

Cradle to College Pipeline's Freedom School Newsletter

Special Interest Articles:

- Cradle to College (C2C) Pipeline's Freedom School debuts its new newsletter
- C2C joins other Freedom Schools in Washington, D.C. for Social Action Day

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The Cradle to College (C2C) Pipeline's Freedom School is pleased to bring you this newsletter highlighting scholar accomplishments as well as announcements. The program staff will be using our newsletter as a form of communication and information for parents, guardians, and the scholars. We welcome announcements about upcoming events in which our scholars will be participating as well as

awards that scholars have received. Please submit any announcements to our site on before Wednesday of each week. Again, we welcome you and your family to the C2C Freedom School family and we are glad to have your scholar join us this summer!

Save the Date: C2C Freedom School Finale
On Thursday, **July 31, 2008**, the scholars will end the Freedom School year

by presenting what they have learned throughout the summer. A parent workshop and cookout will complement the day.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few hours to spare during the Freedom School Day? Are you available on Fridays to assist with fieldtrips? If so, we need you! Please contact the Freedom School office (Alisha Sparks 443.984.1256) to set-up a time to volunteer.

CDF Freedom Schools join for Social Action Day

Did you know that there are 9.4 million uninsured children in America and that numbers grows daily since every 41 seconds a child is born without health care? Our C2C scholars know and chose to do something about it! On Friday, July 11, 2008, our scholars joined other Freedom School sites from Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia heeding the call from Marian Wright Edelman's, Founder & Executive Director of Children's Defense Fund, for a "Call to Action." Freedom

School sites assembled at Union Station and marched to the Capital Building in support of the *All Healthy Children's Act*.

After the march, C2C scholars met with Mr. Jonathan Davidson, Chief of Staff for Congressman John Sarbanes. He discussed the Congressmen's support of the All Healthy Children's Act and urged the scholars to continue to fight for health coverage for all children in America. Though the bill has been passed by both the House

and the Senate, the public is awaiting the President's response as he has already vetoed the bill two times. For more information about the All Healthy Children's Act, visit the CDF website: www.childrensdefense.org



Scholars gather in the Cannon House Office Bldg outside of Congressman Sarbanes office.

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About Our Organization...

The Cradle to College (C2C) Pipeline's Children's *Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools®* at Digital Harbor High School (DHHS) is a 5-week summer program entering its fourth year. Our goal is to positively engage the youth of Baltimore City in academic, cultural, creative, and civic learning during the summer. Freedom Schools is a nationwide CDF® program dedicated to the creation of supportive, nurturing, literature-rich environments that set high expectations for all children and focuses on literacy, cultural heritage, parental involvement, servant leadership, and social action. The mission is threefold: to boost student motivation to read, to generate more positive attitudes toward learning, and to connect the needs of children and families to the resources of their communities.

Parent/Guardian Wednesday Workshops

Join us for our first parent workshop on Wednesday, **July 16, 2008** at 6:30 PM at Digital Harbor High School. Our presenter, Ms. Amera Bilal, Director of University Initiatives for the Center for Women and Information Technology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) will

discuss what you can begin doing now to help prepare your scholar for college. It's not too soon to begin! **Please bring a dish to share with the group.**

Also, mark your calendars for our second parent workshop on Wednesday, **July 23, 2008** at 6:30 PM

at Digital Harbor High School. Ms. Wendy Torres will discuss how to keep your scholars safe on the Internet. This is a workshop that you don't want to miss!



I have a Recognition...RECOGNIZE!!!

Congratulations to Marquis Thorton, a level 3 scholar in Ms. Ashley's class, traveled to Rock Hill, South Carolina to compete in the Junior Olympic Regional Championship. Best Wishes!!! We know that

you will represent us well.

**Happy Birthday to Ya,
Happy Birthday to Ya,
Happy Birthday!**

We would like to wish a very special birthday to the C2C Family members who celebrate birthdays in

June & July: Eugene James, Jerrod Johnson, Jenene Preston, Joshua Brown, Dwon Gatson, Erica Lewis, Earl Lewis, Crystal Ragbir, Candace Williams, Cornell Williams, & Mr. Aleem Allison.

Community Events

Visit the **Enoch Pratt Free Library (EPFL) Light Street Branch** (1251 Light Street) for their Nail Art Workshop on **Monday, July 21, 2008** at 3:30 PM to learn the basics of nail care and nail art from license professionals. Practice performing basic

manicures in this nail art workshop for teens. Also, create beautifully buggy crafts in the Critter Crafts class on Tuesday, **July 22 and July 29, 2008** at 4:00 PM.

So you think you can dance?...Folashade will demonstrate fundamental

dance steps in contemporary Hip-Hop and Rap music in a dance workshop for teens on Thursday, **July 24, 2008** at 5:30 PM. For more information on these EPFL programs, contact the Light Street Branch at 410.396.1096.

Free Physicals

Does your scholar attend a Baltimore City Public School? Does s/he play sports during the school year? If so, your scholar is eligible for a free physical in the health suite at Digital Harbor High School. Ask your scholar to stop by the Freedom School office for a parent consent form.



Theodore Stewart & Eugene James march for health care for children.