The second month of the year is coming to a close. Though this month is short a lot has been accomplished. The students continued their work with Kaplan on preparation for the ACT and took a practice test on February 13th. The ACT exam consists of four parts: English, Math, Reading, and Science. Each category is scored on a range from 1 being the lowest and 36 being the highest. The average is taken of the four sections to give the ACT composite score. The average composite score for this test is about 20, so roughly 50% of students score below that (http://collegeapps.about.com/od/theact/f/goodactscore.htm). There are many factors that determine if a student would be admitted to a university. College entrance exams are just one part with schools usually working with students that are at the average score of 20 and above. The class average composite score for the first practice exam was an 18, with a low of 12 and a high of 27. The average for the class was highest in the Math and Science sections with a 19 and 20 respectively and lowest for the English and Reading with a 17 and 16. There are still 3 more practice test and one more ACT exam prior to the last ACT exam that will be taken in June. From now until June, there will be opportunity to continue to study and improve the average test scores with Kaplan and other supplemental learning opportunities.

The class continued with afternoon activities every Saturday. This February the class registered for the SAT exam for March and the April ACT exam. The class explored some more cultural issues by watching vignettes about cultural issues that doctors may face in their offices. The class also watched a video called s.t.a.t.s. Sex, Teens, AIDS: Take ‘Em Serious. The video brought awareness of the pressure of sex and of STDs and AIDS to the community.
March will consist of preparation for the SAT and taking the SAT exam as well as continued preparation for the ACT. The afternoons will provide opportunities for tutoring and the beginning of the Photo Voice Projects since the snow will finally be melted so students can fulfill some of the outdoors shots that will be need for the project.