

## SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT!

► THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2013 WE WILL BE GOING TO TOYS FOR TOTS TO VOLUNTEER! ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR PERMISSION SLIPS IN BY THURSDAY!

► We still have spots for 9th-12th grade at The GREAT Academy and our Bridge to Success Program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact TGA or just come by and pick up an enrollment packet! Today!

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THE GREAT ACADEMY—MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# Things

## The Hunger Games



The month of November was an intense and exciting month at The GREAT Academy. We do a service learning project every month of the school year, but this November we decided to stretch ourselves a little bit and take on two projects. Our first project was The Hunger Games food Drive.

For this food drive we collected cans and our Board of Young Executives added in a little competition. For every five cans a student brought in they would receive a

raffle ticket. The raffle was for tickets to see the new Hunger Games movie that came out in November. We had a wonderful response of generosity and giving from our students. We were able to provide Thanksgiving meals for two of our TGA families as well as donate three huge bins of food to the Roadrunner Food Bank.

Our second project of the month also involved Roadrunner Food Bank. For two days GREAT Academy students spent their morning packaging food for the food bank. It was a wonderful experience for students and staff. We packaged, cereal, oatmeal and helped sort produce.

The food we packaged was sent out all over the community. School nursing homes and community centers all benefit from the Roadrunner Food Bank and TGA was so proud to be part of such an important part of the community in Albuquerque.



## And The Finalists Are...

The GREAT Academy recently participated in the Solve for Tomorrow grant competition. TGA made it to the top five within the entire state of New Mexico and as a result received two, brand new Samsung tablets for the school. A huge thanks to Mr. Kump and Ms. Harris for putting the proposal together and taking The GREAT Academy into the top five schools in the competition!



## Weather Report

The snowy season has begun! The GREAT Academy's policy is that we do honor APS snow days but we do not do two-hour delays, as we already start later than APS schools. Please sign up for our texting notification program for updates about school cancellations by texting GREAT to 292929 or sign up on our website!

### Finishing up Coursework

The Holiday break is coming up fast and that means our first semester of the school year is coming to an end.

It is extremely important that the students finish all first semester coursework before or during the break so that they do not start the second semester behind, which could put them into summer intercession and could delay graduation.

Please encourage your student to use their time wisely and get caught up as soon as possible so they can stay on track for their GREAT future!

### GREAT Kid Day Success!

Thank you so much to all the parents who participated in GREAT Kid Day! It was a wonderful success and was an encouragement to all of our students.

They received letters from parents and teachers! We all had a blast looking at baby pictures and trying to guess who was who!

Thanks again for all the support and positivity you showed to The GREAT Academy and your students!

### Attendance Policy

Your student's attendance is very critical to their academic success. If any student has **three** or more unexcused absences a letter will be sent home. If any student has more than seven unexcused absences they are required to attend a truancy prevention/intervention meeting accompanied by their parents.

## NOTICES



Our Holiday break is coming up fast! The GREAT Academy will be closed December 23rd through January 3rd. Students will return to school on January 6th! We hope that everyone has a safe and restful holiday season!

Please remember that your student's progress report goes home every Thursday and must be signed and returned to their case manager. Their progress reports will also let you know if they need to attend Friday school that week.



**The GREAT Academy**

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