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### Experiences and Accomplishments at Northwood Academy Charter School

By Amy Kelly

Northwood Academy Charter School, located at 4621 Castor Avenue, is used to exciting events throughout the year, but this year brought special experiences that will not soon be forgotten.

Starting in October, students in first, second, third and fifth grade joined together for a service project with the goal of bringing clean water to some people in Africa. Throughout lessons and simulations, the students came to understand the difficulty of accessing water in other countries and the health concerns associated with unsanitary water.

The students and staff had the pleasure of working with the organization, Wish Them Well, located in Montgomery County whose mission is to provide clean water to the people of Togo, Africa. Amina Capaldi, Wish Them Well's founder, met with the students and helped them understand her experience and life in Togo, Africa, and her organization's mission.



After several bake sales and donations from Northwood families and staff, the students were able to accomplish their goal of raising \$2,000!

The well in Africa will reflect the hard work of the students with a sign in their honor. It is with great pride that the students reflect on their service project this year.

Alexis Nana, a third grader at Northwood Academy, said it best when asked about her experience this year, "I know every time the people of Africa drink the clean water, they will think of us and know that we are thinking of them, too."

An unusual elementary experience is taking place at Northwood Academy. Many of us do not think of ballroom dancing and school together, but in Northwood Academy's 5th grade, the two go hand in hand. All 5th-grade students participate in Dancing Classrooms Philly, a program whose goal is to teach focus, perseverance, and social skills through dance. The 5th-grade students enter this program feeling anxious and excited and they exit with confidence and grace.



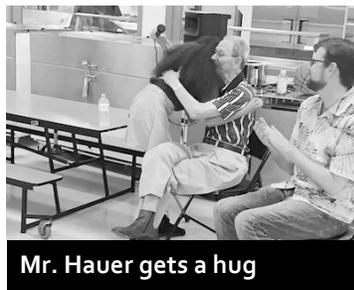
Dancers show off their ribbons

After several months of practice, the 5th graders can be seen doing the Tango, Samba and more as their parents proudly look on at the culminating event.

Northwood Academy is proud to announce that the student finalists for this year brought back the gold

in the first two rounds of competition and the silver medal in the finals. Dancing Classrooms' motto is "transforming lives- one step at a time" and that can be seen through the 5th-grade students at Northwood Academy.

The ability to experience the power that history holds is not something that can simply be taught, sometimes it has to be felt and seen. So how do you bring history to life?



Mr. Hauer gets a hug

You welcome experiences outside of textbooks, and that's just what Northwood Academy did in May. Northwood Academy's 5th-grade students bore witness to history recently as they welcomed Holocaust survivor, Gunter Hauer.

Mr. Hauer came to Northwood Academy through the educational program offered by the Holocaust Awareness Museum, located at 10100 Jamison Ave. in Philadelphia. The students listened intently as the 99-year-old, Mr. Hauer relayed his life story with the message of hope. "I was lucky," Mr. Hauer said of his life. This unique perspective offered both students and staff the chance to be reflective and, more importantly, grateful.

On a lighter note, students stepped into historical shoes at the recent 3rd grade Wax Museum.

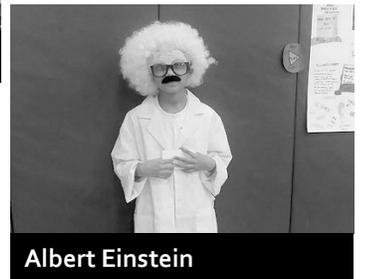
Students wore costumes and sum-



Betsy Ross

marized the life of famous people through history.

Parents, students, and staff mingled with student versions of Albert Einstein, Oprah Winfrey, Betsy Ross, Barack Obama and more.



Albert Einstein

All of these historical encounters have become memories that will last long into the future.

You don't often get the chance to change another's life, learn a new skill and bear witness to history, but the students of Northwood Academy Charter School accomplished all this and more in one school year!

# Changes on the Avenue

By Bob Smiley

What used to be McDonalds, across from the Transportation Center, is now a vacant storefront.



**McDonalds now vacant building**

The word on the street is the loiterers have relocated.

Now reopened after a forced shut down a few months ago, the owners are interested in selling

their franchise. It will take a tough owner to take on this job.



**Adja Binta Food Market**

Across the street from the 7-11 the Chinese takeout has closed and a new Adja Binta African Wholesale Food Market is open. It is a nice little store that carries the basics. Very clean inside.

Coming two doors down, New York Pizza and Grill. Don't know anything about this one yet.

Formerly Lorenzo's Barber Shop is now the Infinity Hair Salon.



**Infinity Hair Salon**

There is always something new happening in Frankford.

## Frankford NAC Zoning Meeting for June

By Christine DeJesus

The Frankford NAC Zoning meeting was held on June 14th at 7 PM at Second Baptist Church.

The results were:

**5520 Harbison Avenue** – Illuminated sign and



**1540 Womrath St.**



**5082 F St.**

roof deck, the case was **continued** because we did not get renderings in time.

**1540 Womrath Street** – Applicant came back to us. (legalization of a triplex) not enough room. So they came to us again to legalize a duplex. Residents (especially block captain) who lives next door was adamantly opposed. Said that they tapped into her electric to operate power tools, etc. – **Opposed**

**4512 Tackawanna Street** – Legalization of a duplex. **Approved**

**5082 F Street** – Application to have a take-out restaurant on the first floor and a single family dwelling on the 2nd floor. Applicant lives in the dwelling upstairs. Letter of **non-opposition** was sent.

The next zoning meeting of the Frankford NAC will be held on July 12th at 7 PM at a location to be announced.



**4512 Tackawanna St.**

# Everyday in Frankford



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania / USA. Steve from Bucks County enjoys a donut in front of the vacant Holiday Thriftway market on Frankford Ave. April 26 2018. Credit: Chris Baker Evens.

## Frankford High School Public League Baseball Champions 2018

Photo from Frankford HS Facebook page



**Frankford Gazette textblast**

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**Norphans**, the grads of North Catholic High School, are running their 7th annual reunion at Keenan's in North Wildwood on July 28th.



For more information, please go to [www.norphans.org](http://www.norphans.org) or call Mike McBride at 215-588-9411 for tickets.

**Simpson Recreation Center is looking for an Afterschool Instructor for the 2018-19 School year.**

The After-School program provides social and structural support to children and youth during non-school hours. As the director, you will be responsible for supervision of the participants as well as management of the program. You will work with the Recreation Center's staff as well as members of the Parks & Recreation staff to ensure the development of the children and program. As the director, you will carry out daily activities, ensure the safety and physical well being of the children, maintain communication with the facility supervisor, and handle afterschool paperwork.

**Job Responsibilities:** Follow policies and procedures of the Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Afterschool Program; Attend staff meetings; Meet with the Recreation facility supervisor to evaluate the children and program; Respect confidentiality of all staff and participants information; Attend continuing education training required by the Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Afterschool program; Keep accurate records of training; Assist children in their academics and encourage literacy and math skills.

**Requirements:** 21 years of age or older; A graduate of High School or G.E.D.; Strong organizational skills; Complete background checks; Complete required training mandated by the Philadelphia Park & Recreation Afterschool Program.

**In Additional:** Some college experiences preferred; Strong organizational skills; Ability to multi-task and flexibility; Experience working with school-age children; Experience working with children from diverse backgrounds.

Interested candidates should either email or fax resumes to Ms. Cynthia Young at email: [simpsonrectr@hotmail.com](mailto:simpsonrectr@hotmail.com) or fax 215-537-3494.

**Stay Strong**

There comes a time in everyone's life,  
whether you go left, or you go right.  
You will still feel the pain,  
STAY STRONG.

The loss of a loved one,  
the loss of a child,  
and airplanes falling out of the sky,  
STAY STRONG.

Tornadoes walking over mountains high,  
wildfires blowing out of control,  
snow so high you can't see the road,  
and rain coming down with nowhere to go,  
STAY STRONG

Sometime life is out of control,  
but you must stand fast and get a hold,  
STAY STRONG

Tomorrow could be a brighter day,  
whether you're right,  
or whether you're wrong,  
you will still feel the pain,  
STAY STRONG

**BY LENNY JAYNES**

**Second Baptist Church of Frankford**  
Rev. Darrell R. Bradsbery, Pastor  
1801 Meadow Street

**By Grace Alone Frankford Church**

1300 Dyre Street

Sundays at 9 a.m.

For more information call 610-283-2969

[www.bgachurch.org](http://www.bgachurch.org)

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By Richard W. Johnson

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## Veteran of the Month—Eric Elijah Cosby

**Eric Elijah Cosby**, affectionately called “Lumpy” by his family and close friends, passed away on June 9th.

He was born in Philadelphia to Warren Sr. and Virginia Cosby on November 8, 1955.

Eric was educated in the Philadelphia Public School system and graduated from Frankford High School in 1973. After graduation, he matriculated at Savannah State College in Savannah, Georgia. Eric later enlisted in the United States Navy until he was honorably discharged in 1976. Eric remained an active veteran of the military until his untimely death.

Eric was a committed and dedicated employee. He worked for PECO for a number of years until he was employed with the Philadelphia School District as a School Police Officer for more than 25 years. Eric, affectionately known as “Koz” around the around the School District worked to protect teachers, families and loved

so many children who were students at the School District.

Eric gave his life to the Lord Jesus Christ at a young age at the Star of Hope Baptist church where he was an active member until his death. Eric participated in bible Study regularly and often asked many questions. He was a member of the Trustee Board, Male Usher Board, Men’s Chorus, Mass Choir and Security. Eric loved his church home and most of all he loved the Lord.

Eric was a generous giver and supporter of his niece’s church, Greater Restoration Cathedral where he was affectionately known as “Unc” by the members. Eric believed in Mission work as he would generously give to Lott Carey Foreign Mission, Veterans Affairs and St. Jude.

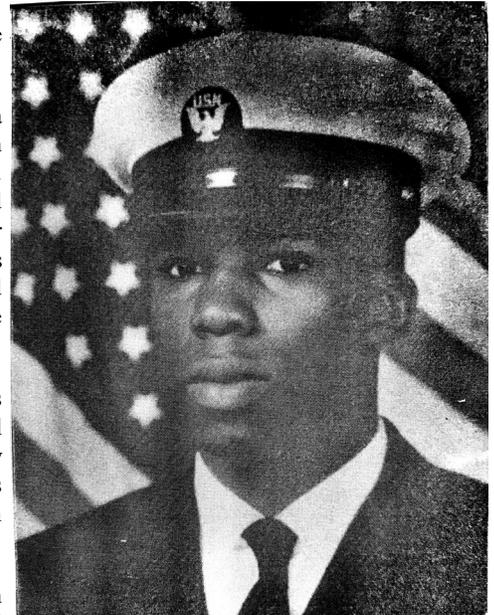
Eric had an infectious smile, distinctive laugh and a way with words. He was a jokester and could be found cracking jokes and pulling pranks with his family and friends.

Children LOVED him. He was known as the “Candyman” to all children. You can rest assured that he would have candy, gum, pastries, ice cream and snickers bars.

Eric enjoyed cooking and making banana pudding and chocolate banana pudding. He was an all-around athlete. He enjoyed basketball and played all around Philadelphia in his hay days. He was an avid football fan and his favorite team was the Philadelphia Eagles. He loved sports and supported his nephews and encouraged them to play.

Eric was known around the country and you could not travel without him knowing someone. Eric enjoyed giving gifts to his family. He enjoyed shopping and traveling. Although Eric was known as being frank with his words and hard; he was also known as being a warm and kind man. He loved hard. His favorite scripture was Psalm 23. His favorite song was by the Canon Singers, “Clean Up”.

Eric married the love of his life **Veronda Mann** on February 12, 2011 and he remained married to her and cared for her until her death



Eric in the United State Navy

in August of 2017.

Eric leaves the following to mourn his passing: his three children: Eric, Tiffany and Elijah; four step children, eight grandchildren; Tyree, Tamia, and Mahnaiyah; Terrance, Mahasin; Yacquies, Sada, Asad; five siblings: Warren, Jr.; Donald (Mattie); Gail Marable; Henry; James (Tera); one uncle James Clark (Joyce) and one aunt Evelyn Carter; seven nieces and nephews, a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins; two childhood friends; Gordon Tuner and Abdul Muqet Tawaab. Eric’s wife, mother, father and nephew preceded him in death.

Eric was interred at Washing Crossing National Cemetery with full military honors.

**Eric Elijah Cosby,**

**We thank you for your service!!!**



Eric as a School District Police Officer

**Update on the Community Garden at Mizpah Seventh-day Adventist Church**

We were able to get one bed of cucumbers set up the evening of June 12th and we had a great time in the process!

We plan to set up another bed and do some transplanting again next Tuesday at 6 pm.

All are welcome to come out and help Tuesdays, at the corner of Paul and Unity Streets.



**Frankford Farmers Market**

Every Saturday July 21st to August 10th

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# Coming Up in Frankford

**Friends of Overington Park** - Tue, July 3, 7pm, Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox Street - The group maintains and supports Overington Park at Orthodox and Leiper Streets. This park has been resurrected and now hosts events almost every month of the year but it can't do it without your active participation. New members needed. Join us the first Tuesday of the month. We meet In the Park from May to September.

**15th Police District PSA1 Meeting** - Thu, July 12, 7pm, Bridesburg Recreation Center, 4601 Richmond St. – Captain's Town Hall

**Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting** - Thu, July 12, 7pm - Second Baptist Church of Frankford, 1801 Meadow St.

**Keystone First Frankford Fitness Series** - Sat, July 14, 10:30am – 11:30am, Frankford Pause Park, 4600 block of Paul Street - **Zumba**

**Northwood Civic Association Meeting** - Tue, July 17, 7pm,

**Food Truck Friday** - Fri, July 27, 12pm – 3pm, 4600 Block of Paul Street - **Tasty Eats**

**Keystone First Frankford Fitness Series** - Sat, July 28, 10:30am – 11:30am, Frankford Pause Park, 4600 block of Paul Street - **Beginners Yoga**

**Frankford Civic Association Meeting** - Thu, August 2, 7pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

## Summer Programming at Frankford Library

### School Age

#### **Lectura bilingüe de cuentos infantiles**

Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime  
For children and their parents. Read by Librarian – Mr. Pagán.  
Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.  
July 23 and 25

#### **Frankford's Wednesday Movie of the Month**

Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.  
July 2 - Coco, July 18- Ferdinand

#### **Block Building Parties**

Block Party!?  
Wooden Block Party in the library.  
Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.  
June 25 and 27

#### **Frankford Lego Playtime**

**Come build something at the library.**  
Mondays & Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.  
July 30, August 1

### Teens and Adults

#### **Teen Thursdays**

June 14, 21, 28; July 12, 19, 26; August 2  
Thursdays at 3pm  
Come have fun doing various activities and games. Snacks provided.  
Teens Only

#### **Email Basics**

Utilize our new laptops for extended time.  
June 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Tuesdays @12p-1p

#### **Resume Help**

Utilize our new laptops for extended time.  
June 31, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2  
Thursdays @12p-1p

LaBae Daniels

Branch Manager & Adult/Teen Librarian  
Frankford Neighborhood Library  
4634 Frankford Avenue  
Phone: 215-685-1473 Email: danielsl@freelibrary.org

Services at  
**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

4442 Frankford Ave.

**8:30AM SIMPLE AND  
SHORT WORSHIP**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:00am  
10:00AM Main WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Northeast Baptist Church**

4744 Tackawanna Street

Service at 11:00 AM Sunday

**Padre Pio Prayer Center**

Chapel corner of Griscom and Church Sts.  
Mass 730 AM Tues, Wed, Thurs  
Mass: 700 PM Monday and Wednesday  
Mass: Saturday 800 AM (Spanish)

Chapel open for private prayer Monday  
through Friday from 7 to 9 PM

**Campbell AME Church**

1657 Kinsey Street

Church Office: 215-288-2748

Email: campbella.m.e.frankford@gmail.com

St. James Lutheran Church

5185 Castor Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19124

215-743-1828

www.StJamesPhilly.com

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am

Friday Night Youth Ministry (4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

Grade): 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Services at  
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