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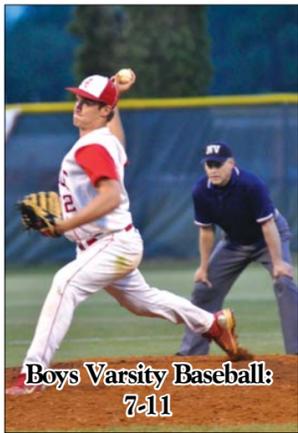
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## Around AHS

### Class of 2011 selling Memory Bricks

Memory Bricks are being sold for \$50. Bricks can be engraved with names of students, teachers and faculty members. They will be located in the front of the jock lobby. An application can be downloaded to specify what the brick should say. Checks can be made payable to Annandale High School. The application can be found at <http://www.mediafire.com>.

### AHS hosts annual Battle of the Bands

AHS Battle of the Bands will take place on Friday from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The event will take place in the Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 at the door. Price of admission includes one vote for your favorite band. Additional votes may be purchased 2 for \$1 or 12 for \$5. Water and candy are for sale also. A few of the bands performing include Townhouse, Oh, Satellite and The Scoons.

### NHS looking for sponsor

National Honor Society is looking for a new sponsor. Teachers, sponsors or parents that are interested in running the society, can contact incumbent President Carolyn Hartley at Carolyn\_Hartley@hotmail.com or counselor Cliff Hickman at Cliff.Hickman@feps.edu

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Vincent Randazzo hugs marketing teacher Stephanie Harmony after the news of his selection was announced on May 12.

## Randazzo in position for transition as principal

By ANNIE CURRAN  
Co-Editor in Chief

Nearly a week after Vincent Randazzo was named the seventh principal in the history of AHS, students and faculty members are still reacting as he begins to establish his goals for next year. Randazzo has served as Assistant Principal since 2005, after he was hired as an English teacher in 1999.

During his first speech as principal, Randazzo outlined some of these goals. He wanted the staff to know that in the future they would work together to strive for greatness for the school. "AHS is the flagship school of Cluster III," Randazzo said. "I'm looking forward to our journey of making it the flagship school of FCPS." Randazzo went on to thank the staff for their

constant dedication to their jobs and to the school. "The magic that happens at AHS comes from your passion and hard work."

His other goals are focused on keeping AHS on the path Principal John Ponton has set the school on. First, he wants to maximize success in academic programs and continue to aid the students. Second, he wants to create a better relationship with the AHS community, including businesses and organizations.

"I'm not so much planning to change [AHS], but planning to enhance," Randazzo said. For example, he wants to incorporate more technology in classes for both teachers and students. Also, Randazzo wants to establish himself as the principal and stay a strong figure, so that students understand he is the new principal.

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## Redistricting gets personal

Three neighborhoods named as part of final proposal to alleviate overcrowding

By CORINNE BALICKI AND ANNIE CURRAN  
Staff Writer and Co-Editor in Chief

On the heels of the School Board announcing four options to alleviate overcrowding, the community will be invited to attend a meeting at Wakefield Forest ES tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is separate from the series of PTSA community meetings designed to inform and spark dialogue among parents, business owners and students. Among the four options that will be discussed includes a non-boundary proposal, where AHS would have 10th-12th grades only, Poe would have 8th and 9th grades and Holmes would have 6th and 7th grades.

The affected neighborhoods in the three boundary options would be Bren Mar Park, Parklawn or Wakefield Chapel. Option one would move the Bren Mar Park neighborhood to Edison HS, with the purpose of moving the smallest amount of students possible.

In option two, students in Bren Mar Park would go to Edison HS, students from Parklawn HS would go to Stuart HS and students from Wakefield Chapel would go to Woodson HS, in order to eliminate split feeder elementary schools that send students to different middle schools.

The final boundary proposal, option three, would move Bren Mar Park to Edison HS, Parklawn to Stuart HS and Wakefield Chapel to Lake Braddock HS, with the purpose of focusing on elementary schools that are K-6.

Option four is a non-boundary proposal that would reconfigure the grades offered at AHS. As previously mentioned, AHS would offer 10th-12th grades, Poe would offer 9th and 8th grades and Holmes would offer 6th and 7th grades.

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## Macbeth is an ESOL success

By CJ AFTERGUT  
Co-Editor in Chief

ESOL students took the stage on May 12 to perform their annual Theater Without Borders play. In their second performance of the year, ESOL students took on the roles of the characters from Shakespeare's Macbeth, a story of romance and action.

The play, which was adapted to meet the needs of LEP students, took advantage of each student's individual talents and skills. ESOL students took the reins in the performance, participating in acting, script writing, lighting, sound and stage management.

For more information on the ESOL department's production, visit [www.thea-blast.org](http://www.thea-blast.org).

## Boys lacrosse wins district by landslide

Team solidifies regional tournament spot with 17-3 win over W.T. Woodson in championship

By DAVID HOOKEY  
Retiring Co-Editor in Chief

Sticks thrown in the air, team charging the field and huddling around their goalie, faces beaming with unrelenting joy. This was the scene the varsity boys lacrosse team had to watch for the past two seasons having lost back-to-back Patriot District Championship games. But on May 13, the Atoms got to experience this themselves as they trounced the Woodson Cavaliers in the championship game, 17-3.

Looking to avenge a regular season loss, the Atoms took on the Cavaliers for the Patriot District title. After falling behind 3-0 in their first meeting, the Atoms were intent on not letting that happen again. Senior Andy Craig won the opening face-off, ran down the field, dumped the ball off to junior Ryan Miller who then passed to senior Nick Lalande for the goal and a 1-0 lead just 9 seconds into the game.

"Last game we went down early and never really got our confidence back

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The varsity boys lacrosse team celebrates their victory on May 13 against Woodson.

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