



► 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!

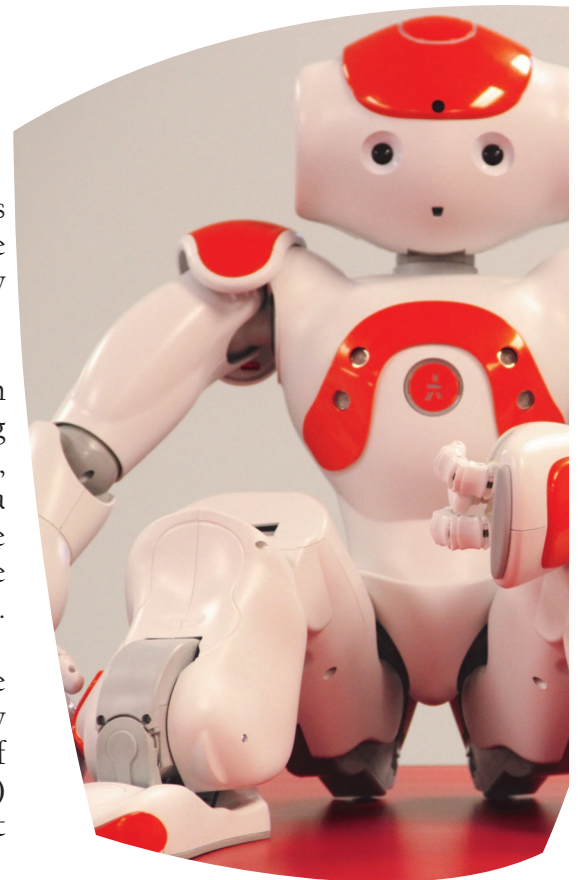
# Great Things

## techJOYnT Collaborates with The GREAT Academy to help bring STEM Education to New Mexico

The GREAT Academy is focusing on STEM education, but what sets them apart from other schools is their unique GEAR program (Game design, Electronics, App development, and Robotics) provided by techJoYnT Academy.

The GREAT Academy has reached out to techJOYnT for consultation on equipping their STEM Education lab. techJOYnT has been working with several companies, including Aldebaran Robotics (NAO), National Instruments (myDAQ), and RobotsLAB (BOX) to create a well rounded STEM lab to be used in education. As part of the GREAT Academy's new STEM lab, they will be getting three RobotsLAB BOXes, several myDAQ kits and a Aldebaran NAO robot.

The STEM lab is built around techJoYnT's GEAR program (Game Design, Electronics, App Development, and Robotics). From February 19th – 21st, Twenty-nine students, teachers, faculty and staff (including the Executive Director and Director of Academic Affairs) from the GREAT Academy will be traveling to Oklahoma to visit techJOYnT and to receive training on using their new equipment.



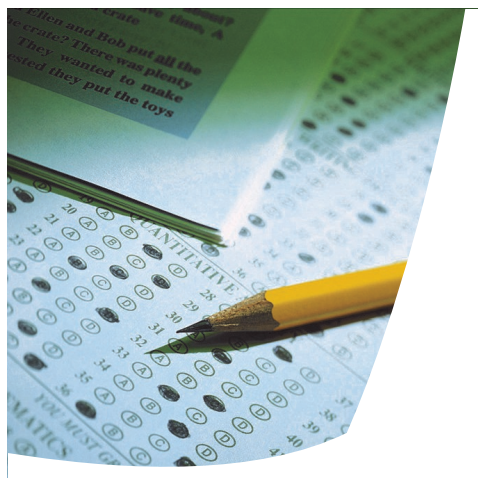
### *Important Upcoming Dates!*

February 17th – Presidents Day/NO SCHOOL

February 27th – Parent Night 7 PM

February 19th-21st – Oklahoma City Trip

March 3rd-5th – SBA Testing



## Testing to Begin in March!

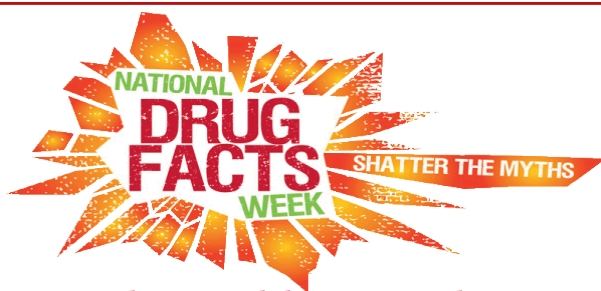
SBA Testing is to begin on March 3rd, 2014. Students who are testing need to get good rest and eat a healthy breakfast on testing days!

Students who are not testing need to come to school at 1 PM March 3rd –March 5th. Testing requires every bit of focus from students and staff so please make sure to remember that if your student is not testing, they need to work from home on those mornings.

Testing is a very important time for the school and Students; if there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact TGA!

## Board of Young Executives (BYE) – Visit the State Legislature

On Tuesday, February 4th, the Board of Young Executives (B.Y.E.) took a trip up to the state capitol building in Santa Fe, NM. They were able to tour the building, speak with Representative McCamley of Dona Ana and be his guest in the gallery during the legislative session. During the session the B.Y.E. were introduced by the speaker of the house and gave a short synopsis of our school. It was a very educational day and we received many compliments on our professional attire and demeanor throughout our visit.



This past week the GREAT Academy joined the nation in educating our student base, about National Drug Facts Week for teens. It aims to shatter the myths about drugs and drug abuse. Through community-based events and activities on the Web, on TV, and through contests, NIDA is working to encourage teens to get factual answers from scientific experts about drugs and drug abuse. It was a great success!

## A trip to the Storehouse

This past month our students took a trip to the storehouse to help with the packaging and unpacking of food for Albuquerque's families in need. Our students worked well with the staff and learned a lot about just how much the Storehouse does for our city. It was another successful service learning project in our wonderful community! The students and the staff have said it's been one of their favorite projects so far!

# NOTICES



## Have you logged into the Parent portal yet?

To stay on top of your student's progress log into Edgenuity and view their progress reports and attendance logs. If you need your parent log in Information please feel free to contact your student's case manager!

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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