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Celebrating Another Lotus Season



The Black identity, purpose, and direction we practice are indicators of our culture, or better yet, speak to our way of life. HAKIR. MADHUBUTI

Board of Directors

The Lotus Academy Board of Directors has now been set, and will be installed at its October meeting. The Board will set all policy, oversee all financial decisions, and manage all of the various components and entities that make up the Lotus Academy operating structure.

Its members will include Mr. Peter Andrews (filmmaker and president of PACO-Global); Dr. Kariamu Welsh (professor of dance at Temple University); Dr. Molefi Asante (graduate director of the Department of African American studies at Temple University); Hugh C. Clark, Esq. (managing partner at Clark & McGill, P.C.); State Rep. Dwight P. Evans (203rd District State Representative); Dr. Thomas A. Gordon (clinical psychologist and Whole Life Institute member); Mrs. Joyce Hamer-Betts (our very own Shavi I teacher); Ms. Serquurr Heru-t (our very own Shaish I teacher); Mrs. Barbara Jackson (our associate director); Dr. Alwiya Omar (chairman of the University of Pennsylvania African Languages Department); Dr. Mwalimu Shujaa (Dean of the School of Liberal Arts & Education at Medgar Evers College, City University of New York); Dr. Ina Walker (our director); Judge Carol Wells (Federal Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania); and Ms. Ahmeenah Young (former director of sales and marketing at the Pennsylvania Convention Center and presently an executive with SearchWide). We welcome all of them to the Lotus extended family!

African Exchange

This summer the Lotus family continued to build African bridges by not only teaching African history, culture, and perspective, but also by experiencing the realities of Africa today. In all, we covered three very distinct and different regions of the African continent. A group of 19 staff members, students, and Lotus supporters visited Ghana for ten wonderful days.

Also, Mothura Aqkhira accompanied her daughter with the Dessert Club to Egypt (Kemet), the land of the cradle of civilization. Finally, Mothura Eashia visited Tanzania in East Africa as a guest of the family of Mothura Amina in celebration of Mothura Amina's wedding in August. Mothura Eashia experienced the treasured culture of the Swahili people. We look forward to more of our students and staff experiencing Africa first hand, and reaching out to our rich heritage.

To find the central clue to our moral being which unites us to the universal order, that is the highest human attainment. **CONFUCIUS**

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Thanks to some conscientious planning and careful fine tuning by the Parent Partnership Committee over the summer, the Parent Partnership Program has been able to get off to a fantastic start. If you have not returned the signed Parent Registration Agreement (which includes relevant Parent Partnership forms) as of yet, we urge you to bring it into the office immediately.

All that is needed now is for all of our parents to begin fulfilling their responsibilities by signing up for the various jobs available. We remind you that the Parent Partnership Bulletin Board is located in the office for your convenience.

Please follow the step-by-step process listed below and you will be on your way to satisfying the required hours. We intend to provide you with many incentives to stimulate and reward your enthusiastic participation. A Parent Partnership Coordinator will be available Monday and Friday, from 8am to 10am AND 3pm until 5pm. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Pam Moss at 215-844-7527.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Select a job of interest from the bulletin board.
2. Remove the job from the board.
3. Complete the bottom half of the form.
4. Tear form along perforation.
5. Retain top copy for your records and reminder.
6. Place bottom copy in the designated box.
7. A coordinator will call the volunteer within 48 hours to confirm the receipt and the request.
8. Upon completion of the volunteer hours, the coordinator will sign off on the form and return it to the Parent Partnership office.
9. Upon receipt of signed form, the Coordinator will credit your account with the volunteer hours.
10. Mid-trimester you will receive a statement of volunteer hours as well as the exact number of hours due for that particular month.
11. If at the end of the trimester, the volunteer hours have not been completed, a statement of record will go to the Lotus Academy administration for the purpose of billing your child's student account for the following month.