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ABGS MS is celebrating a return to in-person learning!

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**November 11-Veteran's Day**



**November 23-  
Parent-Teacher Conference  
½ Day for Students  
Report Cards Distributed**

**November 25-26  
School Closed-  
Thanksgiving Recess**



**WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON LEARNING!**

**Another Year We Will Never Forget!**

Last school year was another very challenging experience for the whole school community. Students had to attend school in cohorts certain days of the week and sit with the same pod and/or learn by remote technology on other days. We missed our friends, personal contact with our teachers. We missed practicing and playing Middle School sports like football, soccer, baseball, cheerleading, wrestling, and lacrosse.

We are happy that ALL students are back to stepping through the familiar front doors of ABGS everyday...Soccer is back! Football and Cheerleading are back! And...Homecoming is back! We salute everyone in the ABGS MS Family! We made it through! Welcome back!!



**WEAR YOUR MASK PROPERLY!**  
Remember to wear your mask properly, covering your nose and

*your mouth! The mask protects you and those around you from covid-19. We must keep each other safe!*

Middle School artists say goodbye to Summer... and Hello to Fall!



E. Pichardo

C. Iscoa

**IB Knowledge Learner Profile:** Knowledgeable learners explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In doing so, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

# eighth GRADE

## How's it going?

*So far 8<sup>th</sup> grade has been good. It's fun and I'm learning new things and the teachers are cool. Even though we have a lot of work, 8<sup>th</sup> grade is okay.*

*I'm a good student. The work is really easy. However, there's a girl who keeps wanting to fight a lot.*

*It's been terrible so far. I am failing Living Environment. And I don't want to fail any classes because I might not make cheerleading or prom. I have friends but I feel like they don't want to be around me.*

*It's been very weird for me so far. For example, some people are fighting and others are not wearing masks. It's just so weird because everybody was worried about Covid and yet, they are not taking precautions.*

*8th grade is fine. I don't hate it but I wish I wasn't*

*here. I enjoy talking to friends but I hate most of everything else. Classes are super long and boring.*

*So far 8<sup>th</sup> grade has been interesting because of all the kids trying to break the rules.*

*8<sup>th</sup> grade has been strange being that it's my first year in the middle school. It's still strange with the new normal on hold. Work so far seems manageable. I'm enjoying myself but I'm kind of upset I didn't get to experience middle school the way others did.*

*So far 8<sup>th</sup> grade has been good. It's fun and I'm learning new things and the teachers are great. Even though we have a lot of work, 8<sup>th</sup> grade is ok.*

*8<sup>th</sup> grade has been interesting because there's a girl here that keeps fighting a lot. And the work is really easy. And I'm a good student.*

*8<sup>th</sup> grade has been super fun so far and I like my teachers so far. They are nice, some are strict but still alright. I'm glad I've been able to meet new people and see old classmates. I'm going to try to get good grades this year.*

*8<sup>th</sup> grade has been interesting because the*

*teachers are fun and there were a couple of fights. The work is easy. Another reason is because we really don't get much work so far.*

*So far 8<sup>th</sup> grade has been fun for me because I get to see my friends everyday and school work is easy. Another thing I like from school is the teachers. They are chill and fun.*

*8<sup>th</sup> grade has been fine for me so far. I like all my classes except for one. All my classmates are fun to be around and I have made new friends. I also like how we get to go out onto the field for gym. I like all the sports and afterschool activities that the school has.*

*So far 8<sup>th</sup> grade has been alright. For example, I already learned a lot of stuff. I also made new friends but we also get a lot of homework for each class. My favorite class will probably be gym. It's fun and we always go outside.*

*8<sup>th</sup> grade has been good so far. I have been meeting new people and playing football outside. The teachers give a lot of homework.*

*So far, I'm not too sure about 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Maybe ask me in a few months.*



# SPIRIT WEEK SIGHTINGS IN CLASSROOMS AND HALLWAYS!



Ms. Dubois celebrates Wacky Wednesday!



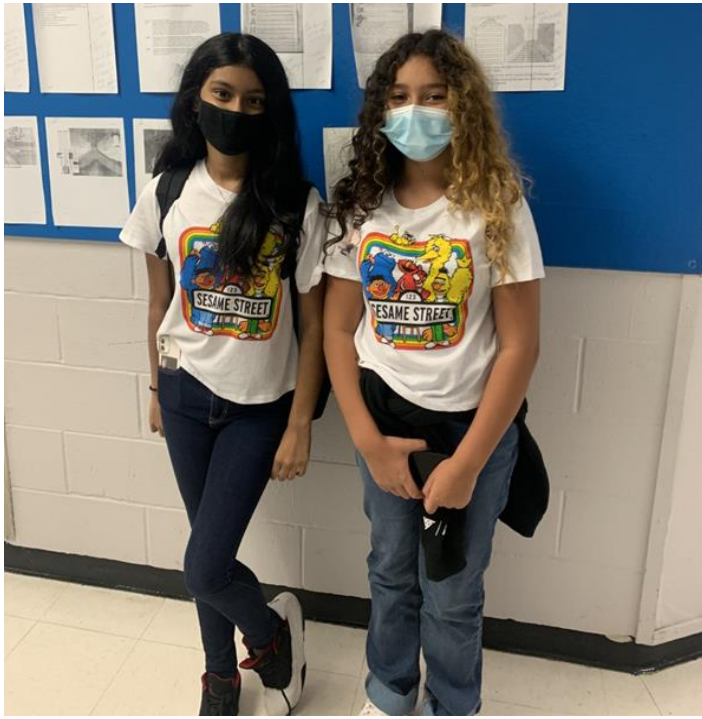
Ms. Tuitt shows off throwback bling!



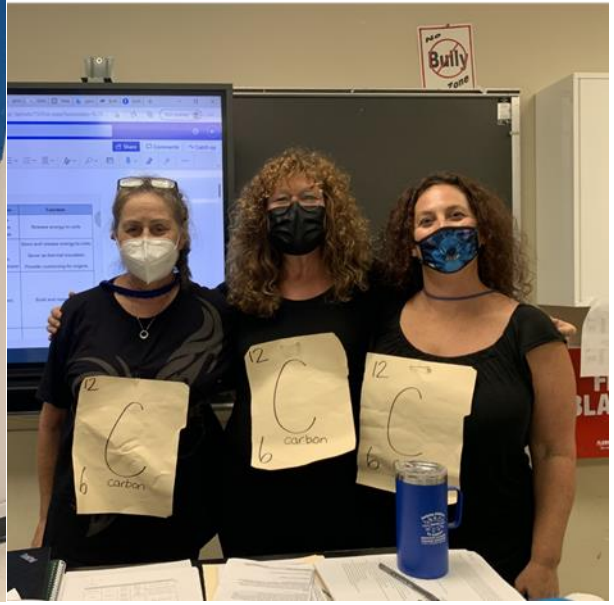
Ms. Tuitt & Ms. Lee-James throwback on Thursday!



Math & Social Studies teachers get in the Spirit!



Cool "Twins"!



Science Triplets!



Throwback and wacky al in one!



Cheering Trio



Ms. Lyons sports throwback "cassette" earrings!





## ABGS MS STUDENTS HIT THE CELEBRITY GOLF LINKS

*And are Treated to Healthy Breakfast Cuisine*

By Ahtziri Hernandez,  
8<sup>th</sup> grader

My experience with the celebrity golf tournament trip was very fun. We did many activities and met many new people. We also learned how to golf for the first time. At first, golfing was hard since I've never done it before. One of the celebrities helped me and taught me how to make sure that the ball goes inside of the hole. It was very interesting, and I loved everything about it.

The first thing we did once we got there was eat the most delicious breakfast I've ever had. A chef was waiting for us in the dining area to cook us fresh omelets. We could choose all the toppings we wanted. There was a lot to choose from. I chose to have spinach, tomatoes, and cheese on my omelet. I watched the chef cook and flip the omelet in different directions. Once it was done, we could choose a side of bacon or sausages or both! I took the bacon. Next, I saw this table on the side with so many desserts and fruits. I chose to have strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries. Once I sat down, a waitress

came to my table and asked, "what would you like to drink?" I asked her what they had and the words that came out of her mouth filled me up with joy and excitement. "Everything" the waitress said, I was left surprised and startled for a bit. I didn't even know what to choose so I just went with a classic orange juice. Once I sat down, I ate and enjoyed the beautiful view. I liked seeing the big plains and small ponds the area boasted. I loved how everything was full of nature and was peaceful. After we ate, we were directed to this small area where we would play golf. It was full of celebrities and many important people. I got to meet the mayor and a famous football player. We took many pictures for memories. After, they let us play some golf.

At first, I was clueless about what I had to do. I was just following what I would see in the movies, but of course, that didn't work, and I lost many times. However, someone offered to help and told me I must stand in a certain position to win. Once they taught me some tips and tricks, I got the hang of it and made the ball go in the hole twice. It wasn't that much but at least I tried my best and had fun.

Overall, I liked this trip very much and would love to go there again. I would recommend it to my friends and peers as well.

Photos: Village of Hempstead, Shamel Harris



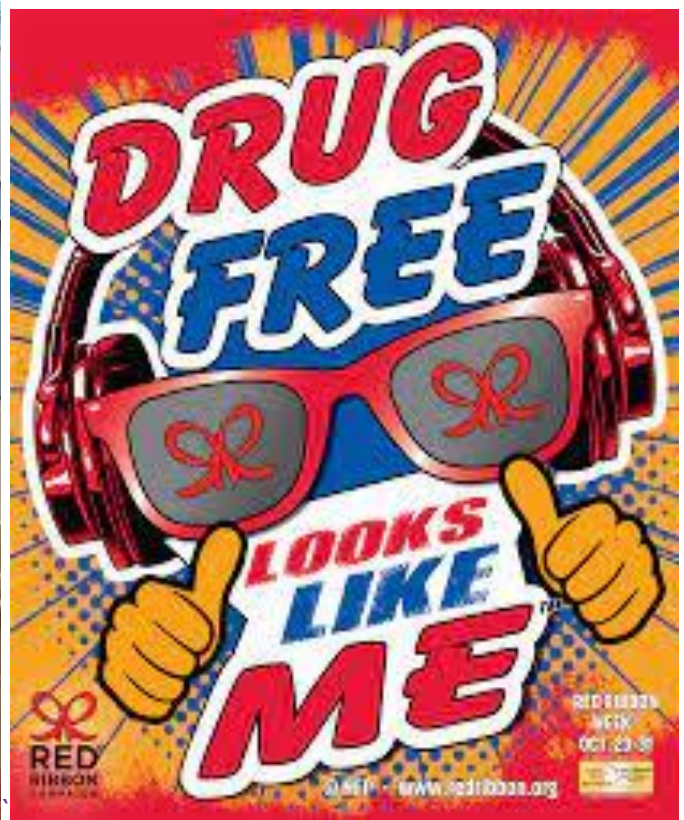
MS & HHS students join Mayor Hobbs at Celebrity Golf outing.

Victor Green demonstrates the art of putting to MS student.

## Dortch Introduces a Calming Space...for ABGS MS Students!



We now have a new calming space for students in the locker room between suites 2 and 3. All students are welcomed to come into the space when needed. The Calming Room is a supportive therapeutic environment which is designed to assist students in their self-calming efforts by offering them an environment of relaxation. It is a designated place designed to calm the senses where the student can experience **calming** visual, auditory, and tactile stimuli. This safe space is for quiet moments when stress and anxiety arise, to reduce stimuli when students are over-stressed, have productive conversations, decompress. **The room is not for punishment!** Students are encouraged to come to the space to cope with their emotional needs.



Left: Students check out new Calming Space! Ms. Dortch helped ABGS celebrate "Drug Free Looks Like Me" Red Ribbon week the last week of October as a way of affirming commitment to live drug free. Students and Staff were invited to Ms. Dortch's office space to pick up a Red Ribbon bracelet as your pledge to make positive choices and stay drug free. Photos: C. Dortch

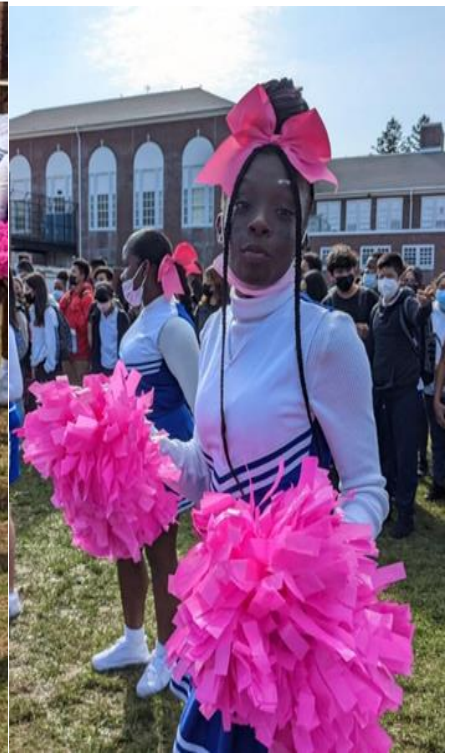




Who says going to school in a pandemic can't be fun? It certainly was fun at Pep Rally day on Friday, October 15 when the student body was introduced to the sports teams and listened to a rap singer. After the rally, students were able to chill on the field and enjoy an extremely warm summer October day.











Art on this page by Zakhi Hall





Kimora Beach



Arianna Jones' coloring art.



Christopher Flores Pena's American Freedom Train



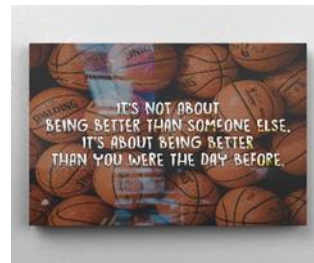
Maya Angelou





**SPORTS...**

**Coach Bacon's girl's soccer squad ready for action.**



**Boys soccer team gets ready to practice skills on a cloudy afternoon.**



Sports are back at ABGS Middle School. Girls are trying out for volleyball. Soon boys will be trying out for basketball! Boys are wrapping up a fun football season while boys and girls are in the midst of soccer season and track. Coach Shabazz shares the track teams triumphs on the loud speaker weekly. Students can still join the track team...by seeing coach Shabazz and filling out an application. Students interested in trying out for a sports team can also speak to their physical education teacher.



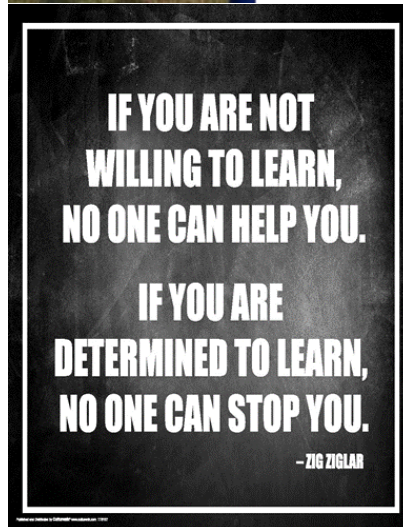


PHOTO: R. Graziosi

**TIGERS POST A WIN  
32-0**

The ABGS TIGERS roared their way to a 32-0 victory over Lawrence Road on Friday, October 15th. Touchdowns were scored by running backs Josh Hailger, Amare Collins, Erick Escobar and Maicol "Machete" Equite. The highlight of the game was watching Jaymes "BIG TICKET" Mathis Maythis sack, scoop and score. He tumbled down the tarmac for thirty yards and scored a TD. "It was exciting to watch 'Big Ticket' and we were all really excited for him," said Coach Graziosi.

*The football Tigers wrap up their season October 29 when they host friendly rival Turtle Hook Middle School. Come watch the game...and see the cheerleaders in action!*



Adelphi STEP Saturday program is up and running for those students interested in taking math, science, gaming, robotics, STEM art, law and creative writing classes on the Adelphi Campus. Students must be vaccinated to attend in-person. Math & Science Remote streaming classes are available for non vaccinated students. Classes are from 9:30am-11:30. Adelphi provides a bus to pick up students 9am at ABGS MS. For more information, please see Ms. Robinson in room 137, period 5 & 6. -Kevin Perez Munoz



Ms. Barnes and her Lady Tigers club were busy coordinating a Breast Cancer Walk raffle to sponsor a group of ABGS students and parents for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk October 17<sup>th</sup> at Jones Beach. The raffle winner is ABGS's own Mrs. Cruz-Castro.



Students present raffle to Mrs. Cruz-Castro



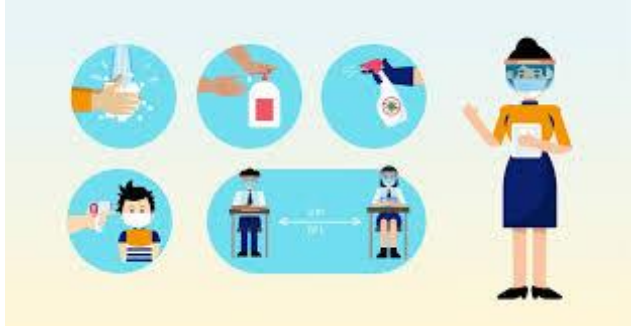
Ms. Barnes and students pose on the Jones Beach boardwalk at beginning of walk.

Photos: P. Barnes



## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS' VOICES!

### Welcome Back! Problems and possible solutions for in-person learning!



#### **Crowded lunchrooms:**

One concern that I have about in-person learning is the lunchroom. The reason why I have a concern for the lunchroom is because there are too many kids crowded in a very small space. **Furthermore**, it's so crowded, there's barely any air to breathe. **However**, one solution to this concern is to eat outside. There'll be more air and it won't be so cramped or crowded because everyone will have their own space. --**Miguel Quiles**

#### **Mask all Day!**

Another concern of mine is wearing a mask all day. It is hard to breathe in masks even though this helps to keep us all safe. Some masks also cause other students to feel or get sleepy during class because of the lack of flow of oxygen. One solution is having mask breaks when needed to get through the day. --**Harmony Shuford**

#### **Take your health seriously!**

In addition, some students don't take their health seriously and don't take others' health seriously. This can be solved by parents making sure their kids shower, wash their hands, and make sure they are not coming to school sick. Parents can enforce that by having their children learn the value of their health and others' health. To summarize this problem, parents must make sure kids shower and know what to do to keep themselves safe from getting sick, especially in these pandemic times. --**Franky Maltez**

#### **Getting the covid vaccine:**

One problem I have with in-person learning is kids who have not gotten a Covid vaccine can catch Covid from their classmates or teachers. Due to

this problem, Covid could spread faster. People could be getting sicker due to their children bringing Covid-19 home to their families from school. Solutions for this problem are having teachers and the students wear masks the correct way in class and school to keep everyone as safe as possible. Schools should require everyone to remain at least 3ft away from each other. --**Janita Maldonado**

#### **Sports and mask:**

The next problem/concern I have is playing sports. How can you play sports when you have a mask on? The reason I have a problem with this is because people love to play sports. However, with the mask on, it may be hard to breathe. A solution to this problem is getting vaccinated and being able to take all masks off for outdoor sports. This is a satisfactory solution because when getting the vaccine, you have a low chance of getting Covid. --**Gabrielle Osorio**

#### **Sharing the hallways:**

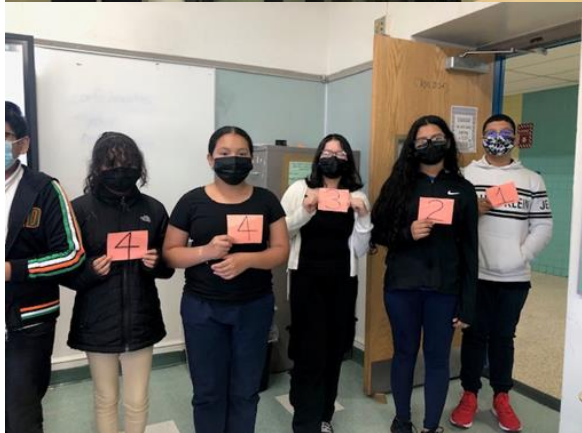
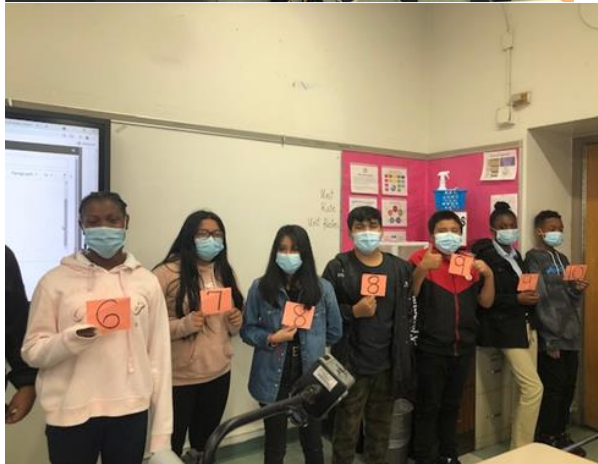
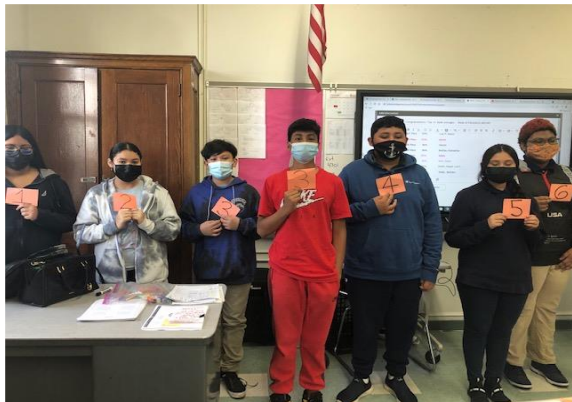
**Indeed**, a problem/concern about in-person learning is encountering others in the hallway. This is a concern because people could catch covid-19 by walking too close to each other. A solution that would help is by having a hallway system. This will help by only having students go one at a time and stay six feet away from each other in the hallways. --**Maicol Equite**

#### **Bathroom monitors:**

Another problem/concern is multiple people being in the bathroom. This is a problem because the bathroom is going to be crowded. If not monitored, students are going to be playing around like always and nobody is going to be there watching. A solution to this problem is to have a bathroom monitor outside of the bathroom, letting no more than four people at a time into the bathroom. This will lower the chance of students playing around and doing things they're not supposed to be doing. --**Narada Powell**



# HUTCHINSON/MYLES MATH CLASS SALUTES TOP 10 ACHIEVERS!



Success is not a result of accident or luck; It originates in habits, built over time. Here are the Top traits of weekly Top 10 math achievers whose cumulative averages from deltamath, ixl etc. qualify them for positions from 1-10 in **Dr. Hutchinson's & Mrs. Myles** mathematics classes.

## 1- Initiative

Achievers get their tasks done.

## 2- Responsibility

Achievers take full responsibility for their actions.

## 3- Will

Achievers stay focused on their goals and been consistent in their efforts.

## 4- Patience

Achievers keep their patience and persistence, till they achieve their goals.

## 5- Passion

Achievers focus on the power that comes from what excites them

## 6- Optimistic

Achievers believe in the good and try to reach there.

## 7- Confidence

Achievers know that self-confidence is one step closer to achieving their dreams.

## 8- Emotionally mature.

Achievers can stay calm under stress.

## 9- High communication skills

Achievers communicate and pay attention to the communicators around them.

## 10- Ethics

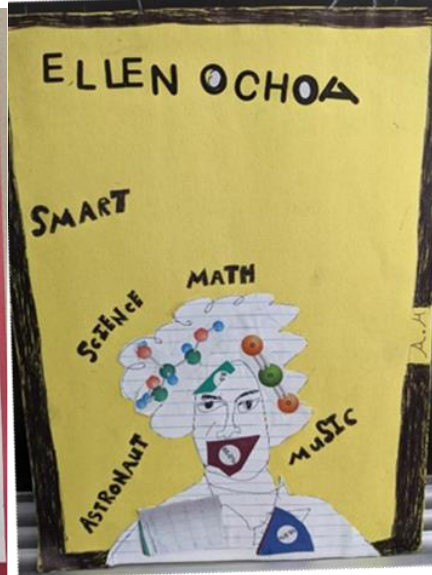
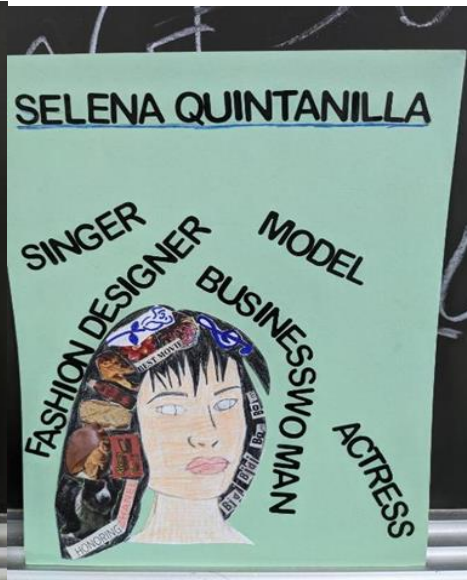
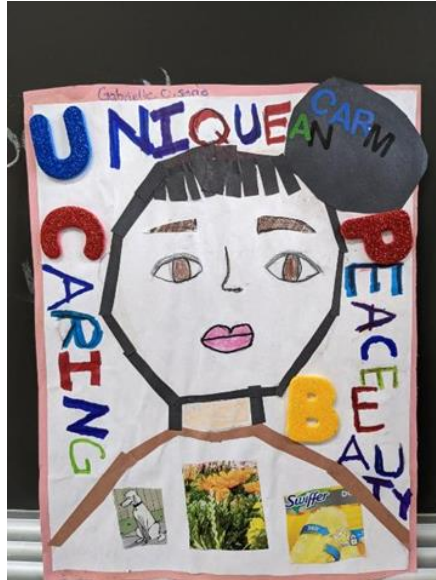
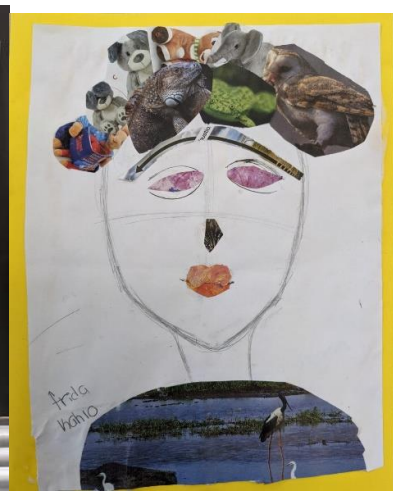
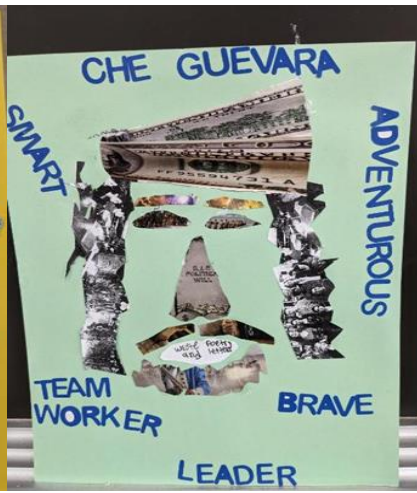
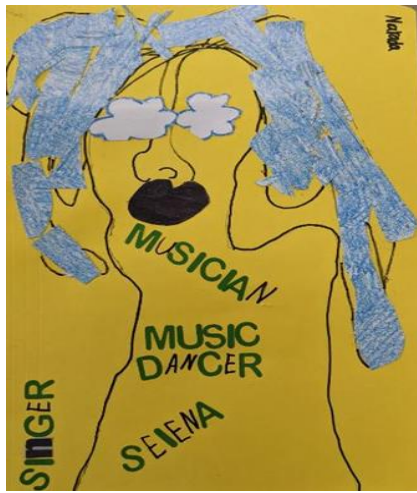
Achievers know honesty is the best policy for everything you do; learn the traits that will make you successful and plan on living them out every day.



*Success doesn't come to you, you go to it.*

- Marva Collins





Ms. Fox/Stone's class celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by creating art montages featuring icons in the Hispanic community, ranging from artists to government to political heroes. The artist renderings will be on display in the hallway. These works showcase the energy, colorful art and creativity that can be found in the Hispanic community all year round.





The lively ABGS MS morning announcements are sure to wake you up and get your day off to a good start! The newsletter club wants to shout out all the impressive voices that start our day! Mondays and Tuesdays – **Bricia Escobar and Jose Licon.** Wednesdays – **Tania Pacheco and Riley Belle.** Thursday and Fridays – **Zeydi Guerra, Gloria Gaitan, and Keyondre Francis.** Keep up the good work!



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Artist Carlos Iscoa reminds us that winter is just around the bend.