

The Drum Part 2

Student Edition

The Drum, Part 2 is the final project for Ase's 6th grade Journalism Class. It offers Ase highlights, world and local news, sports, and entertainment, from the students' point of view. Enjoy!

Ase Students Attend Like Mindz Concert

Ase Fun Facts

- Ase was formed in 1999
- "Ase" is a Yoruba term, and it means "Let it be so."

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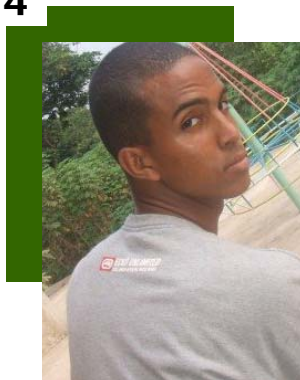
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Like Mindz might actually have a future with fame and fortune. At the Rotunda, they performed all of the good songs like "Back in The Day", "Gypsy Woman", and "Don't Leave." Out of all of the performers that night, they were the only ones who let people come on stage, but if they become real famous, they might not let that happen. When they were in the middle of performing, they let Troy Huddy, an Ase student, give shout outs to all of his friends. They even put some flavor in their performances, unlike the first group, if you know what I mean. They had the crowd going wild. If you were there, you would definitely party like some college students. If you are looking to hear some really good music and also have fun, you have to go and see Like Mindz. **Rashon Early**



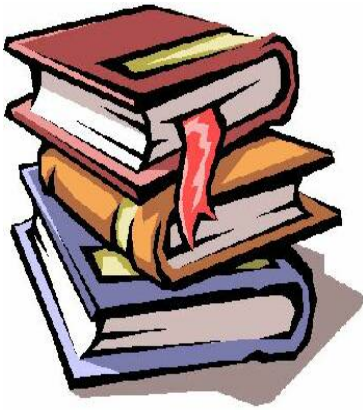
Check out students' reaction to the performance on pg 3!

Meet Our Ase Staff!



Anand or Anand Jahi was born in Malden, Massachusetts. He goes to college at the University of Pennsylvania. His favorite subject is Black History and he is studying sociology and Africana Studies. One of the best things he ever did was studying in Ghana last semester. He is also a Black belt. He loves to help at Ase because he really enjoys working with kids. **Deaquan Yancy**

My Story: Student Editorials



Academic vs. Regular

I have been at Hamilton since kindergarten. There are two sides: the regular students and the academic students. In the academic program, you must have good grades and good behavior. If you do not have those qualities, you will not be accepted. This program is called the "Special Admit Program." You also have to score a level of basic or higher to get into the program and you must sign a paper saying that you accept.

There are a lot of problems between these two sides. The regular students think that the academic kids believe they are better than everyone else. This might be because the academic students are exposed to a lot more opportunities. For example: Emerging Scholars, trips, and other activities. Even though sometimes, they get out of control, they are still exposed to more things than regular students.

I am part of the academic side and I feel that we are no different from any of the other students. We are taught the same curriculum; but we are just given more work. I think the tension should be broken, because we are kids just like them, and not geeks. Both the academic and regular side do things that are mean to each other. I just wish that before I leave Hamilton, all of this tension is broken! **Arlana Brown**

Violence Hits Home

In my life time I have experienced violence in Philadelphia. Two weeks ago, at 11:54 near Hamilton Elementary school, I was walking home with my friend because we had an early dismissal. We heard 7 noises. "Pap pap pap pap pap pap pap." We didn't know what it was. I was scared. Then we heard it again, and this time we knew it was gun fire because we heard someone scream. My friend and I ran towards his house, but the way we ran was where they were shooting. We didn't know that's where the gun fire was. People were running into the school and some scattered on the ground. Later someone told me that a student's cousin was shooting, but I wasn't sure. Fortunately, my friend and I made it home safely. That's my experience with violence.

Did you know that the majority of people who died in Philadelphia were black and males between the ages of 18-25? The violence in Philadelphia has increased by 11 percent from 2004-2007. In 2005 the police had reported 380 homicides. In 2006 there were 406 homicides. This year 27 children have been killed due to gun violence. One hundred seven people have died in 2007 so far. There are helicopters in the air and police on the streets, but this doesn't help to solve the violence. Last year was one of the bloodiest ever. Will 2007 break the record? The way it looks now, maybe it will.

Keiasha Lumpkins.



**SAY NO TO GUNS:
STOP THE KILLING**

Ase Students are Sounding the Drum!

Traditionally, this student newsletter has been know as **Ase Today**, but to coincide with the launch of Ase's official news journal, **The Drum**, we have changed the name to **The Drum, Part 2**. Within traditional African culture, the drum serves as the central communication tool. When the drum is sounded, people are called together to hear an important message. It is now time for Ase to sound its drum and let the world know about all of the great things we are doing.

Healthy Living

To me, health is really important. If no one cared about their health, they would miss out on a lot of fun things. For example, they would not be able to go swimming, go to an amusement park, or do other physical activities. Without taking care of your health, you can get sick, and end up being in the hospital for a long time. Sadly, some people can even die because they do not take care of their bodies. It is also important be in great shape. As a child, I should be in wonderful shape because I am young and should be very active. This may change as I get older, but I should always try to exercise for at least an hour a day and eat healthy foods.

Rashon Early



Student Reaction to the Concert...

Interview with Reggie Hill, 7th Grader, by Aarin Jones

Aarin: How was the show at the Rotunda? Did you like the performance?

Reggie: It was cool, I liked it. It was better than last year.

Aarin: Did you have a BIG headache after the show because of the loud music?

Reggie: No, I am used to it. It was just hard to talk to people.

Aarin: Did you enjoy the music?

Reggie: Yes, I enjoyed the music. It was great.

Aarin: What was your favorite part of the show?

Reggie: When Like Mindz performed, they had the crowd hyped and excited.

Aarin: Have you ever been to a show similar to the one we attended?

Reggie: Yes, last year.

Aarin: Would you ever go back again?

Reggie: Yes, I would, but only if Like Mindz performed again.

THE O SO HOT B-BALL GAME

On March 23, the Upper Darby Suns were beat by 18 points. The final score was 38 to 20. The Lansdowne Pacers played one of their best games this year. The Pacers played tight defense so the Suns best players could not make an easy lay-up. The Pacers' smallest player Wesley even made about six points. One of the star players, Derrick Pratt not only drove but stole rebounds over a man three feet taller than him. In the second half, the Suns were up by six points, but at the end of the game they lost by eighteen points. The Suns were sent home, crying to their mommies.

Derrick Pratt



My Basketball Career

Basketball is my favorite sport. When I play, I win most of the time, but on occasions I lose. However, I know it's just a game so I have fun anyway. Basketball is really great and terrific and I will always love it. This is why I will never stop playing. Playing basketball keeps me busy when there's nothing to do.

Keiasha Lumpkins

Head to Head: Who Will Be Philadelphia's Next Mayor?

In this special series, Ase correspondent **Troy Hutty** Looks at Two of the Candidates in Philadelphia's Upcoming Election.



Michael Nutter's plans are to try to stop gun violence because the city's death rate has already reached triple digits. He worked to lower taxes, to create a smoking ban, and ethic reform during his 15 years as City Councilman. He was born and raised in Philadelphia.



Larry West
is 22

years old and has a Mo-hawk. He is trying to stop crime, improve education, transportation, and street sanitation. He was born in Philadelphia, raised in Mt. Airy, and went to school at St. Theresa's Elementary where he learned to be a leader and be himself.

Rules of Football

Football is one of the best sports; you can play football anywhere especially if you live in Philly. On every other block, there are people playing football. The most important rules are:

1. You can not be scared to get tackled.
2. Never be scared to get the ball. Never.
3. Turn your head while running the ball, so you can see who's around you.

Troy Hutty

