



# The Raptor Call

**EEACS**  
EXECUTIVE EDUCATION ACADEMY  
CHARTER SCHOOL

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## Raptor Calendar

### April 2018

- 2 School Closed - Spring Holiday
- 9 End of 3rd Quarter
- 10 SAT Testing
- 18 Student's Do Not Report (conferences)
- 26 School Board Member Meeting

### May 2018

- 14-18 Keystone Testing Grades 9 and 10
- 21-22 Keystone Testing Grades 10 and 11
- 22 Founders Day
- 24 School Board Meeting
- 26 School closed - Memorial Day

## Larger Lunch Portions? *Yes, Please!*



Nicole Polanco,  
Managing Editor,  
Designer

We all need a little extra on our plates, right? It is shown that a complete meal for teenagers consists of 1,000-1,200 calories. Our meals consist of only 750-850 calories, which is not enough for us to carry out our day. The reason behind the low calories is to maintain a healthy meal for students, but one size shouldn't fit all. As a caring member of the board, I felt this issue should be addressed.

My proposal for EEACS meal portions was drawn up and given to Mr. Ubele, Mr. Flavel, Mr.

Lysek, and food analyst, Kim Bjorkman. After several meetings, and feedback from my peers, I am happy to report that our petition has been heard and is, in fact, in process. The good news is that this issue is being addressed, but the bad news is that it will take some time. The estimated time for these meal portion changes to occur ranges from the ending of this school year to the beginning of the next school year.

While you wait, chew on this: other big changes for the cafeteria next year are also on the way. They include a salad bar, hot meals, a juice bar, wider variety for ala carte items, and more.



## Congrats, Grads!!



From left to right: Guillermo Duran, Mireika Cuevas, Elias Cruz, Charlie Dent, Henry Jimenez, Shy-Diek Francis, Nicole Polanco, and Joseph Rosa.

supporting all the graduates, but Mr. Waldron, Mr. Wiltshire, and Mrs. Wendel also came to show their EEACS pride. Congressman Charlie Dent took time away from a family function to speak at the ceremony and gave valuable advice and congratulations to all of us. At the end of the day, we received certificates and a few college credits plus skills and confidence that will last a lifetime.

For those thinking of joining next session, I highly recommend it.

Joseph Rosa,  
News Editor



On Sunday, March 11th, the Dale Carnegie Young Adult Leadership Program presented its most recent class of graduates, many of whom were EEACS students. The Dale Carnegie Program is a program designed to make better leaders. I was lucky enough to be apart of it, as well as Henry Jimenez, Nicole Polanco, Guillermo Duran, Elias Cruz, Shy-Diek Wright-Francis, Oniya Bryant, and Mireika Cuevas. We went every Sunday for 8 weeks and did exercises on public speaking, eye contact, remembering people's names, and how to leave a good first impression.

I'm not going to lie, the first 3 weeks were a pain just because of the early waking, but it was all worth it at the end. If you are comfortable speaking publicly, like myself, this will improve those skills indefinitely. If you're a shy person that doesn't really like talking, but wants to be able to present your ideas, this is perfect for you. People who weren't really social when we began the program improved their social skills so much that it honestly surprised me. Our instructor, Mike, was very impressed with the amount of progress he saw in such a small amount of time.

The graduation ceremony on Sunday was filled with family members

## News

### DECA: Reach For The Stars!



Isaiah Rodriguez,  
News Editor

In the month of February, a few of our very own went to Hershey, Pa for a DECA competition. DECA stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America and prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

Attending members included Fernando Gatón, Jennifer Garcia, Christian Nonirit, Joseph Rosa and many others from 11th and 10th grades. We even brought one 9th grader, Skylene Acevedo.

The 3 day departure started off with an opening ceremony and a 100 question test. The following day, we competed in role-plays where we were placed in a scenario and had to answer how we'd solve the situation in front of judges. The preliminary awards show followed that evening, and the next and final day of the state competition, we had the awards ceremony. This year the highest scoring team was Henry Jimenez and John Gonzalez. This was their first year, and they outscored everyone else that went. Congratulations to Henry and John!



Everyone had much fun during this trip. This was my second time and the school's third time competing, and it is a great experience for students. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, and you want to know more about DECA, inquire with Mr. Conklin or Ms. Prodes.

## Sports



Reggie McGirt,  
Sports Editor

This has been a banner year in sports. The Philadelphia Eagles have won the 2018 Super Bowl for the first time in franchise history, the Villanova Wildcats have won their second national championship in 3 years with a 79-62 victory over the Michigan Wolverines, and with the NBA season approaching playoff time, the two number 1 seeds are the Houston Rockets led by James Harden and the Toronto Raptors led by the duo of Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan.

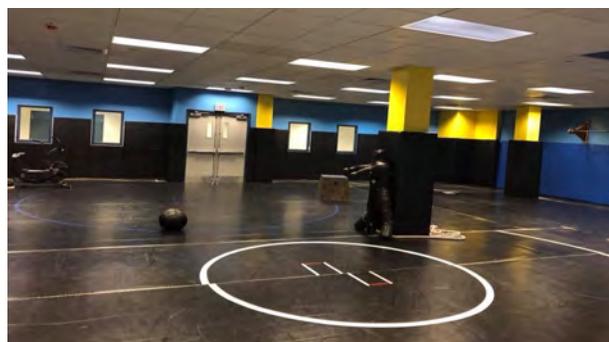
With all these amazing things going on in the sports world, EEACS is having its own come-up. In anticipation of our new gym, students and staff are already gearing up for athletic programs in wrestling, basketball, boxing, and more.

Wrestling club, run by Mr. Flavell, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. I had a chance to meet with Mr. Flavell and find out a little about his wrestling background. He has wrestled for about 28 years, and with that, has won plenty of medals and awards. His vision for this club is to enter the PIAA league and compete. Although he has those

aspirations, it won't be able to happen unless more people join. Coaches with his experience and passion don't come around everyday, so make sure to get signed up and participate if you're interested.

Another club, led by Mr. Cunningham, is the basketball club held at the East Side Youth Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. His goals are to compete in summer league games this year and to put together a competitive team for our school next year. We have been waiting for this for a long time! The times for this program are from 2:45-5:30, and you need to contact Mr. Cunningham and be in good standing to join.

There is an enormous amount of athletic talent at EEACS, and I feel our teams will be very successful in the future. With the new gym expected to be finished by next school year, now is the time to join clubs, condition, and workout because EEACS Raptors are coming in with a bang!



## Editorial

### Know the Past to Speak the Truth



Henry Jimenez,  
Editorial Editor

Knowing where you will go in the future is a bit mysterious and also very exciting. The truth of becoming something great only depends on how you change yourself after going through various challenges.

Mr. Waldron is no stranger to having challenges thrown into his life; as a matter of fact, it's what made him into the person we see today. Mr. Waldron didn't know what he wanted to do with his future, but he was told this by his father "do what you like, be your own boss." He was big on morals and tried not to complain about a job because his father had also mentioned to him, "If you're not willing to do a job, don't complain about it." His father telling him key details like this made him grow into a person who believed in the philosophy that he is on this earth to to serve others and not himself. He knew, after high school, he wanted to help people.

After an incident where a girl he knew was abused, Mr. Waldron decided he wanted to be part of law enforcement to help the weak and keep order in this world. He flipped a coin to decide if he wanted to go to LA or Miami which, at the time, were two of the most dangerous places in America. The coin sent him off to Miami on January 3rd.

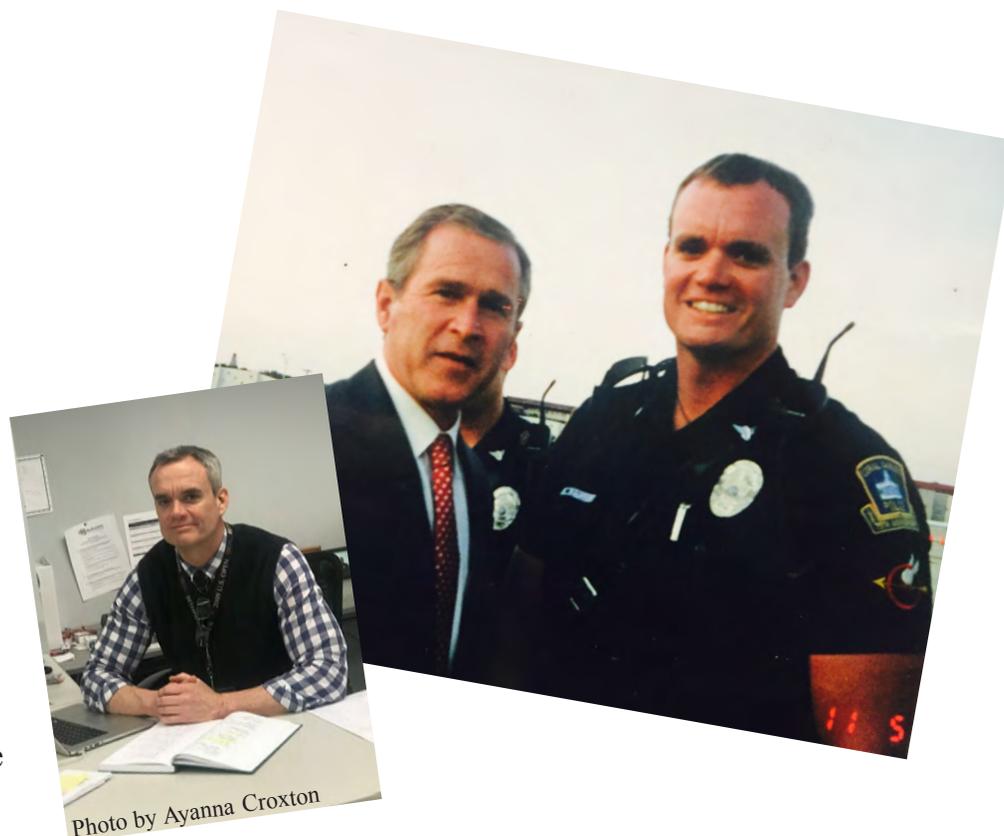
He was picked second and was frustrated that he did not get picked first, which, in turn, made him strive to become better than the guy who was first. The ongoing spirit of Mr. Waldron was his drive to be the best at what he does. His philosophy, "Always work like you're in last place" should be taken by all of us to realize the leaking potential we have, that everyone has.

Not only did we learn valuable information about his past, but we wanted to talk about real problems that our generation is facing. We asked, "What do you think is the biggest issue with our generation?" He replied with, "I think the biggest issue with this generation is the amount of respect that you show to each other and your elders. Where is the respect to the hierarchy? We are all equal, but you respect the man in control. That is one aspect that has been lost."

Another is social media. The amount of useless information, rumors, and idolizing people who are least important to us is a problem. He said, "I think we need to start showing people who achieve greatness by working to support their family with what they have, not just the people who gets lots of attention." I agree with what he states here. It's kind of sad to think we have gotten this low, using social media this way, and not showing respect to the people who were here first. Mr. Waldron has been through a lot in his life, so what he says to us is the truth, and what he said *about* us is also the truth.

Diving into his past and exploring the weaknesses of our generation was a really good way to open our eyes. Thanking Mr. Waldron, we should take what he says seriously and actually make changes to the bad tendencies we have adopted.

Do you know of a student or staff member with an interesting story to tell? Email us at [raptorcalleacs@gmail.com](mailto:raptorcalleacs@gmail.com)



## Editorial

### Remarkable Raptors



Congratulations to Jose Rivera (left with Mr Rendon), winner of the Financial Literacy Center Classroom Competition!

#### 9th Grade Students of the Month:

**Algebra I:** Skylene Acevedo

**U.S. History:** Scarlet Dilone Pichardo

**Spanish I:** Briyanah Brockett

**Science:** Lia Ramos

**Spanish I:** Carmen Estevez

**Business:** Ashley Rodriguez

**Health:** Africa Stokes

**Algebra:** Makayla Hernandez

#### 10th Grade Students of the Month:

**Biology:** Yannet Garcia

**Studio Art II:** Ali De La Rosa

**Geometry:** Anaiyah Gonsalves-Omieri

**Spanish II:** Apherny Corniel Rodriguez

**Geometry:** Lucy Velazquez

**Spanish II:** Christian Nonirit

**Business:** Jason Nortfil

**World Literature:** Ramon Colon

**World History:** Hector Medina

#### 11th Grade Students of the Month:

**Algebra II:** Cynthia Ramos

**Environmental Science:** Afat Vivieca

**Buisness:** Shaniza Rivera

**ELA:** Victoria Toruella

**Creative Writing:** Joseph Rosa

**Government:** Aaron Araujo

**Algebra:** Dejah Reimert

**Studio Art III:** Jennifer Garcia

**SAT Prep:** Abely Sosa

*Keep up the great work, Raptors!*

### Lunch Time Poll



**If you could listen to only 1 musical artist for the rest of your life, who would it be?**

Big Sean ~ Cynthia Ramos

IceJFFish ~ Ayanna Jackson

Justin Rarri ~ Anonymous

Frank Sinatra ~ Elijah Vega

Kenny G ~ Brandon Jones

Mandisa ~ Mrs. Good

Bob Marley ~ Mrs. Tasker

Michael Jackson ~ Mr. Wiltshire

Pearl Jam ~ Mr. Waldron



**If our school was given \$100,000, and it was up to you, how would it be spent?**

"New uniforms and a better cafeteria with better food" ~ Nas

"A new science lab" ~ Amber

"Library for high school" ~ Mr. Ubele

"Media rooms and musical theatre." ~ Mr. Christian

"Taking students to Spanish speaking countries" ~ Ms. Sostre

"A football field" ~ Jelly Bean, Aaron, and Reggie

"Clean the filtration system and get our own school buses" ~ Mr. Bell

"Field trips" ~ Raul

"Cosmetology school" ~ Leidy

"Medical college classes" ~ Emily

## Features

### Hot Topic: Wings



Shy-Diek W.F.

Recently, members of *The Raptor Call* thought about a question that could change the minds of thousands of people. What place has the best hot wings? We asked students about their favorite wing spots and conducted a blind taste-test of each on the categories of chicken quality, sauce flavor, cook, and heat. Then we compared prices. For those lucky enough to read this, we recommend the best hot wings in town:

	Chicken Quality	Sauce Flavor	Cook	Heat Rating	Overall SCORE	Price
Charles	2.11	1.88	2.33	2.00	2.77	\$
Hops	2.00	3.55	2.22	3.00	3.59	\$\$
Buffalo W.W.	3.33	2.44	3.11	2.00	3.63	\$\$\$
Wing Stop	3.11	3.22	2.77	3.00	4.03	\$\$
Woody's	4.11	3.11	3.66	3.00	4.63	\$\$\$
PJS	3.88	3.88	3.55	3.00	4.77	\$\$\$



Wing Panel (from left to right): Mr. Wiltshire, Henry Jimenez, Mr. Burcin, Isaiah Rodriguez, Shy-Diek W.R., Joseph Rosa, Mrs. Good, Michael Diaz, Reggie McGirt

**Charles'** wings have the lowest overall rating out of all the places we tried. The sauce flavor was disappointing, because it tasted funny and wasn't really hot, and it scored low on cook because they were kind of hard. These wings were the cheapest; however, so not much is to be expected from them.

At **Hop's**, the meat itself didn't stand up to the competition, and the outside texture wasn't great, so it has the lowest ranking in cook and chicken quality. Now the sauce... the sauce was surprisingly good to everyone who tasted it, and the heat of these wings were tied with the best on this list. The price of the wings at Hop's are not expensive but not cheap like Charles.

**Buffalo Wild Wings** barely edged out Hops because they ranked well in chicken quality and cook. The wings were not that hot, and the flavor was just ok. Since it's a big name, and the price is one of the most expensive, we recommend you spend your money elsewhere.

**Wingstop** wings are pretty spankin' good because of the chicken quality and the perfect cook. If you don't mind the fluorescent color, the sauce flavor was also really good. The heat was definitely present in the wings, and they were enjoyable to eat. If you want proof, ask Rick Ross. Wingstop wings are not expensive, so if you want good wings for a good price, Wingstop is the place to go.

**Woody's** wings were wild and overall wondrous. The chicken quality from Woody's was the best, and the sauce flavor was hot and heavy but heavenly at the same time. The outside texture to the wings were also the best because they weren't too hard or too soft - just right. Although the wings got second place, they are worth the hefty price tag due to all the great qualities.

We had to save the best for last because the wings from **PJ Whelihan's** were amazing in every way. They were well-cooked, and the sauce complimented the chicken perfectly. The heat for the wings was amazing because it wasn't too spicy but spicy enough to be considered "hot wings." All around, the expensive price for the wings from PJ's are definitely worth it because, looking back, no other wings could even compete.

Wings can make or break someone's day, and it was apparent that PJ's on 4595 Broadway in Allentown will indeed make your day. That said, if you are trying to have a good meal without starving your wallet, Wingstop is a great place for some quality wings at a fair price.

Have you tasted better? Do you have a food category you want us to review? We'll taste anything. Email us at [raptorcalleeacs@gmail.com](mailto:raptorcalleeacs@gmail.com) with your recommendations for the best foods in Allentown.

## Features

### Clubs

#### Monday

Cosmetology	-	3:15 - 4:15
Year Book	-	3:15 - 4:15
Journalism club	-	3:15 - 5:00
Env. Science	-	3:15 - 4:15
Math Homework	-	3:15 - 4:15

#### Tuesday & Thursday

Health and Fitness	-	3:15-4:15
Drama Club	-	3:15-4:15
Chess Club	-	3:15-4:15
Art Club	-	3:15-4:15
Wrestling	-	3:15-4:15
Raptor Rally Car	-	3:15-4:15
Basketball Club	-	2:45-5:30
Tennis Club	-	3:15-4:15

### Top 5 Spring Hair Trends

Jennifer Garcia, Beauty Editor

Channel your inner runway with these simple spring hairstyles...



- 1. Gold Barrettes** at Versace  
Start by parting your hair down the middle, take your barrettes and place them just above your ears diagonally to get this bold look.
- 2. Wet Hair** at Jason Wu  
Start by combing your hair back, grab your favorite gel and apply it from the roots to the ends of your hair, comb hair back again to complete the look.
- 3. Statement head pieces** at Dolce & Gabbana  
Start by customizing your headband with any staple, show stopping pieces yaou desire, next simply wear and leave the world in awe.
- 4. Brushed out curls** at Cynthia Rowley  
Start by parting your hair in the middle and curling your head, after that take your fingers and gentle comb through your hair to get this effortless look.
- 5. Peek-a-boo braids** at Jill Stuart  
Start by sectioning hair from behind your ear on both sides, do a braid of your choice and pancake it out, lastly part your hair down the middle and place it over the braids to achieve this subtle look.

### Spring Fashion

Reggie McGirt, Sports Editor

Looking to freshen up your look? Here are the top fashion drops for Spring 2018:

#### **SUPREME**

**Collabs-** Vans, Nike, Jordan, NBA, Bape  
**Background-** Established in New York City in 1994, Supreme has blown up into one of the most popular brands for urban teens, celebrities and skaters made to capture the likes of skater, hip-hop, and rock culture.

**Drops-** Nike NBA team jerseys, Nike NBA team Air force 1s, Nike NBA team warm-up jacket, Nike NBA team shorts, Vans skull piles, and Public Enemy tees.



#### **BAPE**

**Collabs-** Adidas, Supreme, Undeafated, Stussy, Rolex

**Background-** A Bathing Ape, also known as BAPE, is a Japanese streetwear brand founded in 1993 by NIGO. It encompasses men's, women's and children's clothing, as well as a variety of accessories and lifestyle items.

**Drops-** Multi logo full zip hoodie, Tiger full zip hoodie, Camo shark suits, Type 3 BAPEX, Panda full zip hoodie.

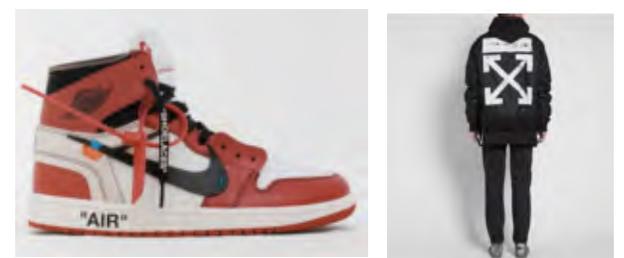


#### **OFF-WHITE**

**Collabs-** Jordan, Nike, Champion, Vlone, Vans.

**Background-** OFF-WHITE is a fashion label founded by DJ and fashion designer Virgil Abloh in 2012. The current designs range from patchwork to graphic t-shirts, and all of them feature the company's now trademark stripes noticeably embossed on its back along with the name "WHITE."

**Drops-** Nike Air Max 97 OG, Air jordan 1, Backpack, Timberlands, Brushed Varsity Jacket



## Entertainment

### Where we droppin?



Shy-Diek W.F.

In case you have been living under a rock, there's a new game that has likely been on your Instagram feed. It can range from one of your friends showing off how they won a game to how Drake and Travis Scott played together not too long ago. You may be wondering, "what actually is *Fortnite*?" and I'm here to explain just that.

Imagine *Minecraft* but with a MUCH higher amount of definition and graphic fidelity. That is the basic explanation of what *Fortnite* is because there are two different game modes you can play: the "Battle Royale" mode, which most people play, or the "Save the World" mode.

In the "Battle Royale" mode, you are sent to an island on a battle bus with 99 other people. You must find weapons through different means whether that being finding them in chests, taking out enemies, or just finding them in a house and other areas. The guns you get in the match could make or break the game for you because there are different rarities with "legendary" being the highest and "common" being the lowest. As time progresses, a giant storm closes in on the people that remain and closes off the map slowly due to its ability to take health away. While in battle, you are able to build fortresses to make sure that you are crowned the victor.

In the "Save the World" mode, your main objective is to defend yourself and a designated objective against hordes of zombies. What goes on during that process is what makes the game mode unique because you must gather materials to build bases and fortresses in order to stop the zombies. You can play with up to 4 people including yourself, and a common recommendation is to play with friends because of how fun and difficult things can get as you go further into the game.

To many of your friends, this game could very well be the next 2k... Ok, maybe not, but it is certainly as addicting as those games have been. Overall, *Fortnite* is something that can be enjoyed by anyone and everyone who's willing to give it a try. It has many components that draw its fan base back to it and is always adding new things to make it better and the best that it can be. If you want a free, rocket-riding, chest-looting, storm-chasing, zombie-hunting type of game then *Fortnite* is a free download away.



### Underground Artists

Joseph Rosa, Entertainment Editor

Looking to freshen up your playlist for spring? These are the top 5 artists you probably never heard of and should listen to (in no particular order):

#### Numero 1: **Vic Mensa**

Signed with Roc Nation, 24 year old Victor Kwesi Mensah is a rapper from Chicago, Illinois. He focuses more on Hip Hop, and the messages behind his music are a nice change from talking about drugs, money, or women. From his most recent album, *The Autobiography*, listen to the opening song, "Say I Didn't."

#### Numero 2: **Earl Sweatshirt**

Signed with Columbia Records, 24-year-old Thebe Neruda Kgositsile is a rapper from Los Angeles, California. He's another Hip Hop artist with a lot of potential. Even though he's been in the rap game for awhile, recently, he's been getting some of the notoriety he deserves. A good song to listen to is "Burgundy."

#### Numero 3: **Rapsody**

Signed with It's a Wonderful World Music Group, 35 year old Marlanna Evans is a rapper from Snow Hill, North Carolina. Yes, she's a women, and, in my opinion, she's way better than Nicki Minaj or Cardi B. In fact, she's probably better than most male rappers you are used to listening to. A great song to check out by Rapsody is "Laila's Wisdom."

#### Numero 4: **Vince Staples**

Signed with Def Jam Recordings, 23 year old Vincent Jamal Staples is a rapper from North Long Beach, California. Vince Staples is the type of rapper where you get deja vu when listening to his music. It's so catchy, it'll leave the melody in you for weeks. A great song to listen to is "Norf Norf."

#### Numero 5: **Chance the Rapper**

Not yet signed to a label, 24 year old Chancelor Jonathan Bennett makes gospel music mixed with rap lyrics. He's mostly known for his features with Justin Bieber and Quavo. As Kanye West's protege, he has big shoes to fill. My personal favorite song is "Angels" feat. Saba.

Give these rappers a chance. I promise you will not be disappointed!

## Entertainment

### Sing For America Presents: *The Lion King*



Xavier Resto,  
Editorials Editor

A young lion prince is cast out of his pride by his cruel uncle. While the uncle rules, the prince grows up beyond the Savannah, living by the words: “No worries for the rest of your days,” but when his past comes to haunt him, the prince must decide: Will he remain an outcast or face his demons and become what he needs to be? This is the story of the famous Disney movie, *The Lion King*.

EEACS held a play replicating this classic with students Angy from 9th grade, Juan from 7th grade, Ayden from 5th grade, James from 9th grade, and many more. The Arts Academy school showed up to watch, and their reaction made it clear that they loved it.

Taryn Gilbert and her family are co-founder’s for Sing For America, and Taryn herself directed *The Lion King* play. This was her first time directing, and she even produced her own choreography for the kids to perform. They didn’t act *The Lion King* scene by scene following the movie, but put their own twist to it- and they did a very good job of it. It was a show that everyone will remember.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in *The Lion King* at EEACS. If you’ve always wanted to get involved in theatre, whether on-stage, behind the scenes, or just from the audience, stay tuned for the next Sing for America production.



Taryn Gilbert (left) with Isiah Rodriguez.

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