**Matthias Bell**

**Mr. Coady A1**

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**Journal Entry 2**

**Dates and Hours:** April 1st, 2011

3pm-5pm for filming

7:45am-11:45am for editing

**Tasks Accomplished:** Completed Filming and editing for Mastery Charter Shoemaker Campus, and created an opening sequence for my video to tie the two schools together.

**Who:** My mentor, Daniel, who is the assistant principal at Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus, Sharif El-Mekki, several students and teachers allowing me in the classrooms. I also went on a tour of the school and got to experience the discipline within the building.

**Where:** Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus, at home, and at school.

**Description of Day:** Finished filming the travel going down to Mastery Charter Shoemaker and South Philly High for the opening sequence to tie the two schools together. I filmed in the classrooms, and got more opportunities to film before and after shots of the school and the changes in the building. Took shots of the hallways with College Banners and also took shots of Dean of Student’s offices to show pride in students. Taken on a tour by Sharif El-Mekki and Dan Bell of the school and shown the “Mastery Way” within the school, revolving around discipline. Also had the opportunity to film in the cafeteria. However, this footage will not be used in the final video.

**Reason for Experience:** This experience was the next step toward completing my documentary. I worked to completely finish the filming necessary at Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus, and worked diligently to complete the editing process for the footage I have thus far. This leaves me in a good position to continue my documentary by visiting South Philly High and meeting with Mr. Otis Hackney, the former principal of Springfield who now is the principal at South Philadelphia High School, and has been praised for his work there. This work was the necessary next step in my work toward the final product of a successful documentary demonstrating the effectiveness of charter schools as an alternative method of educating students within the Philadelphia Public School System. Though my work has not had an impact on others at this time, the final product will present this information, informing the public to educate them on the educational reform that is spreading across the country within the Public School System.