

RPCS NEWSLETTER

June 2010

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



This month, we will commemorate the birthday of Paul Laurence Dunbar who was born in Dayton, Ohio, June 27, 1872. The son of former slaves, Dunbar became the first African American writer to live by his writings, and one of the first to attain national prominence. His style encompasses two distinct voices - the Standard English of the classical poet and the evocative black dialect, depicting the pre- Civil War South in pastoral, idyllic tones. Although he lived to be only 33 years old, Dunbar was prolific, writing short stories, novels, librettos, plays, songs and essays as well as the poetry for which he became well known. His verse collections include *Oak and Ivy* (1893), *Majors and Minors* (1895), & *Lyrics of Lowly Life* (1896). He also published four short-story collections and four novels, including *The Sport of the Gods* (1902). Dunbar died Feb. 9, 1906 in Dayton, Ohio.



We will also celebrate the birthday of a present-day role model, Marian Wright Edelman born June 6, 1939. She is an American activist for the rights of children, and is founder and President of the **Children's Defense Fund**. She graduated from Spelman College and Yale Law School, traveled the world on a *Merrill Scholarship*, and studied in the Soviet Union as a *Lisle* fellow. Edelman was the first African American admitted to the Mississippi Bar. As founder, leader and principal spokesperson for the **CDF**, Mrs. Edelman worked to persuade Congress to overhaul foster care, support adoption, improve child care and protect children who are disabled, homeless, abused or neglected. A philosophy of service absorbed during her childhood under-girds all her efforts. She resides in Washington, DC.

OUR ROOTS BIRTHDAYS:

Nassor Ashenafi- 6/3, Jabari Alexander & Lindsey Cook- 6/7, Jahari Garrett-6/16, Reginald Rice-6/17, Sekai Poles- 6/20, Khalil Darden-6/22, Portia Mosley- 6/23 & Raekwon Reese- 6/24. Our birthday party will be held on Friday, June 11th at 2:30pm.



HEAR YE ! HEAR YE !

Saturday, June 12th - Roots PCS Family Fun Day.

- ❖ **May & June - Jr. Achievement "Economics for Success" Presentations for the Middle School**

News Reel !



PAC Presents a Special Gift to our 2010 8th Grade Graduates !

To show our appreciation to our graduates for a job well done, PAC is presenting our graduates with a complimentary yearbook! We wish you continued to success. Please know that you will always be a part of our Roots family.

Don't Forget !!

The end of the year **Six Flags** trip will be **Friday, June 18th**. The tickets are **\$23.00** per person. Tickets will be covered for students. Parents who would like to purchase tickets should do so by **June 11th**.

Attention Parents !!

Please Post on Personal Bulletin Board

2009-'10 ACADEMIC YEAR / RECITAL/GRADUATION:

- ❖ The PTA/Recital will be Wednesday, **June 16th**. 1st -8th grade - **1:00 - 3:00pm**. At that time, contingent upon a zero balance owed to school, parents will receive *report cards* and students will be dismissed.
- ❖ Roots Public Charter School's "**K**" **Graduation** will be **Thursday, June 17, 2010** (9-12noon) *Eighth Grade Graduation* will be **Thursday, June 17, 2010** - (6:00-8:00) in the Johnie Wilson Multi-Purpose Room.
- ❖ The last day of School is **Friday, June 18th** - (Six Flags Day). Students are to be at school by **8:30am** and parents must pick them up by **6:00pm**.

A "BIG" THANK YOU TO:

- ❖ Mama Marqueta Luckey for Scented oils and classroom assistance in Pre-Primary.
- ❖ Mama(s) DeAngela Young, Sherran Feggins, Eboni Staley-Brown & Natasha Lewis for assistance with Pre-Primary field trip.
- ❖ Mama(s) Natalie Patton & Amber Awkward for Pre-Primary classroom treats & supplies.
- ❖ The Wood family for gift cards & money for Pre-Primary Staff.
- ❖ Baba Keith & Rhonda James for Fruit Basket to Pre-Primary Staff.
- ❖ Mama Felicity Harris for Scented candles for Pre-Primary.
- ❖ Mapp & Lewis family for Pre-Primary staff lunch.
- ❖ Mama(s) Octavia Riddick & Deena Sutton for volunteering in Mama Beverly's class.
- ❖ Mama(s) Octavia Riddick & Yolanda Darden for assisting with the "Reality Store".
- ❖ Grandma Rose Pringle for donating educational supplies to Mama Beverly's class.
- ❖ Mama (s) Octavia Riddick, Pat White, Chinyere Garrett, Tiffany Maske & Baba Thomas Riddick for assisting with Primary Universal Soul Circus field trip.
- ❖ Mama Tekeisha Johnson & Mama Kenyatta Ali for 3rd & 4th grade snacks.
PAC for refreshments for Open House.
- ❖ To all Pre-Primary parents for Teacher Appreciation gift cards, fruit baskets & flowers.
- ❖ Baba Glen Grier for complete staff Fish-Fry "hook-up".
- ❖ Mama Rhonda Fleming & Baba Prophet Mugabe for volunteering in Baba Camara's class.

Thought for the Month:

*"If you don't like the way the world is, you have an obligation to change it.
Just do it one step at a time."*

Marian Wright Edelman