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President's Address

By Dr. Roy J. Blash

ETHICS:

I seem to be attracted to the letter E recently. My last article was Equity in Education and this month I would like to discuss the ABC's of Ethics as critical choices by our students and faculty. The Academy is continually engaging our students in volunteerism and community service projects. We are now in the throes of assembling coloring books and crayons for the tens of thousands Haitian young people left homeless by a recent earthquake. The children and their schooling is usually the last consideration in time of extreme emergencies. This week we will send hundreds of coloring books and crayons for some of the children to work with in Haiti to assist in lightning their anxieties and try to get them on track with a sense of normalcy.

Life passes so quickly that the songwriter, Anthony Newley wrote "Stop the world, I want to get off" or the often quoted sentence, "I want to stop, so I can smell the roses." These sentiments speak to the rapidness of our daily endeavors. One of the Academy's goals is to instill in our young people, the desire, to be a life long

learner. It is most disheartening to listen to young people graduate from school and then never pursue additional opportunities because they seem to be associated with formal schooling.

The development of cliques and groups amongst pre-teenagers and teenagers is in a way a means of survival. Yet it is this defensive mechanism that often thwarts young people in a school setting that is tantamount to a form of bullying.

The Academy stresses ethics and ethical living while attending the school as a means to train future leaders to be fair minded and sympathetic to another person's needs. The teaching of life skills and core values is central to this process.

I have taken this opportunity to create a mini list of core values that can and are being taught and demonstrated at Adelphi.

We plan activities that demonstrate diversity so we can be more open and accepting of others. The winter brunch is a perfect example of this activity. We place a great deal of emphasis on self discipline as a means of empowerment to get things done in a timely fashion.

Imagination and creativity are key factors in the development of a student's mind. The honoring of commitments assists our students in keeping promises and not letting others down. At our Halloween Walk, nearly sixty (60) students assisted for well over eight (8) hours to ensure that the families had an enjoyable and safe experience.

There is a great need in our society for respect. Most discipline problems are triggered by a lack of respect exhibited by one or more students in a group.

There are no quick fixes in our society; however patience and purpose are good approaches to follow in the development of a code of ethics. It is amazing there are only Ten Commandments yet the world has in excess of ten million (10,000,000) laws all predicated on the Ten Commandments. Patience as an exercise is a great assist during stressful times; counting to ten, biting your tongue, tapping your fingers all demonstrate a patient approach to a vexing situation.

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President's Address (Continued)

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Students of the Month

Lower School

Kayla Arus

2nd Grade

Middle School

Malik Fleary

8th Grade

Upper School

Eun Min Park

10th Grade

If we can be fortunate enough not to show these indicacies to our children, we will become even more effective.

We have all heard the phrase that we should be on the same page. We can accomplish this by ensuring that the entire school is aware of our mission. The printed purpose of our class, our activity, or our engagement will lessen the anxieties of a situation. The purpose of our school gives all of us group direction, a focus, goals, and a vision.

This disclosure leads us to the discussion of what are the ethical pillars for the Adelphi Society. These pillars will assist all

of us in raising the importance of character development. What good is it to assist someone become an attorney, a physician, a teacher or a business person if that individual lacks character and a back bone to put their training in motion?

Some of the ethical pillars are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Equity (Fairness), Caring, and Citizenship.

Recent research is replete with findings that show discouraging trends regarding our nation's youth in regard to ethics. The good news is that there is clearly evidence that effective character education development strategies, as outlined

above, can result in positive changes in the attitudes and behaviors of our young people and in the ethics of our overall society.

All of us, parents, teachers, and administrators need to model ethical behaviors in and outside our comfort zone, be it the school or the home. We must model the thought that we are willing to do the right thing, even if it is not easy or convenient.

We live in a very challenging time in history, a time that necessitates growth mind-set mentality, so as to remain vital in the twenty first century.

Good News!

By Mr. Albert C. Corhan

March is a time of year filled with hope, promise, and change. The weather takes a slow turn for the better as Spring approaches, and thoughts turn to the hopes of a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!

I am most pleased to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire Adelphi Academy Community to thank everyone for their efforts and support of all of our wonderful and exciting events up to this point. Thanks to the support of those who contributed to the Academy's events, they were all once again a success, becoming even larger and more successful events than last year!

As you know Adelphi Academy is a non for profit organization which survives on tuition alone. Unfortunately that tuition does not cover the cost

necessary to educate each one of our students, each year. Without the successful fund-raising initiatives and the support of our school community and contributions from our loyal supporters it would become very difficult for Adelphi Academy to continue along her noble mission.

SAVE THE DATE -- Here at Adelphi we are most excited about our upcoming 2010 President's Gala and Silent Auction scheduled for Thursday evening, May 6th, 2010. This year, the annual event will be held at the very beautiful, very elegant Gargiulo's Restaurant in historic Coney Island, New York and will begin at 6:30pm. Music for the evening will be provided by the very talented Total Soul and the silent auction is provided courtesy of RSI Fund-raising Auctions. The annual

gala is an exciting night for all guests and a very important one for the Academy. We hope to see everyone there!

Important dates to remember for this month:

- Annual Adelphi Academy-Scholastic Book Fair: Monday, March 1st, 2010 to Friday, March 5th, 2010
- Adelphi's 100th Day of School: Friday, March 5th, 2010
- St. Patrick's Day: Wednesday, March 17th, 2010
- NO CLASSES -- Professional Staff Development/In Service Day: Friday, March 19th, 2010
- Annual Lower School Spring Egg Hunt: Tuesday, March 23rd, 2010
- Winter Dress Code Ends: Wednesday, March 24th, 2010
- Spring Break Recess: Thursday, March 25th, 2010 to Friday, April 9th, 2010

Lower School Lowdown

February was another month filled with excitement and activities. Valentine's Day was a sweet success as the students enjoyed exchanging flowers and chocolates through the student government's fundraiser. The Lower School Valentine's Day party was also a big hit as everyone always enjoys a party! The Lower

School visited the Hayden Planetarium and enjoyed a self-guided tour through the Hall of Planets and then attended the "Journey to the Stars" space show. Coming up in March, the students are eager to visit the book fair. Their love for reading and interest in learning was evident as they eagerly passed by the library as

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the fair was being set up. As February leaves us with memories of snow and a well deserved vacation, March brings another round of final exams. As we teach, review, and reinforce in the classroom, it is imperative that the same is done at home. Please continue to stress the importance of studying and working hard.

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In the Middle

As the school year forges on, let me take this opportunity to reiterate how sensitive we must be to the various challenges and difficulties associated with students during these crucial years of academic and social development. They are getting their first big taste of self-sufficiency at school. They now must pass from class to class without being escorted by a teacher, maintain their own lockers, in addition to the added responsibilities of the Middle School curriculum. They now

eat lunch with the "big kids," so instead of being the oldest in the room, they are the youngest. They are also becoming very much aware of things like self-image, what is and isn't "cool," and peer pressure. In short, they are facing the trials and tribulations of becoming young adults! Adelphi Academy feels that during these challenging years, students need our encouragement and support more than ever. Our small classes, provisions for any necessary remedial help and

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reinforcement, and opportunities for communication between school and home all help to make this transition proceed more smoothly. And of course, students should never forget that there is always someone to talk with here at Adelphi!

So once again, I ask that parents and teachers continue to work together, keeping the lines of communication open, so we may foster the development of young adults of which we will all be proud!

Uppermost Matters

I hope that all students will return from our Winter Recess with their batteries recharged. We must all be mindful of the fact that as always, the academic calendar marches on. The second half of March also brings the end of the winter term, and with it, final examinations, which will take place on March 22nd, 23rd, & 24th. More specific schedules will be forthcoming.

During this time of year when students are navigating through what seems to be an unending sequence of tests, please take note that effective preparation for testing goes far beyond conscientious study. Examinations are

challenging to students (as they should be), but can sometimes be intimidating, and we must be sensitive to this fact. It is essential that some basic but vitally important principles not be neglected. Numerous studies have shown that a restful night of sleep and a nutritious breakfast can have an enormous positive effect on a student's performance. Self-confidence plays a key role as well; so let us work together to encourage them to do their best, without unduly pressuring them.

As each day passes, our seniors move closer to that magical day called Graduation. Some have

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already been granted acceptance into colleges, others are anxiously waiting for a decision letter.

Lastly, let me remind everyone that we are approaching the time of year where there are many distractions on the horizon. Vacations, holidays, activities, and warmer weather are just around the corner, and students may find themselves easily distracted. Please continue to join me in keeping them focused on what really counts—mainly, a good education.

Congratulations to our
February
Employee of the Month
Mr. Steve Hoffner
and
Parents of the Month
Mr. and Mrs.
Armen Arus
Thank you for all of
your hard work
and dedication
to the Academy!

March



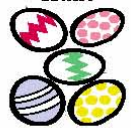
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<p>National Nutrition Month Begins</p> <p>National Woman's History Month Begins</p> <p>(17)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Annual Scholastic Book Fair Kick-Off!</p> <p><i>Admin Meeting, Period 5</i></p> <p>March Parent Newsletter On Line</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Read Across America Day</p> <p>Dr. Suess Birthday</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>LS Division Meeting, Period 2</i></p> <p><i>MS Division Meeting, 3:30pm</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>100th Day of School!</p> <p>Annual Scholastic Book Fair Ends</p> <p><i>Admin Meeting, Period 5 & 6</i></p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Book Fair Pick-Up</p> <p><i>Admin Meeting, Period 5</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Beery Term Exam Drafts Due to the Coordinators</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Girl Scout Week Begins</p> <p><i>LS Division Meeting, Period 2</i></p> <p><i>MS Division Meeting, 3:30pm</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Faculty Enters Progress Report Comments</p> <p><i>US Division Meeting, 3:30pm</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Admin Meeting, Period 5 & 6</i></p> <p>Faculty Enters Progress Report Comments</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SAT Tests</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins (2:00am)</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Progress Report # 4 Mailed</p> <p><i>Admin Meeting, Period 5</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Girl Scout Week Ends</p> <p>Exam Review</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>Exam Review</p> <p><i>LS Division Meeting, Period 2</i></p> <p><i>MS Division Meeting, 3:30pm</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Exam Review</p>  <p><i>US Division Meeting, 3:30pm</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>Professional Staff Development/In-Service Day #4 10:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>NO CLASSES</p> <p><i>Admin Meeting, Period 5 & 6</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>First Day of Spring</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Beery Term EXAMS</p> <p><i>Admin Meeting, Period 5</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Beery Term EXAMS</p> <p>Annual LS Spring Egg Hunt</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Beery Term EXAMS</p> <p>Last Day of Classes for Students</p> <p>Beery Term Ends</p> <p><i>Winter Dress Code Ends</i></p> <p><i>LS Division Meeting, Period 2</i></p> <p><i>MS Division Meeting, 3:30pm</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Spring Recess Begins (students only)</p> <p>Report Card Grades Due</p> <p>Registration Deadline for 05/01/10 SAT</p> <p><i>US Division Meeting, 3:30pm</i></p> <p>All Copy for April Parent Newsletter Due</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Spring Recess (students only)</p> <p><i>Mr. Correa's Birthday</i></p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Spring Recess School Closed</p> <p>Passover Begins @ Sundown</p> <p><i>Dr. Blash's Birthday</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Lim's Birthday</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Spring Recess School Closed</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Spring Recess School Closed</p>			

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