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# Science Fair

This Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, is the Annual Academy Prep Science Fair. Students will finally receive the recognition they deserve for their hard work in science. Each category will have a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner and one project will be named the overall 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, which includes **a trip to the Kennedy Space Center's Space Camp!** Families are invited to join us to help set-up from 12-1 p.m., during project judging from 1-3 p.m., and for the awards ceremony at 3 p.m. We hope to see you there!



## **Fun Raising!**



Academy Prep students are learning the value of fund raising. Last weekend, the Varsity Step Team raised over \$300 for new uniforms by selling holiday cards! Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class hosted a Competition Bake Sale to raise money for the Academy Prep Recycling Program and raised \$240. We are VERY PROUD of these students who took the initiative and learned the value of their efforts.

# 7th Grade Field Trip

### **All Aboard for the Historic Ybor Street Car Tour**

We will leave tomorrow, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. for Ybor's Centennial Park. Students should be **dropped off on campus at 8:45 a.m.** Make sure your child eats breakfast and brings a **bag lunch**. Students should wear their **Academy Prep polo shirt, jeans or shorts, and closed-toed shoes**. Please **pick-up your student at 12:30 p.m.** – no later than 12:45 p.m. Parents are welcome to join us as chaperones and earn volunteer hours.





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# Debate Divas



The Debate Divas with coach,  
Ms. Spicer, and chaperone, Ms. Jacobs

The Academy Prep Debate Team competed in the Emory Urban Debate in Atlanta, GA this past weekend. There were 31 middle school teams of two that competed in the novice division and two of those teams were from Academy Prep. Each of the 62 students were evaluated both as individual speakers and teams. This debate consisted of four 35-minute rounds. Our Divas returned home with 6 awards! Derecia Timmons took 13<sup>th</sup> as an individual speaker and Aerial Reese took 10<sup>th</sup> as an individual speaker.

In the team competition, Derecia and Aerial took 15<sup>th</sup> place and Dominique Barker and Queen Williams took 5<sup>th</sup> place. We are all extremely proud of the work and dedication exhibited by these students.

### Important Dates & Activities

Nov 18	7 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip (Mandatory) (Volunteer Opportunities)
Nov 20	Science Fair (Volunteer Opportunities)
Nov 20-21	No Study Hall – 5 p.m. Dismissal
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Dec 9	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , and 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trips (Mandatory) (Volunteer Opportunities) 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade SSAT at Berkeley
Dec 11-14	Midterm Testing
Dec 13-14	Romeo and Juliet, 7 p.m.
Dec 15	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period

# Reindeer Run



The 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will participate in this event, which is sponsored by the Tampa Bay Lightning, on December 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last field trip of the year and is mandatory that all 7<sup>th</sup> graders attend. Please complete and return the green entry form (entry fee has been waved) found in your student's Friday Folder. This form must be completed and returned to the school office in order for you child to attend. An absence from this field trip will count as an unexcused absence from the school program.