

ROOT ACTIVITY LEARNING CENTER

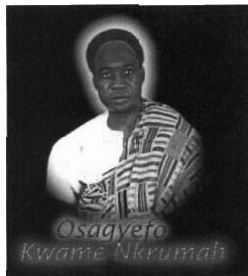
NEWSLETTER -SEPTEMBER 2017



Welcome back to Returning Parents and Students!!!

Welcome to New Parents and Students!!!

The staff of Roots Activity Learning Center extends a warm welcome to the parents of our continuing students. We welcome all of our new parents and students. Your suggestions are encouraged and will be welcomed throughout the year. Feel free to help us achieve our goal for a productive year. We will again formulate our in- house parent directory. It would be most beneficial for all parents to have current addresses, e-mail addresses, home and work phone numbers and occupations of our Roots families. If you have a problem with having your number listed, please inform you child's teacher of another number we can list when parents need to contact you.



This month we celebrate the birthday of Kwame Nkrumah. Though the actual date of his birth is not known, we commemorate his birth on September 21, 1909. Dr. Kwame Nkrumah was the first Prime Minister of Ghana, which was the first African country to win independence from colonial rule.

We also honor our present day role model Ruby Bridges- Hall, born September 8, 1951 in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1960, at six years old she was one of the first black children to attend an all white public elementary school in the the South. Escorted by Federal Marshals, she was the only child in her class. Presently, Ruby Bridges Hall resides in New Orleans. In her effort “to increase Parental Involvement in Education” she founded “The Ruby Bridges Foundation”.





Our present day role model,
Grand Master William Phillip

Our SEPTEMBER 2017 Roots' Family Birthdays



Naomi Waters 2nd, Willa Dagadu- 8th, Dylainnys Perez 16th, Mama Joyce 18th
Charles Tenbrook- 22nd, Baba CJ- 25th, & Baba Thomas Dyson – 30th.

The birthday party will be held Friday, September 29th @ 3:30 pm.

Welcome Back Staff

Welcome back our Staff: Baba CJ, Mama Maleka, Mama Renada, Mama Tanza, Mama Kiameshia, Mama Shrira, Mama Sharie, Mama Joyce, Mama Andreana, Mama Jasmine, Mama Bintu, Mama Jeanea,,Mama Mercadise, Mama Aminah, Mama Maat, Mama Roseanna, and Mama Nkechi (Principal). We hope everyone's summer was fruitful. Peace and Blessings to All! We are anticipating a great school year!!!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (PTA MEETING)

Our back to school night/first PTA is on Tuesday, September 13th, 2017 at 6: 00 pm. All parents are urged to attend PTA meetings. Please attend to meet your child's teacher.

Attendance is required for all families.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MEETING

The first PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th at 6 pm**. All parents are urged to attend PAC meetings and sign up for PAC committees. All committee chairpersons are *required* to attend the meetings and all parents are required to work on PAC committees. Offer your skills; let us know your plans to help the school. We hope that this year will be a very productive one.

Remember annual dues are \$25 per family.

Class Trip



SCHOOL TRIP- All students must be at school by 8:30am. If your child arrives after the bus leaves; there is NO acceptance of the child for that day. Children cannot be left in the office or brought to the trip after the class leaves the school.

**The Pre-K three & four- Washington National ZOO- Friday 8th
Class will attend the Lamond Riggs Library every Wednesday @ 10:00am.*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY
Friday, September 29th – 3:30 pm

SPECIAL THANKS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU *GOES OUT TO ALL INDIVIDUALS & PARENTS FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL AND FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION DURING SUMMER AND BACK TO SCHOOL PREPARATIONS.*

**.. The first essential thing is organization. Some say unity, but unity presupposes organization." Kwame Nkrumah.*

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



LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!

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Queen Mother Virginia (Aziza) Jones
(November 1, 1935 – August 31st, 2017)

It is with heartfelt sadness that we notify the Roots family of the passing of one of the founding members of Roots Activity Learning Center. Mama Jones as she was affectionately called, transition on August 31st, 2017. She was born November 1, 1935 in Canton, MI. She attended the Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, MI, and Omaha University in Omaha, NE. She was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Special Education from D.C. Teachers College. After teaching at Houston Elementary School, Mama Jones joined Roots Activity Learning Center to open the Primary Division in 1978. As a skilled and seasoned educator, Mama Jones served as a mentor teacher, Head of the Primary Division, and Principal. Although retired, Queen Mother's duties included Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Roots A.L.C. Queen Mother Virginia (Aziza) Jones was also chosen by the National Association of Secondary Principals as DC Middle Level Principal of the Year 2010. Words cannot express the love and gratitude that the Roots family has for Mama Jones. Please keep her family in prayer.

Service will be Sat, September, 16th, at Horton Funeral Home, 600 Kennedy St N. W. Washington D.C. 11:00 am- 12:30 PM. Repast - Roots Public Charter School, Multipurpose Room, 15 Kennedy St. N.W. Washington D.C. 12:30 pm- 3:00 pm

In the wake of your departure we remember
your smile
your love
your wisdom
your vision
your knowledge
your beauty
your empathy
your magnificence
your stature
your mentorship
your creativity
your patience
your longevity
your understanding
your caring
In the wake of your departure, we remember YOU!

**To Queen Mother Virginia Aziza Jones
11/1/1935 – 8/31/2017**



ROOTS

Activity Learning Center

40th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 8, 2017

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Martins Crosswinds

7400 Greenway Center Drive

Greenbelt, MD 20770-3053

Tickets - \$50.00 Adults • \$80.00 - Children

Table - \$500.00 each

Please Purchase Tickets Before September 30th

Contact Phone: 202-882-5155