

# THE LOTUS LAMP

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## 20th Oratorical Contest !



This twentieth edition of the annual Lotus Academy Oratorical Contest was an extravaganza of both sound and sight. The children were at their best, and they came out in their finest African-inspired attire.

This year's Contest was held at the Grover Washington Middle School. It is a beautiful building that did much to add to the elegance of the event.

The parents of the participants and the Lotus teachers deserve tremendous credit for all the preparation that made all of the speeches and the poems so moving and meaningful. A new category was added to the program: Lotus Way Speeches were those original speeches that were especially reflective of the Lotus Academy ideals and goals.

As always, the judges had a tremendous task in picking out the "winners". Of course, we all know that every participant, be he or she a group performer or an individual performer, is a winner for doing their part to make this an event for all of us to enjoy.

Pictured on this page are just a few of the many images captured of winners past and present. We wish that we could have included pictures of all those who participated, but we would need much more Lotus Lamp space for that. We hope that you enjoyed the day as much as we did!



In order to create a system of colonization, the colonizer must use force to penetrate into the secret zones of the minds and bodies of its victims. LERONE BENNETT,



Lotus Students Enjoy The Visit of Royalty From Ghana



An Eager Student Takes Advantage Of Reading Program

No matter how we look at it, no matter if we try to avoid it —— our next assignment in history is nation management and nation structure.

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE