

THE DU BOIS SANKOFA FAMILY GAZETTE

OCTOBER 28, 2015

FIRST QUARTER

Greetings Parents,

We have entered another exciting, yet challenging year for the Du Bois Schools of Distinction. We are celebrating the third year of existence for our six Memphis Schools and the first year for "Du Bois Integrity Academy" in Clayton, Georgia. In keeping with our vision to provide quality schools for our students; we will construct a new school facility at Hacks Cross Road to accommodate more families in the east corridor of Memphis. A ground-breaking event is coming soon; please look for the announcement.

Our staff and students have made great strides in their academic and social performances; much more rigor will be expected in the months to come. We are moving forward with the footprints of excellence in all that we do. Thanks for supporting your scholars in meeting the expectations placed upon them. Together we will make the progress necessary to prevail.

Warmest regards,

Willie W. Herenton

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CEO

DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

Mr. John Burger from Southwest Community College met with Principal Weathers, Ms. Holloway, and Dr. McDonald to share information about the Dual Enrollment Program at Southwest Community College. The college accepts funds from the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant Program to cover \$300 in tuition each semester. Dr. McDonald encourages parents to work with students so they can begin taking the ACT TEST as early as ninth grade. To participate in Dual Enrollment students must score 19 or higher on the ACT. Other colleges will be contacted to become partners for this project.

Civil Rights Museum Freedom Awards Public Forum

The Public Forum is designed to specifically address young people and inspire them to take action and stand for something meaningful in their communities. A group of students from Leadership and Public Policy attended the kick off of the Freedom Award celebration on October 22, 2015. Gabrielle Benson, 9th grader, was able to meet and embrace "Honoree Joan Trumpauer Mulholland. This year's theme, "Come Too Far to Turn Back Now" honored individuals who dedicated their lives to equality and truth. The honorees were **Ruby Bridges-Hall**, activist and educator, **Ava DuVernay**, highly acclaimed writer/director, **Joan Trumpauer Mulholland**, Freedom Rider.



The Sankofa bird symbol is derived from an African proverb, "Se wo were fi na wosankofa a yenkyi," which translates as "It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten."

In the Community

ACT PREP WORKSHOP

Riverside M.B. Church –Saturday-
November 7, 2015, Juniors are
invited.

TRIP TO ALEX HALEY'S MUSEUM

November 14, 2015 – cost \$25 (bus
and admission) –Lunch is not
included. Several social studies
teachers will serve as tour guides.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING PROGRAM

November 24, 2015-Southland Mall-
@ 6:30 P.M. Students from Du Bois
will perform and Mrs. Ruby Payne
will serve as the M.C. Dr. Herenton
will greet the audience.

VIOLIN CLASSES

Dr. Hattie Isen provides violin
classes for students in grade 4 from
3:30-4:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays
at Du Bois Arts and Technology.
The classes will begin after Fall
Break.