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Lotus Lamp:

Academic Excellence Character Development Cultural Affirmation

Peace, Love, and Power! Greetings, Lotus family. It feels as if school just started yesterday, yet it is already November. With the move to our new location, the merger of the Early Learning Center and the Lower School, and renovations to our new facility underway, the school year has started at an energetic pace. This year promises to be one of high activity and accomplishment, as we recommit to our core values as an institution and strive to ensure that every aspect of our program reflects these values.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the community of Lotus family members who have readily shared their insights, concerns, critiques, recommendations, and overall support. Your perspective and communication is invaluable to us, and I encourage you to continue dialoguing with the staff and administration. Recognizing the importance of communication, the Lotus Lamp is representative of our commitment to keep you informed. Additional efforts being made along these lines include the redesigning of our website, the design of an interactive phone system, and the development of events to give our community increased opportunities to interact with students, staff, and administration.

We hope these efforts help us to enhance your sense of connectivity to the school, so that a sense of Umoja, unity, can flourish amongst us.

We Are One Always!
Mothuri Angola

COMING EVENTS

- 11/5** Lower School Noon Dismissal at 1pm/ Staff Meeting
- 11/11** School Closed
- 11/18** C.L.A.S. Meeting at 5:45
- 11/26** Spotlight on Young Artists 1:00pm
- 11/27-28** School Closed

NOVEMBER

sun	mon	tue	wed	thurs	fri	sat
			5 1:00 L.S Noon Dismissal/ Staff Meeting		7 9:00 Atwater Kent Museum	
		11 School Closed				
		18 C.L.A.S. Meeting 5:45				
			26 Spotlight On Young Artists, 1:00pm Trimester Ends	27 School Closed	28	

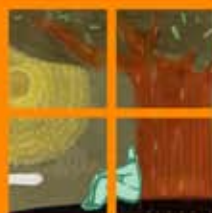


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Featuring pictures from
**Ancestors Day and
Spotlight on Young Artists**

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WHAT'S NEW AT LOTUS:

Introducing our arts and digital media programs.

This trimester we are offering a number of co-curricular courses to complement the core academic program of Lotus. These courses are designed to broaden the scope of our student's experiences by exposing them to activities that will engage their creativity, increase their cultural literacy, and provide them with new skill sets.

REMINDERS:

DRESS CODE

Please ensure that your child is attired in the full Lotus Academy uniform. Gym uniforms are now available and are to be worn every Friday, this is the only day that students are also allowed to wear athletic footwear.

LATENESS

Instruction hours for the Lower School are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Students are allowed to enter the building beginning at 7:45 and are expected to be within their classrooms by 8:00. Those students who arrive to their classrooms after 8:00 will be marked as late, and may have to face possible disciplinary action if they are excessively tardy. Also, please note that dismissal does not occur until 3:00, we kindly ask that all parents do not enter upstairs to pick-up their children before that time.

TUITION

In the spirit of Ujamaa, cooperative economics, please ensure that your tuition balances are paid by or on the first of each month if you are currently utilizing our monthly payment option. Your timely financial support allows us to maintain the standard of service that we provide to our students.

EARLY DISMISSAL

If you need to pick up your child early for the day, please inform the main office by 10:00 AM. When coming to pick them up, please sign the Visitor's book at the main office and wait downstairs for your child to be brought to you.

Pan-African Dance: This course introduces students to a variety of dance forms from around the African world, including: a variety of African dances, contemporary Hip-Hop, Stepping, Line Dancing, and Salsa. Students will gain an appreciation for the historical experiences and cultural contributions of African people worldwide as embodied through dance.

Digital Multimedia: Building upon the Computer Science course, this course designed for Shavi I and II (3rd and 4th grade) students gives them the opportunity to learn digital photography, storybook layout, video editing, radio and television production, and internet broadcasting.

Message Music: In this music appreciation course students gain a better understanding of the African experience by performing songs and activities that highlight the cultural values and musical heritage that have enabled our people to triumph throughout the years. Students also gain hands-on experience in playing a variety of percussive instruments.

Soccer Stars: Students are exposed to the fundamentals of soccer while developing an empowering attitude towards health and fitness, and sportsmanship. Through participation in a number of individual and small-sided games students are challenged to master both their bodies and the ball while being exposed to cooperation and healthy competition.



Parent Partnership: Help make a difference in our school

Parent Partnership is a program designed to strengthen the culture of community at Lotus by providing opportunities for parents to participate in the day-to-day life of their children's school. Depending on your interest, talents, and availability, you can participate in a number of ways, ranging from providing consultancy services, to organizing fundraising, to preparing bulletin boards. Whatever matter of service you perform, it is all highly valued as it helps us to accomplish the significant work of Lotus in a "hands-on" matter.

Currently we are seeking two members of our Lotus community to serve on an administrative committee for Parent Partnership. Working alongside the director, they would help develop and implement Parent Partnership programming. For anyone interested in this and the many other opportunities to fulfill their Parent Partnership service, please contact Mothuree Angola through the main office.

