

Shining a light on the latest hot topics!

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*Adjective*

1. emitting light as a result of being heated.
2. Passionate or brilliant

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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Interviews with former teachers
- 8th grade thank-yous
- Current slang

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## Tragedy at Howard High School

by Aa'khai Hollis

A local high school, Howard High School of Technology, has been hit with two tragic events within the span of a month. On April 21st, sophomore Amy Joyner-Francis was beaten to death in a bathroom, and on May 19th, freshman Brandon Wingo was shot dead as he walked home from school.

Students at Howard are mourning the death of both of these students who had promising futures ahead of them. Amy was studying nursing, and was ironically known as someone who was

against violence. Brandon was a promising athlete who was always polite.

According to the National Center for School Crisis & Bereavement, by the time children complete high school, most will experience the death of a family member or friend, with 5% of children experiencing the death of a parent by 16 years of age. **Nearly 40% will experience the death of a peer, and 20% will have witnessed a death.** These numbers are staggering!

The principal at Howard stressed that that the incidents are not a reflection of the school, but rather the

harsh reality of the challenges the city of Wilmington is facing. The story is about two young promising students who tragically lost their lives, NOT Howard High School.

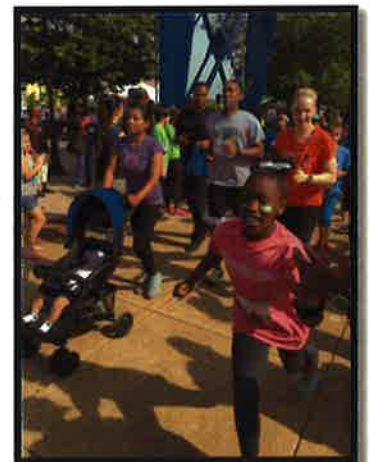
Just because we are not at Howard does not mean that these tragedies haven't had an impact on us. Some of our students knew these the victims. Some of our alumni attend Howard, and some of our soon-to-be graduates are planning to go there next year. Everything happens for a reason. Howard IS a good school, just like TECS. Maybe Howard needs more students like us to make a change there.

## 5K Fun for Girls on the Run!

by Braheem Wilson

"Y-E-L-L yell everybody yell wooooo you go girl wooooo raise the roof!!" That is a chant our Girls on the Run team says to get them ready to run. "Girls on the Run teaches us how to be friendly and kind" says Lanay Smith. I went to the Girls on the Run Practice 5K where the girls had to run 31 laps around the bus yard. Some of the girls started off

very fast and others started off slow because they now they will need some of their energy for later. It's not all always about speed for these girls. Not only were students running, but also some parents, teachers, and staff participated. Parents, coaches, and students all supported and motivated the girls. Even some siblings came to support the girls. The official 5K run was on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Riverfront.



# EDISON LEGEND - Taylor Young

by Xavier Goodman



Taylor, 3rd grade

**Xavier:** *How do you want to be remembered?*

**Taylor:** **I want to be remembered as a good student.**

**XG:** *How do you feel about leaving TECS?*

**TY:** **I'm sad because I've been here since kindergarten.**

**XG:** *How has the school changed since you've been here?*

**TY:** **The teachers have changed. Some have left and some are now teaching different grades.**

**XG:** *How have you changed over the years?*

**TY:** **I had some rough times, but I got my grades back up to par.**

**XG:** *Will you come and visit after you graduate?*

**TY:** **Yes.**

**XG:** *What do you like most about TECS?*

**TY:** **The different activities they**

**have here.**

**XG:** *What was the first thought that came to mind when you realized you were leaving after this year?*

**TY:** **I thought... "I can't believe I'm really going to be leaving my school after this year."**

## NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT:

**Mr.  
Manucci**  
by Lanay Smith

**Lanay:** *What's your favorite thing about Edison?*

**Mr. Manucci:** **I have very supportive staff.**

**LS:** *Where did you go to college?*

**MM:** **Del State, TU for my Masters, and John Hopkins.**

**LS:** *Are you originally from Delaware?*

**MM:** **Yes, but I have been living in Baltimore for 11 years.**

**LS:** *Why did you decide to be a teacher?*

**MM:** **Because teaching is meaningful!**

**LS:** *What message would you like to send to the students of Thomas Edison?*

**MM:** **"Anyone who's has never made a mistake, has never tried anything new." Also... "Don't be scared to make mistakes, as long as you learn from them."**

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Ms. Keiffer

by Aniah Crippen

**Aniah:** *What has been going on in your life since you left TECS?*

**Ms. Keiffer:** **For the past three years I have been working at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. I work on a research grant called Project ACCESS. I've also been applying to graduate schools, and was accepted into The University of Virginia's PhD program in clinical and school psychology. I will start my first semester of the program in the fall.**

**AC:** *Why did you leave TECS?*

**MK:** **I left TECS because I wanted to get the experience I needed to pursue a PhD in psychology so that I could have a career helping students to achieve their full potential socially and academically.**

**AC:** *What is your favorite memory from your time at TECS?*

**MK:** **I have so many great**

**memories from the time I taught at TECS, it's hard to pick just one! Some of my favorite memories are of the times I would have lunch with my students in my classroom and we would talk, have dance parties, and just be silly together.**

**AC:** *What was the hardest part of your job?*

**MK:** **There are so many different roles and responsibilities that teachers juggle – they are mentors, guidance counselors, therapists, caregivers, supporters, listeners, as well as teachers. The hardest part of my job was trying manage all of these different roles and to try to be the best teacher I possibly could to all of my students, who each had different backgrounds, likes, dislikes, strengths and weaknesses.**

**AC:** *What made you want to be a teacher?*

**MK:** **I wanted to become a teacher because I love working with children. There is no better or more rewarding feeling than helping a child grow and watching them achieve success.**

**AC:** *What was the most important lesson you learned your first year teaching?*

**MK:** **The most important lesson I learned my first year teaching is**

**that passion, persistence and hard work always pays off, for students as well as teachers. When you put passion into what you do each day, and never give up, no matter how difficult it may get, you will never fail.**

**AC:** *What message would you like to send to your former students?*

**MK:** **I want each and every one of my former students to know that I think of you all always, miss you terribly, and wish the best future for each of you. You each touched my life in your own unique way, and I am so grateful that I had the privilege and opportunity to get to know you and to be your teacher. You all have the potential and ability to achieve whatever you want in life, and you will always have a supporter and friend in me. Please keep in touch – I am always excited to hear about your lives and your accomplishments!**



# History of Mothers and Fathers Day



by Lanay Smith

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. In the United States, the celebration of Mother's Day began in the early 20th century.

Father's Day is a celebration honor-

ing fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. Many countries celebrate it on the third Sunday of June, though it is also celebrated widely on other days by many other countries.

After the success obtained by Anna Jarvis with the promotion of Mother's Day in Grafton, West Virginia, the first observance of a "Father's Day" was held on July 5, 1908, in Fairmont,

West Virginia, in the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church. Grace Golden Clayton was mourning the loss of her father when, on December 1907, the Monongah Mining Disaster in nearby Monongah killed 361 men, 250 of them fathers, leaving around a thousand fatherless children. Clayton suggested her pastor Robert Thomas Webb do something to honor all those fathers.

## NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Romano

by Darius Jacobs

**Darius:** *What made you want to teach at Thomas Edison?*

**Ms. Romano:** *I like that it is a family here and I like the mission of the school.*

**DJ:** *How did you find out about Thomas Edison?*

**MR:** *I learned about it through a program called Teach For America.*

**DJ:** *Where are you from?*

**MR:** *I'm from New Jersey City.*

**DJ:** *Do you like teaching at this*

*school?*

**MR:** *I love it and enjoy it here. The staff and kids are great!*

**DJ:** *What sports do you play or like?*

**MR:** *My favorite sport is basketball.*

**DJ:** *Do you have a message to say to students?*

**MR:** *Always work hard and stay positive.*

**DJ:** *What was the most important lesson you learned for it being your first year teaching?*

**MR:** *You have to really get to know your students.*



Ms. Romano

## EDISON LEGEND: Ky-Aira Williams

by Aa'khai Hollis

**Aa'khai:** *What will people remember you by the most?*

**Ky'Aira:** *Probably my Instagram!*

**AH:** *Do you think that you have changed since being here and if so, how?*

**KW:** *Yes, my behavior has gotten better and I'm more quiet.*

**AH:** *Do you think that this year*

*at TECS has been more challenging than your other years?*

**KW:** *Yes, because it's my last year and I have to get ready for high school.*

**AH:** *Who is your favorite teacher?*

**KW:** *Mr. Till because he be coolin', and Ms. Parker because she also be coolin'. Mr. Durant sometimes too because he be*

*geekin'!*

**AH:** *What high school are you going to?*

**KW:** *Howard.*

**AH:** *What career field are you studying?*

**KW:** *Either nursing or cosmetology.*



Ky-Aira, 3rd grade



**BEST  
WISHES  
TO THE  
CLASS  
OF 2016!**

**WE ARE  
SO  
PROUD  
OF YOU!**

**Jah’Kai Al-Amin** – *I would like to thank Ms. Downing and Mrs. Inniss...my two favorite teachers.*

**Destini Anderson** – *I would like to thank everyone for getting me through 9 great years.*

**Kylah Arnold** – *I would like to thank Mr. Belcher for being with me since 6<sup>th</sup> grade and helping me be who I am.*

**Shaquan Britt** – *I would like to thank Ms. Veney because she helped me a lot.*

**Alijah Brokenbrough** – *I would like to thank all the teachers for helping me with my work.*

**Keandre Buckham** – *I want to thank Mrs. Inniss for all of her support.*

**Jahkyah Clayton** – *I would like to thank my math teacher, Mr. Arya, and also Jahniya, Mari, Davion, and Kavai.*



**Jah’Ray Davis** – *I want to thank Mrs. Inniss for staying on me and helping me with my work.*

**U’Quan Davis** – *I want to thank Mrs. Inniss. She is one of the best teachers.*

**Kiyon Deshields** – *I want to thank Mrs. Inniss for keeping me out of trouble and looking out for me.*

**Ameer Eldridge** – *I would like to thank Ms. Parker because she pushes me to do my work.*

**Byron Ezembakwe** – *I would like to thank Mr. Potts for being like another father figure and treating me somewhat like a son.*

**Darius Jacobs** – *I would like to thank Mrs. Inniss because she pushes me to do my work.*

# Last Words F

*And Mr. Arya, too!*

**Ajee Jamison** – *I want to thank Mrs. Inniss for pushing me to do better and Ms. Parker as well...they both are the best.*

**Amiel Joe** – *I want to thank all of the teachers for helping me do my best.*

**Elijah Jones** – *I want to thank Ms. Downing, Mr. Till, Mrs. Inniss, Mr. Arya, Mr. Durant, and Ms. Angie.*

**Jahniya Jones** – *I want to thank Mr. Till, Ms. Davis, Mrs. Inniss, and Ms. Parker.*

**Drequan Parker** – *I would like to thank Mrs. Inniss for pushing me and to do better.*

**Shamar Richards** – *I want to thank Mrs. Inniss because she pushes me to do my work.*

**Kylah Ruff** – *I want to thank Mrs. Inniss because she pushed me to do my best.*

**Jemas Saylor** – *I want to thank Mrs. Inniss for boosting my confidence in doing my work.*

**Demetri Smith** – *I would like to thank all the teachers.*

**Destiny Smith** – *I would like to thank Mr. EL, Mr. Arya, and Mrs. Inniss.*

**Xavier Wedington** – *I want to thank Mr. Arya and Mrs. Inniss.*

**Cashmere Young** – *I would like to thank Principal EL and Mr. diMichelle.*

**Justice Brown** – *I want to thank Ms. Inniss for supporting me when I was down and Mr. Till, Mr. Durant, Mr. Arya, Ms. Davis, Ms. Parker and Jaquan.*

**Ronajah Anderson** – *I would like to thank all my teachers for pushing me to do my best.*

**Elijah Atley** – *I would like to thank all my teachers for teaching me what I know.*

# om Our Graduates



by Jaquan Lacy and Nafis Murray

**Brianna Bateman**—*I would like to thank Mr. Till...he encouraged me to do my best.*

**Zyair Benson**—*I would thank all my 7th and 8th grade teachers for helping me get through my classes.*

**Davion Bowers-Manlove** -*I would like to thank Ms. Parker and the other teachers for pushing me even harder to try!!*

**Jairus Branch**—*I would like to thank all of my teachers that believed in me.*

**Taelynn Brooks**—*I would like to say thank you to Mr. Belcher for helping me through the school year and for being a great coach.*

**Kavai Brown**—*I would thank all of my teachers.*

**Charnae Dredden-Bivens** - *I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Inniss for helping me through out the school year.*

**Eric Farrell** - *I want to thank Mr. Durant for pushing me to be the best.*

**Josiah Harris** - *I would like to thank my mom for allowing me to come to this school to get an education and for supporting me.*

**Kahlia Hart** - *I would like to thank all of the teachers for teaching me and giving me good education.*

**Shanea Higgin** - *I would thank everyone for being a part of my life. Sure I had good days and bad ones but I wouldn't be the person I am today without you guys XOXOXO...*

**Deontae Holland** —*I want to thank Mr. Shelton for keeping me in shape and making sure I'm doing good.*

**Nautica Hunter**—*I would like to thank my teachers and friends for supporting me, and myself for never giving up!*

**David Ironkwe**—*I would thank Ms. Pettit for helping me control my anger...thank you, all.*

**Hughroy Johnson** - *I would like to thank Mr. Arya for helping me with high school and my friends and all my*

*teachers.*

**Albert Kamara** - *I would like to thank Mr. Arya because he helped me understand my work.*

**Jaquan Lacy** - *I would like to thank Mr. Till for being the best teacher.*

**Kamarr McManus** - *I would like to thank Jahkyah, Mari, Jahniya J, and Ms. Stigars.*

**Nafis Murray**: - *I would like to thank Mrs. Inniss and Mr. Arya for pushing me to a higher level.*

**Andre Parker**: -*I would thank Mrs. Inniss for believing in me.*

**India Salam** - *I would thank my eighth grade self for being strong and Elijah for helping me when I need it*

**Mari Smallwood**— *I would like to thank my teachers & my attitude.*

**Ariyan Smith**— *I'd like to thank Ms. B and Mr. Warner for helping me get into Cab-Callaway. I couldn't have done it without them.*

**Andrew Thompson**— *All of my teachers because of their tough love.*

**Antonio Vasquez**— *I would like to thank all of my teachers for giving me my knowledge.*

**Joy Watson**— *I would like to thank my mom for encouraging me throughout the year.*

**D'Jireh Williams**: - *I am thankful for Ms. Stigars for being one of the best teachers and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor teachers for helping me prepare for next year.*

**Ky-Aira Williams**—*I would like to thank myself, my teachers, a couple of friends, and Principal EL because they helped me get through the year.*

**D'Andre Wise**—*I would like to thank Mrs. Inniss for pushing me and also Mr. Till.*

**Taylor Young** - *I'd thank myself because I am a hard worker and I helped myself improve.*

## TWIN SPOTLIGHT: The Wynns

by Niyah Ramos

**Niyah:** Who was born first?

**Ivoniah:** I was!

**NR:** Ivoniah, do you like having a twin?

**Ivoniah:** No...she is mean to me sometimes and doesn't always share.

**NR:** What do you two do together?

**Ivoniah:** We play together, but sometimes we do fight.

**NR:** Do you and your twin sometimes say the same things?

**Ivoniah:** Yes, sometimes.

**NR:** Do you and your twin act the same?

**Ivoniah:** Noooooooooooo! Not at all!

**NR:** Do you two argue a lot?

**Ivoniah:** Yeah, we do.

**NR:** Do you ever get along?

**Ivoniah:** Yeah, a little bit.

**NR:** How does it feel to have a twin?



Ivoniah & Ivoniah Wynn

**Ivoniah:** It's weird sometimes. I don't like that her face is the same as my face.

## Talent Show Recap

by

Braheem Wilson

On Thursday May 19, 2016, Edison's most talented students showed off their skills at the annual talent show "Edison's Got Talent". There were a lot of dancing acts and singing acts but there were other acts that were pretty unique also. "All the acts were very good! Picking a winner was tough." says Ms. Johnson. There were ties for 1<sup>st</sup> place in both the K-4 group and the 5-8 group. Reiko Bailey took home the grand prize with his dance moves! He even had all of the participants join him on stage for the end of his act. It was a great way to end the show.



## New Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Rehmann

by Davion Bowers-Manlove

**Davion:** What made you start teaching?

**Ms. Rehmann:** I always wanted to be a teacher, and I had a really good math teacher in high school who CHANGED my life.

**DB:** Where are you from?

**MR:** I'm from Delran, New Jersey.

**DB:** How did you find out about Thomas Edison?

**MR:** When I was in school at the University Of Delaware,

my teacher and people in my program told me the teachers at Thomas Edison bent over backwards and worked really hard for their students.

**DB:** As it is approaching the end of the school year, what have you learned as a first year teacher?

**MR:** I've learned that I can't expect perfection from myself or from my students...we're all learning and growing together.

**DB:** What is the message you would like to share with the students of TECS?




Ms. Rehmann

**MR:** Hard work will get you where you want to be.

## What is Leukemia?

by Aa'khai Hollis

 Leukemia is cancer that originates in blood-forming tissue. The disease is characterized by the uncontrolled growth of blood cells, usually white blood cells (leukocytes), in the bone marrow. White blood cells are a fundamental component of the body's immune response.

The leukemia cells crowd out and replace normal blood and marrow cells. Symptoms of acute leukemia depend on how much the cancer has grown. They may include:

- A new lump or swollen gland in your neck or under your arm.
- Frequent nosebleeds, bleeding from the gums, or more frequent bruising
- Frequent fevers.
- Night sweats.

- Bone pain.
- Unexplained appetite loss or recent weight loss.
- Feeling tired a lot without a known reason.
- Swelling and pain on the left side of the belly.

For more information about leukemia, please visit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's webpage: [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org).

# Salad Cakes...?

by Xavier Goodman

Would you ever eat a cake that was made out of fruits and vegetables? Well in Japan "salad" cakes have become the next big thing. The typical diet in Japan incorporates a lot of vegetables, so it's not a big surprise that they have used vegetables even in their desserts. These kind of cakes may sound weird to us, but to them they are delicious!



**Ms. Flores' Pilipino Phrase of the Month**

*Malapit na ang pagtatapos ng ating pag-aaral*

*"School is about to be over!"*

## Current Slang

by Lanay Smith

**big facts** - A response given to a statement that someone strongly agrees with. (Variation: *biggie facts*)

**little facts** - A response given to a statement that someone agrees with.

**Yessif** - Another way to say *yes*.

**Bagel** - Another way to say *no*. (Or you could say *Nosif*.)

**L** - Lite Work, which means easy stuff. Ex: *Hey, can you handle my lite work?*



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Mr. Estes

by Braheem Wilson

**Braheem:** *How many years were you here at Thomas Edison?*

**Mr. Estes:** I was at Thomas Edison for three years.

**BW:** *How many years have you taught?*

**ME:** In total I have taught for six years.

**BW:** *What have you been doing for the past couple years? Tell us about some of your experiences.*

**ME:** Well it's been interesting to go from teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I went from teaching everything to teaching math and writing. I really miss having my own class. Outside of school I bought a house last September and am getting

married this upcoming September.

**BW:** *What made you want to teach?*

**ME:** I never thought I wanted to be a teacher...I actually wanted to get into law. I got a full scholarship to Penn state. I wanted to repay the person that gave me all this money to go to school, and the only way I thought I could was to pass on knowledge.

**BW:** *We were your very first students. What is a memory from that year that you will never forget?*

**ME:** That not only did I teach you, but you taught me! You guys taught me all about me and how to be better.

**BW:**

*What message would you like us to pass along to your*

*former Edison students?*

**ME:** Always put your best foot forward. Hard work beats talent!!!



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The Edison Incandescent staff is made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students of Thomas Edison Charter School. In addition to going the distance to find the latest stories, the newspaper staff also meets every day to make sure they bring you nothing but the truth regarding the latest events happening in our school.

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## FAMILY SPOTLIGHT:

### The Smith Family

by Allysha Collick



Allysha Collick: *What made you come to Edison?*

Mr. Smith: *I came because I was retired and Principal EL felt that I would be good for this job.*

Lanay Smith: *I heard it was a good school.*

Stephfan Smith: *I came because my old school was very violent.*

AC: *Lanay and Stephfan, is it annoying when people say "I'm going to tell your dad!"?*

LS: *Yes, because sometimes I don't do anything wrong.*

SS: *Kind of. Since my dad works here they want to see if I will get in trouble.*

AC: *Do you like having your dad work here at the school?*

LS: *Yes and no. Yes because when I need money for stuff I can just ask. No because if stuff happens everybody runs to my dad.*

SS: *Yes, because I get to see him a lot!*

AC: *Mr. Smith, do you like having Stephfan and Lanay here at Thomas Edison?*

Mr. Smith: *Yes, because I get to spend time with them and get to see them grow.*



## What Causes Allergies?

by Aakhai Hollis



Allergies are abnormal immune system reactions to things that are typically harmless to most people. When you're allergic to something, your immune system mistakenly believes that this substance is harmful to your body. (Substances that cause allergic reactions, such as certain foods, dust, plant pollen, or medicines, are known as allergens.)

In an attempt to protect the body, the immune system produces IgE antibodies to that allergen. Those antibodies then cause certain cells in the body to release chemicals into the bloodstream, one of which is histamine (pronounced: HIS-tuh-meem).

The histamine then acts on the eyes, nose, throat, lungs, skin, or gastrointestinal tract and causes the symptoms of the allergic reaction. Future exposure to that same allergen will trigger this antibody response again. This means that every time you come into contact with that allergen, you'll have an allergic reaction.