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TFE Runner Up in 9th Annual Capital Events League

The 7th & 8th graders fought till the bitter end during the 9th Annual Capital Events' League Championship game on Saturday, March 1, 2014.

It was a true nail biter, riddled with mountains of turbulence, yet our guys persevered. We are extremely proud of the entire TFE

organizational body for a job well done. Keep up the Great Work! Team Work Makes the Dream Work! TFE will host a special celebration on March 5, 2014 @ 7:00pm.



TFE Host a Town Hall with Ben Dubose, AAU Governor

Join us during our Town Hall Meeting on March 19, 2014 @ 7:30pm, featuring guest speaker Ben Dubose, residing Maryland District Governor, and AAU National Executive Board member as he reviews the nuts and bolts of your Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) membership entitlements.

Some topics include, but not limited to, advantages of the AAU National & International

platform, tournaments, clinics and camps, to name a few. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the objectives, goals, and missions of the Maryland District Region.

We will detail how these resources will serve as an instrumental mean for Team Fire Elite's basketball program.

Mr. Dubose has over 30 years of expertise within the AAU circuit and an extensive portfolio of

relevant experience. He welcomes the opportunity to personally address any of your questions or concerns.

The Event is free and open to all TFE members and families. Please RSVP by March 12, 2014.

Light refreshments will be served.

POTUS Signs New Initiative “My Brother’s Keeper”



Members of BAM watched as POTUS ratifies the amendment.

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CBS News reports, President Obama on Thursday launched an initiative to unlock the full potential of young men and boys of color - an effort the president said will help not only the at-risk demographic but the nation as a whole. It's also an effort that hits close to home for Mr. Obama.

“I could see myself in

these young men,” Mr. Obama said from the East Room of the White House, standing aside participants of a Chicago-based youth guidance group, Becoming a Man (BAM).

“I didn't have a dad in the house, and I was angry about it, even though I didn't necessarily realize it at

the time,” he said. “I made bad choices, I got high without thinking about the harm it would do, and I didn't always take school as seriously as I should have.”

TFE will follow this resource carefully to identify possible opportunities of interest for our TFE Scholar-Athletes. Stay Tuned!

Coaches Corner

According to a recent article, *5 Ways to Improve Explosiveness and Durability in the AAU USA magazine*, “A player's overall conditioning level is vital in his/her ability to become an explosive athlete on the court.”

Conditioning is an instrumental component of TFE's practice regimen. Kevin

Dade, President & Senior Vice President, Scott Stewart has developed a well-designed court conditioning program that includes drills to increase agility, flexibility, power, strength, and skill proficiencies. These programs are interchangeable for all grade levels throughout the organization.

The coaching staff's philosophy is simple focus on developing a player through the fundamental skill sets of the sport then you can begin to skillfully master and conquer the game. We intend to create a competitive advantage over our opponents by increasing our athlete's skills sets through a

Coaches Corner continued..

sensible strength training, shooting, ball handling, passing, and defensive conditioning program. Our members are pushed to perform these practice regimens repeatedly at the highest intensity

levels with minimal rest to simulate “in-game situation” basketball.

The ultimate goal is to increase our skillsets and endurance levels to embark upon our next journey in Division I of

the AAU basketball circuit.

National Read Across America

TFE supports National Education Association's (NEA) "Read Across America's Initiative".

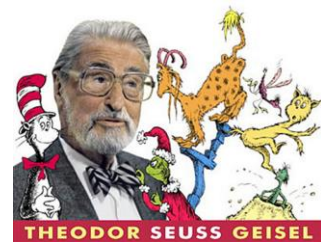
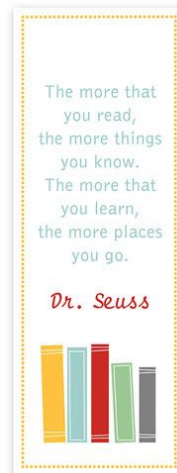
NEA's Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2—Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books.

TFE management provided our scholar athletes with special book marks and encouraged our scholars to reserve **20** minutes daily with a special book of their choosing. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school.

TFE is committed to fostering an environment that emphasizes both academic and athletic

excellence. If you haven't received a bookmark please inquire with your Team Manager.



The author of the Dr. Seuss book series

National Women's History Month

Every year, the President designates March as Women's History Month as one way that Americans in schools, workplaces and local communities can take the time to reflect on the accomplishments and legacies of women who have shaped our great country's history.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment." The

theme of character, courage, and commitment honors the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination of the tenacity of women. We have a host of invaluable women who have significantly contributed to our country's rich history. Here are a few – **Harriet Tubman** (Underground Railroad); **Susan B. Anthony** (Anti-Slavery & Woman's Right Movement); **Belva**

Lockwood (enable women to litigate in the highest court); **Shirley Chisholm** (1st African American elected to Congress & run for President); **Hattie McDaniel** (1st African American to win an Oscar); **Madame C. J. Walker** (1st African American & 1st female to become a millionaire) We encourage you to take a moment to acknowledge those important women within your village.



Susan B. Anthony

Team Fire Elite Organization

TFE Honors our Scholar Athletes

TFE Scholar Athletes

TFE is committed to encouraging educational advancement, academic achievement, and leadership by promoting the importance of obtaining your education first and foremost. Our goal is to develop extraordinary leaders both on the court and in the community.

Knowledge is power and the foundation of success. An instrumental part of a young boy's development is creating a pathway to

obtain both an educational and economic advantage. TFE is passionately committed to showing our youth how organized sports can open doors of limitless possibilities through discipline, academics, service, and unity.

All members are required to submit copies of both Interim Reports and quarterly Report Cards to their respective team manager and Head Coach for review. Management has committed to hosting

minimum of (2) maximum of (4) internal/informal presentations with Parents, Management, and members to acknowledge our athletes with an average GPA of 3.0 or higher.

TFE held a mini-presentation on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 to honor Sean M. Hughes (3.1), Marcus Hamilton (3.2), Xavion Jones (3.4) (pictured), and Jalen Reuben (3.4) for their exemplary efforts displayed in school. Keep Up the Great Work!



Top to Bottom left to right: Coach Kelly, Sean M.Hughes & Coach Kevin; Marcus Hamilton, Coach Scott, & Xavion Jones

TFE Tours the Diplomatic Reception Rooms at State

We have two (2) educational tours scheduled— **1) The Diplomatic Reception Rooms tour** includes the Entrance Hall, Transition Room, Gallery, John Quincy Adams State Drawing Room, Thomas Jefferson State Reception Room, and the Benjamin Franklin State Dining Room. The exquisitely detailed architectural and decorative highlights of this suite of rooms serve as our country's main stage of international

diplomacy. In addition to its function for diplomacy, these rooms house a premier collection of early American paintings, furniture, and decorative arts, dating from 1740 until the late 19th century. This is a fine arts tour that will include an overview of the rooms and their contents with selected emphasis on some items and their history.

2) The Embassy of France. Visitors are led

through each of the Embassy's four main buildings and are accompanied by a guide from among the Embassy staff followed by a question-and-answer session with a French diplomat.

TFE is committed to exposing our children to cultural experiences that prepare our scholars to be leaders of tomorrow. **Check with your Team Manager or Head Coach if you would like to attend.**



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Announcements...

Registration fees were due on Wednesday, March 12, 2014. A Huge Thanks to all that have submitted their fees. Please see Nikki Dade or Dana Clark if your fees remain outstanding.

Updated Tournament Schedule- please see your team manager to get your copy.

Five-Star Announces Summer 2014 Camp Schedule Washington DC Area Five-Star Basketball Camp, the worldwide leader in basketball instruction,

will continue its year-round development program in the Washington DC area. More information can be found at www.5starbasketball.com or (call 301-762-2121 for more info).

Members Corner...

We would like to hear from you... Do you have a special story you would like to add? A significant milestone; a valuable resource for our TFE family members.. Send it to us

for inclusion within our next issue...

About Our Organization..

Team Fire Elite AAU Basketball Organization located in Charles County, Waldorf, MD. Team Fire Elite (TFE) is an **organization with age**

divisions 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, & 15U and basketball players ranging from 10-15 years of age. Founded by Kevin & Nakiea

Dade with the vision of improving athletes, athletic, academic, and social accountability skills. TFE is committed to **"Developing**

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