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MR. SEERY'S HOME ROOM

More than 500 years ago, Cambridge University purportedly was the first university to use the term freshman. Sophomore stems from the Greek words for "wise" and "foolish." Under Mr. Larry Seery's guidance, TAA's 9th and 10th graders are concentrating on wisdom!

Mr. Seery is husband to wife Alex and daddy to sons Zane, Logan and brand-new Daniel, but aside from his family, his favorite subject is MATH. Mr. Seery graduated from Southwestern Adventist University with a mathematics/ secondary education degree and a minor in religion. He spent one year as a student missionary to the Marshall Islands where he taught 6-8th grade. Post graduation he taught at Keene ISD for 4.5 years teaching everything from algebra 1 through calculus.

From Keene, Mr. Seery and his family moved to Oklahoma City where he taught at Parkview Adventist Academy for two years. In his spare time, Mr. Seery has taught at two different tumbling gyms and



been involved with acrobatics "more than half my life." One of the highlights of this school year was having the Southwestern Adventist University acrobatics team (SWAT) join TAA's Soaring Eagles for a fabulous acrobatic show.

This has been Mr. Seery's first year at TAA, "but I already feel like part of the family and loved by all!" he says. He helps students THRIVE! at TAA by "Simply by giving them

the opportunity. Students just need to be expected to give their 100%, and to be supported and helped when needed!"

Mr. Seery has some insight into mathematics: "Most people have a closed mind about mathematics, that's it's just about numbers and letters memorizing equations, and though math uses numbers, letters and equations, to say that's all math is would be like saying that rice is the only Mexican food!"

Mr. Seery gets very animated when he shares his love of math! "Mathematics is a whole world of perfection, logic, problem solving; it's a language that is unique AND universal. It's a language so expansive and infinite that you could spend your whole life in its study, yet so simple that toddlers understand it. Did you know there are infinitely many different sizes of infinity?!" For Mr. Seery, mathematics "is yet another way that God has revealed His perfection, omnipotence, and beauty to His most loved creation... you!"

Mr. Seery's Students, cont.

Mr. Seery remembers his father talking to him about an activity he did not want to do because "it did not sound like fun!" His father told him, "You can choose to have fun anywhere, happiness is a choice." Mr. Seery was younger then, and "I thought he was dumb at the time, but I have grown to see the truth, of that statement! Just like Paul and Silas in locks singing their hearts out, we too can choose to sing God praises!" Those thoughts are his mottos.



Mr. Seery's favorite Bible verse is Romans 12:11 (NLT): "Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically!" because God does not need people to serve Him because they have to, or just enough, but ENTHUSIASTICALLY!

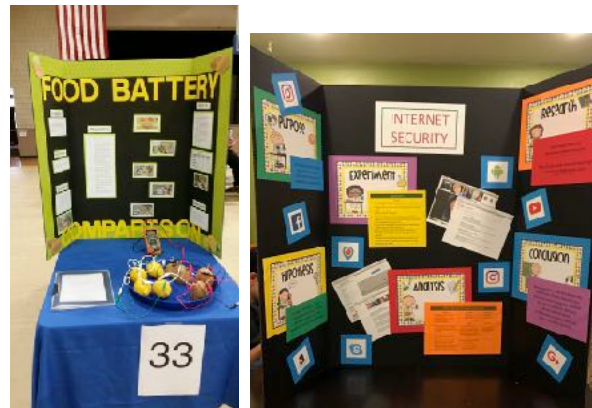
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Seventh and eighth grades, along with our high school students, enjoyed a last-minute opportunity to work at the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma on March 21. Our teachers and students had a great time for a great cause!



Science Fair!

On March 30, the TAA gymnasium was filled with science posters to help ease the pain of pre-registration. Instead of just completing paperwork, students and families also browsed many science experiments. Congratulations to every student who participated, and especially the winners for their hard work. Some of the elementary students' projects are shown in this issue. Ask a student about their interesting science project!



TAA IN TOUCH



NOTES	REMINDE	FACEBOOK	ONECALL
<p>Teachers send notes home with students; please ask your student daily if s/he brought home a note! Notes, "Remind" and "Oncall" are TAA's OFFICIAL methods of communication.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED: Sign up with "Remind" for TAA alerts and messages about school closing, alerts and reminders. These texts are often grade specific and enhance your student's learning experience.</p>	<p>OPTIONAL: Our Facebook page contains all of TAA's school activities and is a place for families to share how their students are thriving.</p>	<p>REQUIRED: OneCall is used for global school events and emergencies and is sent to your cell phone. You are automatically signed up when you give TAA your telephone number at registration.</p>

TAA has an online calendar on its website and a printed calendar in the main office.

Please call our office during school hours to leave a message for a teacher or if you have a question about school events. Personal texts to teachers should be reserved for emergencies only.

TAA Volunteers & Staff: The Heart of the School

TAA has very dedicated volunteers! They do all sorts of things you never see, such as managing attendance, arranging for substitute teachers, ordering hot lunches, working with finances, helping in classrooms, playing piano for choir, keeping our Facebook page and website updated, answering phone calls and questions, and applying bandages to every little paper cut that finds little fingers. This month we get to know two of our local pastors a little bit better. They are often seen working together.

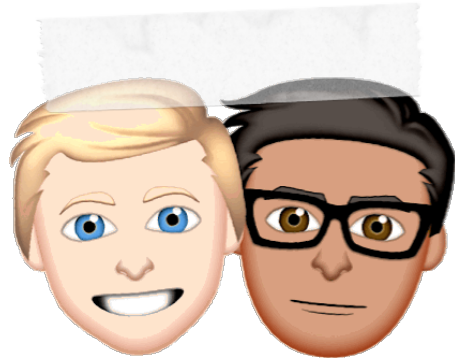
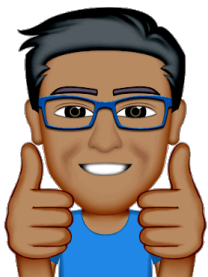
Pastor Walter Martinez or "Pdub" has volunteered at TAA for four years, focusing on the staff and leadership of TAA. He is a full-time pastor at Adventist Fellowship and also teaches guitar lessons at TAA. He is co-teaching high school religion (personal evangelism) with First SDA Tulsa Church pastor Michael Smith. Pastor Martinez is married to Heather and has a daughter, Mia, who

is in first grade at TAA, and a son, Ethan, who "believes" he is in pre-K at TAA! His words to live by are, "Live life loved." His favorite scripture reflects that motto: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the

full," John 10:10. Pastor Walter is also a photographer ~ he took the photos of our ninth and tenth graders for this issue.

Pastor Stephen Carlile is a second generation TAA attendee ~ nine years! ~ who has volunteered at TAA for 10 years. He is a pastor at Adventist Fellowship and also hosts the television show "Understanding Prophecy" on Sunday mornings. Pastor Stephen is married to Michelle and they have a son, Greyson and a daughter, Katie Rae. Pastor Stephen's hidden talent for elementary school education was revealed when he was recently the substitute teacher for grades 1-2.

You may have heard Pastor Stephen say, "If it's more than just lookin', you better start bookin'!" or "Be faithful today!" or even, "Go the extra mile, reconcile!" He counts James 1:5 as a reminder that he needs wisdom: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him," (NKJV).



Spring 2017 Notable Events

April 12: Accreditation
April 17: NO SCHOOL!
April 19: Senior class
trip
April 24-28: Week of
Prayer

May 1: Drillers' Game
May 7: SAT/High School
Banquet
May 21: Middle School
Mayhem
May 23-25: FINALS
May 26: 1/2 day and
picnic

~GRADUATIONS~

May 25: Kindergarten &
Eighth Grade
May 28: Twelfth Grade

PRINCIPAL'S PRINCIPLES!



What does a church school do differently than a public school?

You can read it on TAA's website: TAA is committed to helping each child in our school

- Establish a personal relationship with Jesus and confidence in the power of the Gospel.
- Cultivate a sense of responsibility for the welfare of their home, their community, and their nation.
- Develop the ability to think independently and critically.

We recently shared the results of our student and parent survey, and on April 12, TAA will undergo a mandatory North American Division (NAD) accreditation process. This rigorous process ensures that your child is getting the best education possible.

Your teachers, staff and volunteers have worked very hard to maintain professional credentials, optimum classroom

management and of course, spiritual leadership to our students.

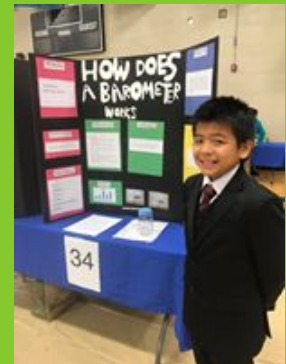
We truly uphold what we preach: Students in Adventist schools perform, on average, in the top 25 to 30 percent of students nationally (Cognitive Genesis Project). Each year for the past three years, our students' ITBS scores have risen.

According to the NAD Education website, "The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities, Inc. (AAA) is the denominational accrediting authority for all educational institutions operated in the name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church." During the evaluation, TAA will be reviewed for its philosophical foundation, community and constituency, administration, staff development, curriculum and instruction, media center, student activities, student services, school facilities and information technology.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us as they achieve their education goals!

~Mr. Lazarus, Principal

RETURNING STUDENT FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE: APRIL 14, 2017



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the State of Oklahoma
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