activities at the homeschool hub, to teach, to share ideas and to entertain.

What's Cool at School

Lunch, friends, **CHRISTMAS BREAK!!**

Written Communications

(excerpts from Letters to Santa)

Dear Santa,
I hope I'm not on the naughty list, but if I am, then how do I get off?

Dear Santa,
I love all the stories about you: my favorite one is called Santa's Underwear.

To Your Health!

By Aniston Chavez



Have you ever wondered if you're getting all the right vitamins or maybe your mom makes you eat vitamin gummies every morning and they either taste really good or really bad. Well, she's not trying to make you suffer (cause I know that's what you think): she's actually helping you.

There are so many vitamins you need in your diet and some are more important than others. Don't worry: I'll only list a few.

Vitamin A. . . is found in foods like milk, eggs, cheese, liver 🙄, pumpkin. Vitamin A helps keep your smooth muscles running efficiently and helps fight off infections that try to take over your body.

Vitamin C. . . found in most uncooked fruits and vegetables. Your body requires vitamin C for the growth and repair of your tissues (the ones inside your body not the ones you blow your nose with!). Vitamins C also helps heal burns and wounds.

Vitamin D. . . found in dairy products, eggs and fish but you can also get vitamin D from the sunlight. If you don't get enough vitamin D, you could get a disease called rickets.

Now you know about vitamins and why your mom gives them to you. Tell your friends!

Story Time

By Elliott Merrick

There once was a dragon that lived in a wealthy kingdom. The dragon was very kind and secretly protected the kingdom, scaring away all the neighboring kingdoms that wished to invade this kingdom. The dragon rarely interacted with the people of this rich kingdom so every encounter that occurred was written down. Slowly over time these documents were twisted and edited to the point that these new myths resembled nothing of the original encounters. These new myths painted the dragon as a tyrant and a thief stealing from the kingdom.

One day the people of the kingdom, believing these myths, hunted and slayed the dragon. The people celebrated this "victory" but after a short while they saw the neighboring kingdoms coming to attack and steal the wealthy kingdom's riches. The people then realized their great mistake and tried to defend the attack but their army had become weak and lazy due to the dragon's protection. The kingdom soon fell, all the riches were stolen and the people of this once great kingdom were never seen again.



Student Spotlight

Maeve Blount

By Gianna Van Drake



Maeve Blount is one of the kindest people I know. She is super silly, generous and is always there to lend a hand. Her favorite sport is gymnastics; she really enjoys doing backbends. Maeve has been a great student and an even better friend.

One of Maeve's favorite classes is piano and let me tell you, she's been playing songs I didn't even know existed. She is also good at drama :she acts so well I can't tell if she is Maeve or the person she is acting as. So, you see this is why Maeve looks great in the **Student Spotlight!**

Student Spotlight

Vance Colvert

By Elliott Merrick



Vance Colvert is an 8th grade student, and he attends the Personal Finance class at Davie ACE. Vance is one of the most enjoyable people to be around. He loves making people laugh and is really good at doing it, too. He enjoys playing video games: his favorite being fortnight and he likes to eat at Baes Burgers in Mooresville. Vance also enjoys fishing in his free time, his biggest catch was a 4-pound bass. If you ever get to spend some time with Vance, he will always leave you with a smile and funny moment you will not forget.



Alternatives to Devices

By Aniston Chavez

Are you on your iPad or watching TV all day? Or maybe you're just looking for a new hobby. Here are some ideas you might want to try!

1: crocheting . . .crocheting is one of my favorite things to do. All you need is yarn and a crochet hook. You can make so many things: stuffed animals, blankets, etc.

2: bracelet making. . .making bracelets is so fun and there are different kinds like rubber band or clay beads and you can make them for your friends and family.

3: painting. . . painting is another fun activity. There are different types of painting methods such as dot painting or you can simply paint with a brush.

Now you have some ideas on what you can do instead of watching TV: hope this helps you!



Travel Corner

I'm packing my bags!

By Gianna Van Drake

Europe is a beautiful landmass of countries such as Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Austria and so many more. In fact, my family and I will be visiting Europe in December. The weather is super freezing in the winter so let's be sure to put on a lot of layers like Shrek (onions and ogres have layers!). The food in Europe is unimaginably tasty and, for some reason, it's affordable. From fresh meats and cheeses to chimney cakes, you name it they should have it. I'm excited to see all the Christmas markets and to see different building structures and designs. I think I'm going to like Europe: what about you?

Hooray for



Josie Miller and her family (Nana, Papa, Mom, Dad, sister (Gracie) and 2 cousins) made the trek to Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN a couple of weeks ago. Josie said that the roller coasters and famous cinnamon bread were her favorite things but she didn't comment on WHICH roller coaster was her favorite: Mystery Mine, Thunderhead, Lightening Rod or Wild Eagle!





How To Develop a Love for Reading

by Elliott Merrick

Reading is the most beneficial thing you can do, not only to improve your grades but your life. By reading a book you can learn anything you want and improve your day-to-day life. This is especially important for Christians because God communicates to us through a book! Unfortunately, around 50% of people don't like reading. Now, you may say it's a matter of preference, but I think everyone should like reading because that is the way God chose to communicate to us.

If it is true then that everyone should like reading than why doesn't everybody like reading and how can we change that? Well, to start off, some people dislike reading because they aren't good at it. Now, I don't mean they can't read words, what I'm saying is they can't read a story effectively. Reading is not just saying the words on a page, its understanding what they mean and how each sentence, paragraph, or page effects the story. You may need to read a sentence twice or even three times to do this, but that's better than rushing through and not understanding what you just read.

The second thing that may be keeping you from enjoying reading is that you're reading the wrong books. You want to read books on your level. *War and Peace* by *Leo Tolstoy* might sound like a fun book to read but if you're not ready for it you will be left thinking you just read a different language. There is no shame reading easy books as long as you progress to higher levels of books. You also want to read books that fit your interests. There is an infinite number of book genres and there is bound to be

one just for you. For my nana it was crime but for you it might be action or comedy.

The last thing that may keep people from books is that you actually need to sit down and read. You want to get invested in the story to the point you don't want to put the book down. To do this you will need a good book so ask your friends what they recommend and then you sit down and read. Don't read half then quit: read the whole thing and then if you don't like it, that's fine, just read a different one next. If you do all of this and put in the effort to read, get invested, you will do yourself a great service and the whole world will be unlocked for you.

FROM THE RECIPE BOX

BY ASHIR PIRKLE

Have you worked all day to cook a meal and find out your family thinks it tastes like trash? Well, if you have a family who likes Mexican food then you would LOVE this one; It can be eaten for breakfast lunch dinner and most importantly midnight snack. Best part is it has TWO ingredients and its carnivore, paleo, keto, and gluten free!

1 pound ground Chorizo
12 eggs

1: Cook the Chorizo in a big pan. While it's browning, whisk the eggs till homogeneous

2. Once the Chorizo is cooked add the eggs until the eggs looked scrambled. Remove and serve. Remove from heat and serve up!

I recommend putting it on rice or tortillas. Hope you enjoy Chorizo and eggs.

Restaurant Review

By Asher Pirkle



The Diamondback Grill is a locally-owned restaurant with locally sourced ingredients and an American based menu with a daily special. It has a casual atmosphere with both bar and regular seating. I like Diamondback because of the traditional American food like steak, ribs, and pork shoulder.

Remember about Diamondback because I REALLY love it and I hope you do too!



Thanksgiving

By Jovie Withers

Thanksgiving is one of the best holidays because it gives us a special time to pause and appreciate the people and things we are thankful for. It's a day to spend with family and friends, enjoying delicious food like turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. But Thanksgiving is more than just a meal - it's about showing gratitude for all the big plans this year, think about spending time with the people you care about. Whether it's playing games, watching movies, or just talking, being together makes the holiday extra special. Remember to give thanks to the people who support you and make your life better, like family, teachers and friends.

This Thanksgiving, take a moment to reflect on what you're grateful for and make sure to share those thanks with others. Gratitude is a gift that brings joy to both the giver and the receiver, making Thanksgiving a truly wonderful holiday to celebrate.

Teacher Feature:

Gary Chilton

By Elliott Merrick

If you're looking for talented teachers at ACE then Mr. Gary the guitar teacher should be one of the first people you look at. Mr. Gary grew up in the Mt Airy spot and has taught for 30-35 years. He plays many instruments such as banjo, bass, harmonica, and violin, but his favorite instrument is the guitar. Mr. Gary says God has blessed him with talent, and I couldn't agree more. Unlike most artists Gary doesn't read sheet music, instead, he can hear a song and then play it back. When Gary was asked why he teaches he said that he has a lot of patience and no matter whether he is teaching or playing as long as he has the instrument in his hand, he feels like that's what he should be doing. Over his many years of teaching, he has observed kids with lots of talent and kids with not so much, but he says that despite the amount of talent the students have, they need to have a desire for music; that can't be taught. Like most artists, he has other musicians he looks up to such as Jimmy Page for being a genius, Stevie Ray Vaughan for playing like his life depended on it, and many other artists. After telling me who his role models were he also told me about finding his own voice and how he takes the inspiration he gets from those people he looks up to and then make it his own. Other than music, Mr. Gary enjoys cycling, riding his motorcycle, and cars. He has a wife and a daughter named Abigail whom he adopted from China. Despite being 70-plus years old Mr. Gary says he wants to play as long as he can, and I hope he does. All these things make Mr. Gary one of the most talented instructors at ACE and an even more talented musician.



Warmest wishes for a blessed holiday season.



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