



ROOTS ACTIVITY LEARNING CENTER, INC

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2017

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY –JUNE 18TH

This month we will celebrate our present day role model. **Dr. Marian Wright Edelman**. From her



work with poor children in Mississippi in the 1960s to the present, Dr. Edelman has endeavored to give all children the public voice they lack yet so desperately need. Through the Children's Defense Fund, which she created over 20 years ago, Dr. Edelman has sought to bring the plight of children to the attention of policy makers and the public, and has been a vigorous advocate for the creation and funding of programs to improve children's lives, for strengthening families and for weaving a web of community support for children. A graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, she became the first African-American woman admitted to the Mississippi state bar while serving as head of the NAACP Legal Defense

and Education Fund's office in Jackson, Mississippi. Following a move to Washington, D.C., she became counsel to the Poor People's Campaign and later established the Washington Research Project, where she concentrated on lobbying Congress for expanded child and family nutrition programs and an expanded Head Start program. In 1973, she founded the Children's Defense Fund. In 1995, Dr. Edelman received The Heinz Award for her dedication to protecting the right and meeting the needs of America's children.



PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR

We will also commemorate the birthday of Paul Lawrence Dunbar. He was born on June 27, 1872. He was one of the most famous poets of the 19th century. His poetry depicted the beauty and rhythmic flow of Black English, the joys of the Black family, love, and childhood.

Mission and Philosophy

Promote and secure the connection of Mother Africa within our children.

To prepare students to break the chains of psychological conditioning that attempts to keep them powerless in all phases of society.

Provide students with a strong African-Centered learning environment.

Guide students toward academic excellence, exemplary character and social responsibility

Encourage success leading to self-reliance and economic, social and political contributions to society.

Roots Activity Learning Center believes in the principles of Nguzo Saba- The African Value System of:

- *Umoja-Unity*
- *Kujichaulia-Self-Determination*
- *Ujima-Collective Work and Responsibility*
- *Ujamaa- Cooperative Economics*
- *Nia- Purpose*
- *Kuumba-Creativity*
- *Imani-Faith*

The teachers and staff of Roots believe that the children of African heritage have unlimited potential, that can flourish and bring about a brighter world of nourish properly. We believe in teaching from an African-centered perspective, which includes, hands-on and holistic activities.

Our school is designed to facilitate organized activity using open spaces which are strategically divided. Student are grouped in a multi-grade fashion so as they can grow and develop naturally as siblings do in a family- the younger learning skills faster and the older acquiring a sense of responsibility and maturity along with advance academic skills.

The Roots motto is “Youth are the roots of change” and “Exposure is the key to intelligence”.

RALC provides students with an academically stimulating curriculum of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, music, art, and physical development in a caring environment.

The goal is to enable students to become successful, lifelong learners and valuable, contributing, positive agents of change of the global community.

OUR ROOTS FAMILY BIRTHDAYS

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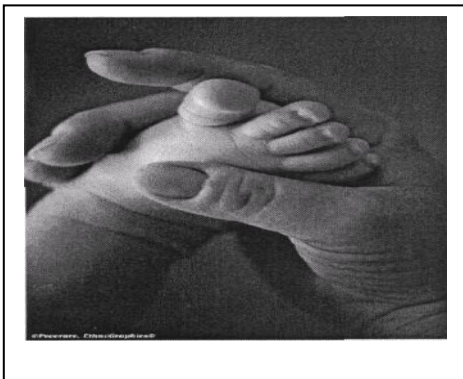
Denim Griffin- 6th

JULY 2017 ,

Ju'dea Harvey- 1st ,Zamir Nickens- 5th , Alonna Saunders- 5th
Mama Bernida – 5th , ,Memphis DeRosa- 7th ,Maya Meronen- 11th , Shamari Lucas- 11th ,
Stepheny Richardson- 18th , Dakota Carr- 20th ,Mama Kiamesha – 23rd , Brooke Guthrie- 28th

AUGUST 2017

Zaiden Nickens- 3rd , Madisyn Claiborne-11th , Mila Baily 24th
Our birthday party will be held on Friday, June 9th, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.



A Tribute To Dad

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has enjoyed the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in Others and gave them the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction. When you follow in the path of your father, you learn to walk like him. Happy Father's Day. From the Family of Roots

Events this Month



Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Friday, June 9th

Our birthday party will be held on Friday, June 9th at 3:30 p.m.

PRE-K THREE & FOUR GRADUATION/RECITAL/REPORT CARDS/RECEPTION

Wednesday, June 14th /10:00am-12:00pm/Lower level

FUN & FAMILY DAY

Friday, June 16th

Face Painting, Moon Bounce, Food, Games, Music

SUMMER SCHOOL/ CAMP

Monday June 26th is the beginning of Summer School/Camp. (1st-5th Grades)



SPECIAL THANKS:



To the parents for their appreciation gifts to the teachers during Teacher's appreciation week in May 2017 & throughout the School Year.

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Also, Roots thank everyone for their support in numerous ways to help the school in its mission and goals for our children. All teachers & staff of RALC thank all parents & friends and send Peace and Blessing to you. WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ROOTS, AS WE STRIVE FORWARD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN. PEACE AND BLESSINGS.



We welcome any parent who is interested in volunteering in the classrooms or office.

REQUIRED Before S-Y 2017-18

All updated forms are due - Application forms, Enrollment agreement & contract forms, health & dental forms.

Roots Activity Learning Center:

Uses Africentric Curriculum with the Core Standards

Has Infant Center (6weeks) through Pre-K four

Is one of the few Accredited Early Childhood Centers in the D.C. Metropolitan Area

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