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Spirit Of In-Service Day



The many faces of those who made the Martin Luther King, Jr. In-Service Day such a huge success.

“All educational ideas are therefore ideas about culture. The process of education is a process of socializing students into a particular social structure.” Dr. Molefi Asante

Lotus Parents Turn Out For In-Service Day

The spirit of pride and commitment was in the air on the Monday that the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. was celebrated. The In-Service Committee of the Advisory Council did a fantastic job of organizing and recruiting, and the results were there for all to see. The building was full of parents (and children) who came out early in the morning to work and to make a difference. It was a tribute to Dr. King that this “holiday” was devoted not to shopping or lounging, but to being a part of a collective effort to make a sacrifice for the greater good of our community.

Oratorical Contest

We are eagerly awaiting our 22nd annual Oratorical Contest finals, and we are looking forward to all of our parents and supporters coming out to witness our children displaying their elegance and awareness. The event will be held in the auditorium of the Grover Washington, Jr. Middle School at “B” Street and Olney Avenue. It will begin at 1:00 p.m., and all Lotus students are expected to arrive by 12:30 p.m. This is one special event that you want to be a part of. See you there!

Re-Admission For Next Year

The re-admissions process for the 2003-2004 school year has begun. All parents should have received all of the paperwork necessary to apply for their child next year. The deadline for getting your application in was actually February 7th (which turned out to be a snow day!) so that you should return the completed form to the office right away.

Parents should be aware that the increase in tuition that was spelled out is actually quite small, because the Lotus Academy board of directors agreed to allow all but two hundred dollars of the increase to be covered by a credit for parent partnership work each trimester. If you have any questions, you should call the office to clear them up.

Admissions Open House

The Lotus Academy will host the first in a series of Open Houses for prospective new parents on Wednesday morning, February 19th. We will be addressing interested parents about the academic program at the Lotus Academy, and explaining to them the environment of character and culture that we work so hard to create. We will also be touring the building and visiting some of our classes while they are in session.

Lotus Academy Web Site Update

Everyone should have seen the new, improved Lotus website that is located at www.lotusacademy.org. It was designed and programmed by Mothuri Nmuta. In addition to its impressive look, it is also a very useful tool. It has an announcement page where any parent can post a message. It also has a homework section for all of our classes so that students (and parents) can check the website to make sure that they are up to date on any and all assignments.

Advisory Council

The next meeting of the Lotus Academy Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, February 18th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lotus Academy. The various committees of the Advisory Council have been working hard to make a difference for the school and their children. The parents who put together the Pre-Kwanzaa celebration and the In-Service Day have shown the kind of success that can come from working together.

All parents are invited to come out to the next meeting where we will continue planning and implementing the next set of events and activities. Your unique input and participation is the only thing that is missing from an all-out effort by our parent body.

“If a man would be severe towards himself and generous toward others, he would never arouse resentment.”

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