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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

~ Nelson Mandela

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Leadership Speakers

Judge Jawwaad Rasheed, Oneida County Family Court Justice, spoke with Freshmen and Sophomores as part of our Leadership Speaker Series. A native of Buffalo's east side, [Judge Rasheed](#) shared with students his take on what one needs to become successful:

1) **Vision**; 2) **Dedication**;
3) **Perseverance**; 4) **Passion** and; 5) **Faith**.

Thoroughly engaged by Judge Rasheed's passionate delivery, students were full participants in this Leadership session. The judge **challenged students to forge their own paths** and never give up on themselves, even in the face of failure. At one point, Judge Rasheed told students that he had "never spoken to any successful person who had not failed... Ask a successful person how many times they failed before they succeeded..." He reminded the students that the important thing about failure is what you do next. **"No matter how many times you fall, what's important is that you always get back up."**



UB Tutors Robotics Students



As part of a collaboration between the BASCS Robotics Team and the UB Computer Science Department, students are learning how to program android phones. Students attend session once a week to learn the ins and outs of programming and coding for the popular phones.



For more information about the Common Core Standards and how you can assist your child, visit:

Engageny.org:

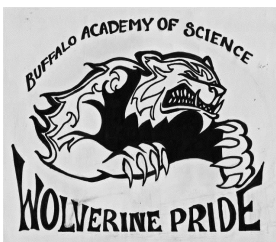
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BASCS hosted the Finger Lakes Region FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Qualifying competition on Saturday, November 23, 2013. Five teams from WNY area schools competed to move on to the next rounds of the FLL Competitive events. The afternoon was filled with the spirit of friendly competition, cooperation, respect and fun!

FEAST OF THANKS:

Family Literacy Night

BASCS families celebrated literacy at the annual event on Thursday, November 21st. Common Core Bingo, student performances, a free book giveaway, the Scholastic Book Fair and a pre-Thanksgiving dinner kept our families entertained and engaged the entire evening.



Councilman David A. Rivera ([Niagara District](#)) was on hand to deliver the keynote address to the [Middle School Honors](#) students on November 14th. Councilman Rivera congratulated the students and encouraged them to **continue on the path towards excellence**. The Councilman's message was well received from both students and their parents.

The keynote address for the special breakfast was delivered by [Masten District](#) Councilman Demone A. Smith. Councilman Smith gave arousing call-to-action speech to students which encouraged them to **work hard and stay on the right path towards success**. Students and their parents enjoyed the Councilman's passionate speech.

