

Our School Newsletter

January, 2009

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Sister Academy Poetry Contest Winners:

Earlier this year students from our school entered Creative Communication – A Celebration of Today's Writers poetry contest. The best poetry was selected and two of our student's poetry has been found worthy of publication in the anthology *A Celebration of Poets*.

Only the best poems are selected for this honor.

We are honored and congratulate Katrina Armstrong 6th grade and Mh'Shaila Rowe 7th Grade for their poetry. See winning poems below.

Lost, Gone!

I lost someone I thought I had.

The eyes I stared into are no longer there.

The wealth of once knowing that they were there made me happy.

But what happens when they are gone?

I sought to find you, but you locked yourself up and sank to the bottom of the emotional sea. It's impossible to find, but I know you have the key.

Since you're gone I'm lost.

Love You! Grandpa

Katrina Armstrong 6th grade

An Angel Whispers

An angel whispers like a chilled breeze in my ear.

The gentle wind of a heavenly voice caresses my face as the soft lullaby flutters around me.

The silver moonlight emits from the jagged silver pearl, hiding beneath the murky blanket of the night sky.

The angel soothes my pain, mends my heart, heals my mind and calms my wounded soul.

Clenching to every last undying memory, I imagine your pains. Shedding my last tears, I awake.

I see your face. Thank you, my angel.

You disappear to be lost in the night sky.

Mh'Shaila Rowe 7th grade

Parent Corner

Saturday School has resumed every Saturday, 8:00 – 12:30.
Please dress your child warm.

Enrollment for 2009/2010

- Look for your "Intent to Return Form" being sent home soon.
- Our currently enrolled students will be given priority for placement based on you returning your "Intent to Return Form."

Nurses Office

- Medicine cannot be given until there is a doctor's authorization form on file here at the school.

Harvest Prep/Best & Sister Academy – Snow Ball Policy

There should be NO snowballs created or thrown at school due to the safety issues.
Should a student elect to do so the student will need to serve a 3-Day after school detention.
Parents will be responsible for picking them up
If there is a second offense they will be suspended.

Scripps National Spelling Bee 2009

- The Scripps National Spelling Bee is an educational promotion sponsored by the E.W. Scripps Company in conjunction with more than 280 sponsoring newspapers or organizations around the world.
- Its purpose is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.
- The program takes place on two levels: local and national.
- Sponsors organize spelling bee programs in their locales and send their champions to the finals of the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.
- Harvest Prep/Sister Academy 5th – 7th grade students are participating this year!
- Ms. Hall is coordinating this event. She is in need of volunteers. Please contact her if you can assist in any way.

Calendar of Events:

January 26 2009/2010 Enrollment Begins

January 28 and 29 – Evening Parent Teacher Conferences 5:30 – 8:00

February 13 Progress Reports Due

February 16 NO School Staff and Students/President's Day

February 17 Harvest Prep/Sister Academy Spring Photo Day

February 19 Science Fair

February 19 African American Parent Involvement Day

February 19 Monthly Parent Empowerment Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

School Homework Policy: Effective 11/7/08

- This policy is implemented because many of our students are not returning their homework assignments. We believe that homework is an extension of what the students have learned in the classroom. It also provides us with great insight of what each student needs further assistance on and the practicing of the skill being taught provided in homework creates permanence. In addition, students' cumulative grades are based on assessments, class work and homework.
- Therefore, our new homework policy is incorporated in all of our academic programs and if a student fails to return their homework twice with in a one week timeframe, they will be assigned after school detention. However, they will be permitted to return their homework after the schedule due date with a 10 point daily deduction until the homework is received.
- Students will receive a warning slip upon the first incompleteness of a homework assignment. The second time a student does not submit their homework, a phone call will be given to the parent informing them that their child has not returned their homework and the student is required to attend after school detention with either Ms. Hall or Mrs. Foluke. Your child will attend after school detention from 5:05 p.m. to 6:05 p.m. The parent/guardian is responsible for picking their child up from school no later than 6:05 p.m. After 6:05 p.m., a \$1.00 per minute fee will be assessed to the parent.
- If you have any questions regarding our new homework policy, please feel free to contact Dr. Callie Lalugba, Principal, Harvest Prep/Sister Academy and Assistant Principal, Best Academy, at 612-381-9743
- A letter of notification was mailed home to all families November 10, 2008.

Principle of the Month: Ujima

Jamar Holiday-Einte-K
Jakari Hunnecook-Howell-1st
Frances Paygar-Humphrey-1st
Kandace Franklin-Larson-2nd
Tayja Persaud-Nelson-2nd
Tonshionna Tillman-Beatty-3rd
Z'nia Richmond-Martin-4th
Immanuel Spivie-Farber-K
Jaquaylin Phillips-Doyle-1st
Omarion Walker-Price-1st
Mekhi Davis-McLean-Fatou-2nd
Tyreek Hall-Foluke-3rd
Najee Gill-Nagurski-3rd
LaRon Patnode-Cotton-4th

Students of the Month:

Sadasia Jefferson-Epps-K
DeAngelo Reed-K
Vancier Robinson-1st
Anisaa Haywood-1st
Danzele Navy-1st
Cornelius Wooton-1st
Amiya Campbell-2nd
Anisha Scott-2nd
Kenady Franklin-2nd
Hadiyah Amir-2nd
Tonshionna Tillman-3rd
Amayra Ward-West-3rd
Justina Milon-3rd
Victoria Harris-4th
Naomi Cargeor-4th
DeMario Booker-K
JaMeeko Wilson-K
Jaquaylin Phillips-1st

Students of the Month cont'd:

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Tarron Bridges-1st
Sajid Nathim-1st
Mustafa Alaakhir-2nd
Rais Hill-2nd
Ceondre Brown-3rd
Christopher Johnson-3rd
Qadiym Washington-3rd
Corleone Powell-Smith-3rd
Jesse Motley-4th
Ricky Floyd-4th

Box Tops for Education

Earn cash for our school – With Box Tops for Education, **our school can earn cash up to \$40,000 a year.**

There are 3 simple ways to earn cash for our school: Clip, Marketplace and Bonus Box Tops.

1. Clip
 - a. School supporters clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to your school. (Each Box Tops coupon is worth a dime to your school.)
 - b. Collect, count and mail your Box Tops coupons to us. Our school coordinator will do this.
 - c. Twice a year, our school gets a check for the Box Tops coupons you've submitted.
 2. Marketplace
 - a. School supporters go to btfe.com and register to support your school.
 - b. When shopping online, you simply go to the Box Tops for Education home page and click on the "Marketplace" tab.
 - c. Our school automatically earns cash up to 8% of your total purchase, included in your twice-yearly earnings check.
 3. Bonus Box Tops
 - a. Find chances to earn and win Bonus Box Tops at btfe.com. Plus, look for Bonus Box Tops promotions wherever you buy groceries.
- Collect box tops on all Big G kid cereals, all Betty Crocker Fruit Shapes, Betty Crocker desserts, baking mixes, potatoes, and helpers, Frozen Green Giant Vegetables, Old El Paso, Suddenly Salad Mixes, and many, many other products
 - Juicy Juice by Nestle has joined the BTFE participants

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ASK YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, CO-WORKERS, CHURCH, CLUBS, ETC. TO CLIP AND SAVE BTFE COUPONS FOR YOU.

CORE PARENTS WILL BE WORKING WITH SCHOOL STAFF TO HELP OUR SCHOOL EARN THE MAXIMUM ABOUT OF \$ FROM THIS PROGRAM.

