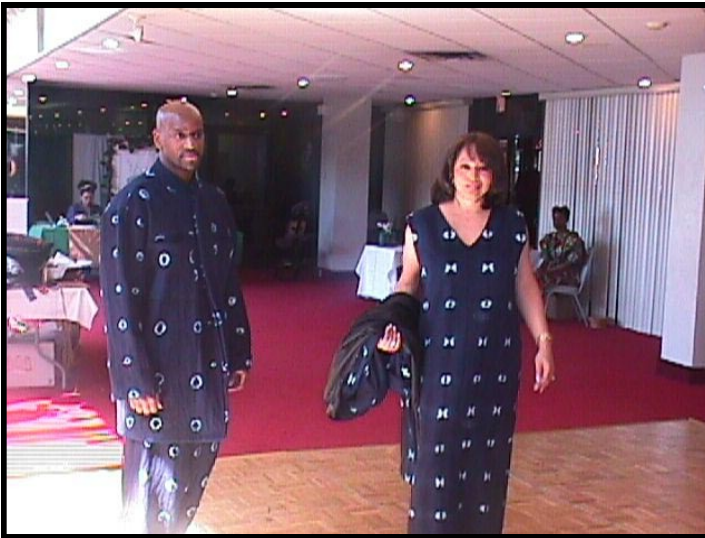


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A Stunning Spring Affair



“Every group of people on the planet should build on its past, and change approaches, as necessary, to take into account the new conditions of the present. ASA G. HILLIARD, III

A Full Month Of Key Lotus Events And Activities

April proved to be a very uplifting month with all of the pageantry of the Fashion Show. We owe Julie Wilcher our appreciation, along with Mothuras Marcia, Malika, and Cynthia for making it all possible. The pictures on the front page give one just a glimpse of the beauty that was expressed.

Then there was the Science Expo that showed again how beautifully ingenious and creative our children are. The thanks this time go out to Mothura Marcia and all of the parents and staff who labored to make certain that the projects reflected the best of Lotus. We had a special treat when the CIBI National Science fair participants came by to visit Lotus, and we participated in the luncheon and awards ceremony that Saturday.

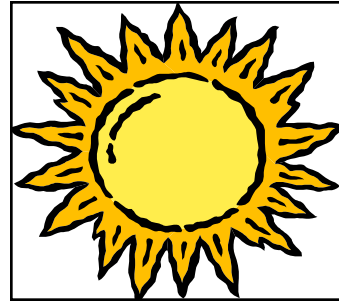
The month of May, however, is filled with even more important Lotus days and events. The second annual African Centered Educational Conference is dedicated to our parents this year, and will be held on May 19th and 20th. The theme is "Parenting Skills For The 21st Century". There will be a series of seminars and workshops that will convey critical information and stimulate useful discussion about issues that are of importance to all parents and educators. We encourage all of our parents to attend the conference. Detailed information will be sent out this week about registration and the schedule of activities. There is no cost or charge.

Parents are also invited to Lotus on the afternoon of Saturday, May 20th, as a number of vendors will be selling fine books, clothing, food, and artwork. In addition, some of the businesses that are being supported by the Whole Life Institute, and who have committed to support the Lotus Academy will have tables to present their various products and services. Parents may be particularly interested to know that one of these companies, Xyberex, will be selling its own brand of computers and signing up those who want it to be their internet service provider or who want it to host their own website.

The following week on Thursday will be the day of the Educational Achievement Awards Banquet. It is a time to honor all of those teachers, parents, community people, and the Lotus graduates who have made this school year so special. The Banquet will be held at the First District Plaza, 3801 Market Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets and information are available by calling the office.

Monthly Reminders

Early Learning Center



- Mon, May 8 – Staff Seminar (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
- Fri, May 19 – Malcolm X Birthday Observance**
- Fri, May 19-Education Conference (NOON DISMISSAL)**
- Sat, May 20 – Education Conference (9 am - 4 pm)**
- Thu, May 25 – Awards Banquet (NOON DISMISSAL)**
- Mon, May 29 – Memorial Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

Lower & Upper Schools (Grades K to 8)



- Sat, May 6, 13, 20 – Youth Jazz Program (11 am)**
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