

SHABAZZ UPDATER

NOVEMBER 2010

Highest Enrollment

Shabazz Academy's opening day enrollment was 294 K-6 students. This was the school's highest opening enrollment to-date. Chief School Administrator, Dr. Eugene Cain said, "The increased enrollment is a fitting tribute to the school's 15 years of service to the Lansing area community." The school's opening day K-6 enrollment was eventually surpassed on count day when the final tally rose to 344 students.

New enrollees to the school came from as far away as Ethiopia and as near as around the corner from the school. Student residents from Holt, Grand Ledge, Waverly, East Lansing, Mason, and Lansing, make up the school's 2010-2011 enrollment.

Further analysis of the record breaking enrollment revealed a population of 173 girls and 171 boys. This is a reversal of recent enrollment trends at the school wherein the male enrollment far out paced female enrollment.



A GATHERING OF OLD FRIENDS: SCHOOLMATES FROM THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR RENEW ACQUAINTANCES AS THEY RETURN TO CLASS



I'M A COWBOY : NEW PRE-SCHOOLER PRETENDS THAT HE IS RIDING ON HIS RANCH OBSERVING HIS HERD OF CATTLE. HE IS ONE OF 32 NEW SHABAZZ ACADEMY PRE-SCHOOL STUDENTS



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: NEW CLASSMATES LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE SPEAKER DURING THEIR FIRST SCHOOL-WIDE ASSEMBLY

Michigan State University's Multicultural Business Program Continues its Support for Shabazz Academy

For the past six years, Michigan State University's Broad College of Business students have presented Shabazz Public School Academy staff and students with school supplies and materials at the start of the school year. In addition to providing gifts, the MSU students and staff offer words of advice and encouragement to Shabazz students.

The purpose of the Multicultural Business Program (MBP) is to

FRIENDS OF SHABAZZ



Anne Crain, director of Michigan State University's Multicultural Business Program, expresses her enthusiastic support for Shabazz Academy to students and staff.



Darryl King, associate program director, gives encouragement to the students. His daughter attended Shabazz Academy's Pre-School.

improve the recruitment, retention, and graduation rate of multicultural students by providing opportunities

for them to develop full academic and career potentials.

MSU BUSINESS STUDENT GIVES ADVICE TO FUTURE SHABAZZ SPARTANS





Dr. Ray Johnson, Shabazz Academy's Parent Consultant, Discusses P.A.C.E.

Shabazz Academy Parent and Community Engagement Initiative (P.A.C.E.) held its first parent rally on September 30 , 2010. It seeks to increase parental and community involvement through recruitment, special events, training, and resource referrals. The core belief of P.A.C.E. is that “a passion -driven professional and family learning community will ignite parental and community involvement thereby increasing academic achievement. Further, P.A.C.E. believes in an alignment of the school's culture and structures to the essential characteristics of being a professional learning community that includes parents”. The six essential characteristics of P.A.C.E. are a common mission, vision, values and goals; collaborative culture; collective inquiry; action orientation; continuous improvement; and a focus on results. The event was led by the school's 2010-2011 parent consultant, Dr. Ray Johnson. This event was one in a planned series of focused activities designed to get maximum parent input and participation in the school's program.

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Shabazz Academy Becomes A FirstSchool Partner



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FirstSchool, a collaborative venture of the University of North Carolina and the Kellogg Foundation recently invited Shabazz Academy to become a partner in its innovative early childhood education program. The program's aim is to "... promote public school efforts to become more responsive to the needs of an increasingly younger and more diverse population. To create a seamless transition for children in pre-kindergarten through third grade schools need to unite the best of early childhood , elementary and special education."

Shabazz Academy was pleased to receive and accept FirstSchool's invitation inasmuch as the program focus is consistent with the school's aim to reinvent its early education program. Shabazz's FirstSchool team will consist of its early elementary staff, administrators, along with parents, and representatives from Lansing's Black Child And Family Institute.

SHABAZZ BOARD VACANCIES

Currently, there are two vacancies on the Shabazz Board of Directors. One vacancy has a term of one year while the other position expires in two years. Interested persons who wish to serve on the Board should contact the main office (517-267-8474) for an application.

JUST B YOGA

Free yoga for the entire community.

Come join your neighbors and friends as we explore healthier bodies and minds with this ancient practice of yoga. The physical yoga practice can tone and strengthen the body and loosen joints and muscles.

The class is taught to all levels. And ages 13 and up are welcome.

The class is taught by Belinda Thurston (B), owner and founder of Just B Yoga, a donation-based yoga studio in REO Town. Just B's philosophy is to make yoga accessible to the entire community, and not allow money to be a barrier. Belinda is a 200 hr registered yoga teacher with the Yoga Alliance.

What to bring/wear: Warm and flexible athletic clothes , no shoes are worn.

Yoga mats are available if you do not have one. Water. Maybe a towel for sweat.

When: Wednesdays, 6:45- 8:15 p.m. Where: Shabazz Academy, Barnes and MLK Blvd, gymnasium, gray door toward the back of the parking lot.

Website: www.justbyoga.com

Phone: 517-488-5260

Email: justb.yoga@hotmail.com



Shabazz students join the Storytellers and play West African musical instruments at the October Harambee