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# Welcome! New Lotus Staff



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Mothuri Lorenzo Shaish I-B



Mothura Tracey Shaish II



Mothura Samher Shavi I



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"You may write me down in history with your bitter twisted lies; you may trod me in the very dirt, but still, like dust, I'll rise." MAYA ANGELOU

#### THE LOTUS LAMP

#### Meeting Of Ghana Trip Travelers For Next Summer

Lotus Academy staff, parents, and students will be traveling to Ghana again next summer. There will be a meeting on Thursday, October 7th, at 5:00 p.m. to provide information about scheduling, costs, and other details about the trip. Information about the 1999 trip will also be available.

The tour organizers, along with those who made the trip this summer, will be at the meeting. Next year's trip is tentatively scheduled for July 22 to August 2, 2000, and should cost about \$1,900.00.

### C.L.A.S. To Hold Its First Parents' Meeting Of The Year

The Concerned Lotus Academy Supporters (C.L.A.S.) will have its first parents' meeting of the 1999-2000 school year on Wednesday, October 13th, at 5:30 p.m. at the school. All Lotus parents, old and new, are urged to come out. This first meeting will be devoted to organizing activities and personnel for the rest of the year. Please make plans to attend.

### The Early Learning Center Begins Its Second Year

The Early Learning Center welcomes its returning students and all of its new students. Everyone is looking forward to an exciting and entertaining educational experience this year.

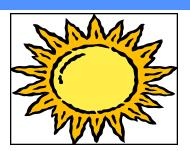
Shana I and II students will be making monthly trips to the library for storytelling, and the children will be taking out books with their own cards. October is the month when all of the students will begin learning African Dance. It will also feature a nature trip to the Awbury Arboretum. A traveling farm will visit the school to show some of its animals and a little bit of nature.

Mothura Barbara has been lending her talents to the Early Learning Center, and is managing its expansion and development. Mothura Ebony has brought her experience from Shana III to our youngest students, and has made her presence felt.

All in all, it looks like a very good year, and one which promises to be rich and fulfilling.

### **Monthly Reminders**

### **Early Learning Center**



Tue., Oct 5 - ELC African Dance Class Begins
Wed., Oct 6 - Fannie Lou Hamer Birthday Observance
Thu., Oct 7 - Ghana Trip 2000 Organizational Meeting
Mon., Oct 11 - ELC (Only) CLOSED
Wed., Oct 13 - C.L.A.S. Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
Tue., Oct 19-Whole Life Institute Course Registration
Thu., Oct 21 - Class Trip to Awbury Park

## Kindergarten, Lower, & Upper Schools



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"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

FREDERICK DOUGLASS