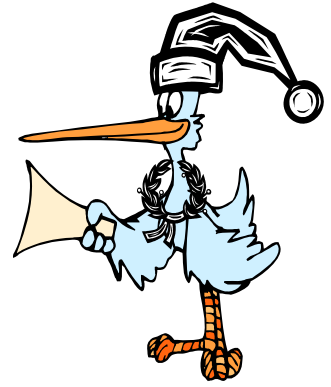


# Happy Holidays!



## The Stork Report

Teen Parent Program

### Reindeer Rule!

- \* Reindeer are the only female deer to grow antlers. Males usually shed their antlers in November or December. Females keep theirs until spring. Does that mean that Santa's reindeer are all female? You Go Girls!
- \* Reindeer are herbivores, which means they eat vegetation and no meat.
- \* Reindeer generally don't run very fast. In fact, a white-tailed deer could outrun a reindeer.
- \* Reindeer use their antlers like a shovel to break through the snow to reach the vegetation underneath.
- \* Reindeer have a life span of only 4.5 years.

### Students Learn about Art at Bob Jones Museum

Teen Parent students learned a lot about art at the Bob Jones Museum and Gallery on Monday, November 23. The collection at Bob Jones is one of the most important collections of religious art in the country and is recognized as one of the finest collections of Italian paintings in America.

We learned that fine art can be interesting. Our guide explained that people were identified with colors—Mary usually was surrounded with red, white and blue. We also learned that some paintings were placed on wood—not on canvas—and that gold leaf was often used. In one room, the guide turned off the lights

and, with the help of a black light, showed us where changes had been made to the painting.

After the museum, we boarded the bus and headed to the Golden Corral. We all enjoyed the great buffet, especially the delicious desserts.

Thank you Mrs. Cain for organizing the trip and for giving us the opportunity to learn something new!



### The Story of Lapsits

Once upon a time, there was a program called Lapsits— a program that teaches new parents about the importance of reading to newborns. Did you know that reading aloud to your baby is the single most important thing that you can do to help him or her learn to read? Not only is reading to your baby fun, but it helps your baby to learn new words and get a head start on learning to read. Lapsits teaches new moms how to read to their babies so that it will be exciting. Moms learn to use finger plays, songs, voice tones and facial expressions to go along with the books.

Thanks to Lapsits, new moms receive free books to enjoy with their baby. Thank you Ms. Neve and Lapsits for coming to Teen Parent once a month and reminding all of us that reading is fun and is good for our babies!

## Teen Parent Gets Ready for the Holidays



### Glitter and Glue and Markers, Oh My!

Students at Teen Parent were given a wide array of art supplies to create fun ornaments to decorate the Christmas tree in the cafeteria. It was a time for students to let their artistic and creative abilities shine. The tree is now adorned with funny gingerbread people, sparkling stars and other glittery and glamorous shapes! Thank you Mrs. Ethridge for the great idea and for gathering the art supplies.



Students also decorated the tree in the front hall. Mr. Gerald's Geometry classes folded paper into geometric shapes and tied them with ribbon to make beautiful holiday packages. Mrs. Jones' students made festive garland out of tissue paper. Mrs. Roberts' computer classes turned paper and photographs into personalized ornaments. Students brought in pictures and used the scanner to get them into a computer file where the photos could be cropped, recolored, resized and otherwise edited for printing. They also used the camera to take pictures around the school. The pictures were then placed in folded paper frames resulting in some unique ornaments. See Mrs. Roberts if you would like instructions for making the frames.

Thank you students for filling our building with holiday cheer. Remember, these are all things that you can do with your child (when he/she is a bit older) around the holidays.



## Student Government

### Get Involved!

- ★ **Student Christmas Lunch and Secret Santa Gift Exchange** will be on Dec 15. If you signed up to bring something, please bring it by Dec. 11. See Cleo for more info. Shhhhh! Don't say a word about your Secret Santa! It's a secret!
- ★ **Toys for Tots**—Student Government is working with the Marines to collect toys for needy children at Christmas. If you want to help, bring in a toy by December 14 and place in the beautifully decorated boxes.
- ★ **Soldier Pen Pals**—Mr. Gerald is working with a service learning group to make a holiday box for soldiers who won't be home for the holidays. Ask Mr. Gerald for items needed and when they should be brought in to TPP.
- ★ **Recycle Your Unwanted Clothes**—Here is your chance to help TPP, help others and clean out your closet! Over Winter Break, clean out your closets and bag up the clothes (especially your mother's ugly holiday sweater), belts, purses and shoes that you are no longer wearing. Bag up those stuffed animals that are not loved as much as they once were along with old sheets and towels that your family no longer uses. Bring all of this to school. We get money for each pound of goods sent to Mid-Atlantic Clothing Recycling (MAC). MAC will send the usable items all over the world to needy people and the unusable items are shredded and made into fibers that will be used to make new clothes. Go to [www.mac-recycling.com](http://www.mac-recycling.com) for more information on MAC.

### New Officers Elected

**President** Juana Amezquita  
**Vice President** Alexis Polk  
**Secretary** Kyra Hawkins  
**Treasurer** Jakeena Sullivan  
**Sergeant at Arms** Janiya Mosley

**Pen Pan Soldiers** Cleo McDonald  
**Recycling** Quaz Barker  
**Book Talk** Alejandra Bertram  
 Edith Cruz  
**Birthday Celebrations** Janiya Mosley  
**School Ambassador** Jakeena Sullivan  
**Honor Roll Celebration** Kyra Hawkins  
**Toys for Tots** Alexis Polk



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## Christmas Word Search

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 N U V A Y E L L E B A R W N T  
 L O S I G T I L S C U P I D E  
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BALL	FROSTY	SANTA CLAUS
BELL	GIFT	SLED
BLITZEN	GINGERBREAD	SNOWMAN
CANDYCANE	NOEL	STAR
CHIMNEY	NORTHPOLE	STOCKING
CHRISTMAS	NUTCRACKER	SUGARPLUMS
COMET	PEACE	TOY
CUPID	PRANCER	TREE
DANCER	PRESENT	VIXEN
DASHER	REINDEER	WORKSHOP
DONNER	RUDDOLPH	WREATH
ELF	SACK	

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### Guess Who?????



This little cutie (with the fabulous hair style) is on staff at Teen Parent. Can you guess who it is?

If you know who it is, put your name and your guess in the box in the cafeteria. During lunch on Friday, a name will be drawn and if you have the correct answer, you'll win a small prize .