



# NEWSLETTER

**Roots Public Charter School  
January 2018**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!**



This month, we will commemorate the birth and lifetime work of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** At Roots, this is always celebrated in grand fashion. *Friday, January 12th* we will spend the day hearing his speeches, watching videos about his life, singing freedom songs, and participating in a mock “sit-in” and freedom march. Born January 15, 1929, he was assassinated by James Earl Ray on April 4, 1968. Dr. Martin L. King Jr. ’s birthday is a nationwide holiday, celebrated *Monday, January 15, 2018* .

***The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice. ”***

*Martin L. King, Jr. “A Testament of Hope ”*

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## **PAC MEETING:**

PAC meeting will be *Tuesday, January 30, 2018@ 6:00pm*. All committee chairpersons or (designees) **must** be present and prepared to give a report.

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## **PTA MEETING:**

Our end of the semester **PTA/Parent Conference** will be held **Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00pm**. First semester Report Cards will be given to the parents who have a zero balance owed to the school.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We celebrate the birthday of our beloved ancestor **Mr. Johnie D. Wilson** who was born on January 3, 1919 and transitioned on January 4, 2006. He was a community leader, activist and Roots neighbor. Mr. Wilson served on the Roots ALC Council of Elders and was a founding member of the Roots PCS Board of Trustees. Since 1990, until his transition he continued to be a faithful Roots benefactor.



We also celebrate the birthday of our present-day *Shero*, **Michelle Obama** born January 17, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois. The wife of the nation's first Black President, Barack Obama, she is America's *First Black First Lady*. Mrs. Obama is a graduate of Harvard Law School and has been involved with many causes including Childhood Obesity, Equal Education for Girls, Support for Military Families, Homelessness and Public Service.

## Our ROOTS Family Birthdays:

**Niani Tarik-1/02**

**Kwesi Kensey-1/06**

**George Muya –1/14**

**Jayquan Springs-1/15**

**Menani Best Johnson-1/16**

**Zayd Young –1/17**

**Hilawi Samson –1/18**

**Andy Koumpo-1/20**

**Zaiden Flamer-1/28.**

**Rico Pratt, II-1/30**

Our birthday Party will be **Friday, January**

# HABARI GANI ?

*“What’s the News?”*

## School Trips, Events and Assembly Presentations:

**January**, our science focus is:  
**Weather & Seasons**

**Thursday, January 4th** – 2nd thru 5th grades visit the **Dupont Ice Skating Arena**

**Friday, January 13th** – 2nd thru 5th grades visit the **Dupont Ice Skating Arena**

**Wednesday, January 18th** –2nd thru 5th grades visit the **Dupont Ice Skating Arena**

**Thursday, January 25th**- 2nd thru 5th grades visit the **Dupont Ice Skating Arena**

\* Roots PCS MLK -**Spelling Bee** - **January 26, 2018**

\*City-wide Public School Cluster **Spelling Bee** – Feb. 7-9 2018

\*Roots PCS **Geography Bee** - Monday, **January 26, 2018**

State **Geography Bee: April 6, 2018.**

**\*Needed:**

**Parents to assist with the**

## Thanks A Million...

\*Mama(s) Cherice Jones, Carla Shird, Son Howe, Maame Osei-Boakye, Samyika Powell Baba(s) Sampson Houlematron & Yofi Dzidzienyo for Pre-Primary classroom assistance.

\* Mama(s) Carla Shird, Maia Daniel & Maame Osei-Boakye, Baba(s) Maurice Yancy, Allen Nickens & Marcus Butler for assistance on Zoo trip with Pre-Primary.

\*Mama (s) Chirece Jones, Carla Shird, Janelle Jobe, Rohnisha Pope, Renee Williams, Maame Osi-Boakye and Baba Musa for *student-care* during Pre-primary staff luncheon.

\* Baba Aseel Hakim for donating pizzas to the School.

\* Mama Lauren Brown for donating snacks to Mama Khadajah’s class.

\* Mama Paige Hill for baking Kwanzaa *TREATS*. for the Staff.

\*Mama Carla Shird for donating supplies to Pre-Primary.

• Mama Nana Dagadu for doing storytime with Mama Khadajah’s class.

\*Mama Zubi Sudah for donating supplies to Mama Kim’s Class

\*Baba(s) Mark Cates & Nathaniel Catlett, Mama(s) Donna Smith, Mayada Abdulmannan, & Fatima Hinton for assistance in Baba Camara’s class.

\*All parents who donated Kwanzaa gifts to the staff.

Wind, Rain, Snow, Ice...



**REMEMBER...**

On inclement weather emergency days, ***Roots Public Charter School*** will follow **DC Public School's guidelines for delays or closings.** (*Please check the news for school delays and closings.*)

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**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED:**

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Roots Public Charter School* will be closed in honor of

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday**