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# The Taylor Times

A newspaper for & written by leaders, learners, and thinkers

## NFL Player and former Taylor Student George Atkinson III visits

On Friday March 3, 2017 Taylor had a very special visitor. George Atkinson III came to see all the students of Taylor because he went here and he wanted us to see if you work hard all your dreams can come true. He started by introducing himself and talking about how much he has changed since he was a student at Taylor. He told us at first he didn't take school seriously but that all changed when he started sitting in the front of the class.

George Atkinson III went to Taylor with his twin brother. Then he went to college and played football at the University of Notre Dame. He now plays for the Cleveland Browns. He never stopped working hard for his dreams and they all came true. 7<sup>th</sup> grader Laddawan Vang told us she thought it was amazing that he came to visit and it is so cool that he also went to Taylor. She also said it makes her believe that anything is possible. Thank you George Atkinson III for coming to visit us!

## MAP TESTING Schedule

We are starting our SPRING map testing with 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade! Make sure you come to school on time every day ready to ROCK YOUR TEST!

**Tuesday April 4 2017- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> MAP test reading**

**Wednesday April 5, 2017- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> MAP test reading**

**Thursday April 6, 2017- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MAP testing-reading**

**Thursday April 6, 2017-5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade MAP test science**

**Tuesday April 11, 2017- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> MAP test math**

**Wednesday April 12, 2017- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> MAP test math**

**Thursday April 13- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> MAP test math**



## Character Trait

The character trait for March is **self-determination**. Self-determination is never giving up and working hard every day! Someone who is self-determined has a growth mindset and embraces a challenge! Every student can show self-determination!

## AVID Corner

We had so many parents at our last AVID parent academy! Our next AVID parent academy is going to be scheduled for May 2017! Keep your eyes out for invitations in your child's Wednesday folder! Taylor AVID ROCKS!



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## Taylor Students Celebrate Dr. Seuss

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor Teachers held a celebration for Dr. Seuss' Birthday. The event called Read Across America was to promote literacy and reading for all students. Each teacher created an activity around a Dr. Seuss book. Some of the activities were: origami bookmarks, rhyming hiding picture, cursive practice, hat making, and even a face painting station. Some of the teachers even dressed up like the Cat and the Hat! Dr. Silva and Mrs. Jobrack also did a presentation about Dr. Seuss where we learned about his early life and accomplishments. It was really cool to learn about how he wrote books using only 50 words. We also read all together as a Taylor family special Dr. Seuss quotes. We ended the night by singing Dr. Seuss "happy birthday" and eating cookies! It was such a fun event. Thank you Taylor teachers for making it possible and doing extra things for us!



## Game Truck coming to Taylor

The game truck will be coming to Taylor in May! In order to reward students who do a great job on their MAP test Taylor got the game truck to come. The game truck has 10 screens and all the gaming systems you have ever seen! If you want to go to the game truck you have to increase your MAP score 20 points from Fall to Spring, meet your grade level target, or show so much effort on the test that your teacher gives you a ticket. Taylor students you can do it! We hope everyone gets time in the Game Truck!

## Attendance is important

Every month Taylor is going to be having a celebration for students who come to school 95% or more that month. The celebrations are so fun and exciting. It is so important to come to school every single day so that you can learn and get your education! Hope to see every single Viking, every single day!

## AVID Question of the Month: What is your best test-taking tip?

We caught up with Taylor students in the hallways and at recess to ask about their best test taking tip. Here are some of the answers:

"Read the question first so you have a purpose when you look for the answer"-Jesus Canales age 9

"Try and eliminate answers that don't make sense so you can choose between less choices"-Nyah Buntun, age 10.

"Double check your answer before you move forward on the test"-Laisjon Gorman, age 9