

*ACROSS THE NATION
NAAPID IS THE CONVERSATION.....*

National African American

PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY

Monday, February 9, 2009

Every parent wants their child to have a better quality of life than they themselves had. It is the American dream. For many African Americans, this dream has not been realized as a result of their child's failure in school. Education is the key to success, and parents are educator's greatest allies. **(Joseph Dulin, Founder)**

**Keep the Dream Alive . . .
Don't Let NAAPID Happen Without You!**

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NATIONAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY.

**National African American Parent Involvement Day
(NAAPID)**

Take Your Child to School/Visit Your Child in School

WHAT: African American Parent Involvement Day – Take Your Child to school/Visit Your Child in School is an annual call to action to get African American parents more involved in their children’s education. It is expected that this national observance will open up dialogue among teachers, parents and students, which will lead to a more conducive learning environment for African American students.

WHY: This NAAPID call to action is designed to address the serious achievement gap facing African American students. According to the Washington State Department of Education, African American students scores are improving but they continue to lag behind other ethnic groups in reading, math and science. Your involvement with your child’s education can change the national statistics.

WHEN: NAAPID – *Take Your Child to School/Visit Your Child in School* day is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 9, 2009 throughout the nation during Black History Month. The impact of this national action day will result in on-going benefits throughout the year, toward a goal of educational excellence for African American students.

WHERE: NAAPID – *Take Your Child to School/Visit Your Child in School* call to action will take place in local school districts and at neighborhood schools throughout the nation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please contact your school principal or Pat Tolliver at (206) 772-4916, 425.643.7696 or email ighhowell@seattleschools.org.

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SAMPLE LETTER FOR PRINCIPALS

**National African American
Parent Involvement Day**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

There is much to be gained when parents and teachers meet face-to-face to discuss the progress of students. You have had several opportunities to visit with your child's teachers during the current school year.

We hope that all parents will take advantage of this opportunity to connect with your child's teachers, and see how your child is meeting his/her academic goals. You will also be interested in learning how another caring adult perceives your adolescent.

National African American Parent Involvement Day will be observed on Monday, February 9, 2008. At this time, you are invited to see your child's class in action. For many of you it will be a real eye-opener to observe the group dynamics that take place in the classroom. You will see how peers of your child interact with one another and their teacher. Please do not bring preschool-age children with you. We want very much to avoid disturbing the usual classroom routines and department.

Please make full use of these opportunities to learn more about your adolescent and his/her school life.

Sincerely,

Principal

- - - - - Please Return to Your Child's Teacher - - - - -

Child's Name _____ Teacher's Name _____

____ Yes, I will attend Parent Involvement Day _____ No, I will not Attend

PB:pm(p) Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

SAMPLE PROGRAM

***NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY
(OPEN TO ALL PARENTS)
February 9, 2009***

A SPECIAL PROGRAM IN THE LIBRARY AT 9:30 A.M.

AGENDA:

1. 9:30 – 9:35 *GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS: Administration*
2. 9:35 - 9:40 *THE SCHOOL'S PROFILE*
3. 9:40 – 10:00 *GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS Counselor*
4. 10:00 – 10:30 *INTRODUCTION TO SOURCE Selected Staff Member*
6. *LUNCH QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD Staff*
7. *SCHOOL TOUR AND CLASS VISITATION Student Leaders*

NOTE TO PARENTS:

1. Parents must sign in and receive a visitor's pass.
2. Parents are welcome to visit your child's class today.
Since this **special class visit** is designed to allow you to see your child and his/her classmates at work, **the teacher has been requested not to engage in conversation with any parent during the visit.**
3. Please cooperate by entering the classroom quietly, and by taking a place at the back of the room.
4. Do not distract the class and teachers by walking around to inspect displays or to talk to students.
5. The opportunity to inspect your child's work, to meet the teacher, and **to discuss your child's progress can be arranged at another time by appointment.** Please indicate on the sign-in sheet if you would like a conference with your child's teachers.
6. It is important that you acquaint yourself with your child's academic plan at (School Name).

Again, welcome to (School Name) where our goal is to provide a quality educational program for your child with your assistance!