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## *Message from Mr. Miles*

The trip to Princeton was fantastic! Thank you to all the Kings that attended and for the most part, put on their best behavior. Thank you also to the chaperones and all the families who had their Kings to the bus on time. Time is very important and we will never have enough of it. You can stop a lot of things but time is not one of them.

From my perspective, everyone who went to New Jersey had a good time. Thank you to Ms. Bahl for providing the chicken that fed us for our ride up. Thank you also to all the parents who gave different items (juice, chips, cookies) for the Kings to eat during the ride. We did not have one major problem. We arrived in New Jersey safely, went to Subway and picked up dinner, went to the hotel and ate, swam, and retired to our lovely rooms.

Saturday morning we got up and traveled up to Princeton Univ. We had a great tour of the University and our tour guides were Mr. Chi Daekeme, Ms. Caitland Caldwell, and Mr. Trevor Martin. After the University tour, we went to the Rockefeller Dining Hall where Ms. Lyriss Robinson (food service worker) treated us all like royalty. After lunch Mr. Segal and his colleagues gave us a tour of the museum and all of us learned a great deal. Pictures and artwork have a lot of different meanings and all of us were enlightened by many of the African American pieces of art.

We left Princeton and traveled back to Newark where we met with a youth group called the "Street Warriors" who were led by brothers Abdul

Muhammad, Clarence Seniors, and the "Street Doctor". He got his name from working in the streets with all the folks and youth no one else wanted to work with. We then took a riding tour, had dinner with Uncle Yah-Yah's Southern Cuisine Catering. Everything was very good. All I could see was grease around everyone's mouths. Our photographer took pictures and we got on the bus and went back to the hotel for swimming and relaxing. Sunday morning we came back to Baltimore. I want to thank the Kings for being on their best behavior. **I am requesting that everyone that attended the trip turn in a one-page Report, it can be hand-written, telling about their experience and what they liked or disliked about the trip.**

I must also publicly thank New Shiloh Baptist Church for inviting us to breakfast the week before we took the trip. The fellowship was great as well as the food. On behalf of the entire program, I also want to thank them for the donation to help with the trip. To all who made donations, thank you. To Empowerment Temple and Rev. Bryant, thank you for the donation.

Thank you to our photographer/videographer, Mr. Kenny Sergeant for helping us to tell the story. Thank you Ms. Powell and all the other parents who attended. I cannot do all these things by myself. There are community fairs coming up and we always need persons to be willing to go and give out information on behalf of the program, tell others about the program, and have them call me for further information. If you want to volunteer for a community fair, let me or Ms. Powell know.

### Upcoming Events

Our next meeting will be on July 18th. We will be going to Camp Lett's in Edgewater Maryland. Activities for the day include, high ropes/low ropes, canoeing, horseback rides, paintball, and other activities. There will be a big cookout around 12 noon. All of the Kings need to be at Coppin's parking lot at 7 a.m. sharp. We will return to Coppin between 7 and 7:30 p.m. Be sure to bring a towel, trunks, and long pants if you are going to ride the horses. The charge will be \$15 to cover the bus.

In August we meet on the 22nd and we have a power-packed meeting planned.

### FYI

There will be a community meeting on July 14th at New Shiloh to talk about juvenile justice from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Our mailing for August will be on the 11th from 6-8 p.m. Anyone that is interested can meet at our meeting place in the Tawes Building (2nd Floor) at 6:00 p.m. If any parent/guardian needs to meet with Mr. Miles with their young man, call him directly at (410) 547-9200 X3002 to set up an appointment.

Morgan State University is having a Summer Science Camp for K-12. The program is called SEMAA which stands for Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy. The program is sponsored by NASA. The camp is FREE!!! There are 4 sessions July 6-10th, July 13-17, July 20-24 and July 27-July 31st. Classes are from 10 am- 1pm. For more information, please call 443-885-3304.

**Dues – Pay your dues if you have not. It helps us do what we want to do when everyone pays their dues.** If you cannot pay it all at once, pay a little at a time but pay something.

If there is anyone in the program who has a concern or a problem, please call me and let's talk about it. I do not want

*Well done beats well said!*

*I have been alive after every tough day.*

anyone walking around with problems or something that is bugging them and they just keep it inside. Never hold things in, let them go so that you can move on with your life. If you do not want to talk to me, talk to someone. You must get things off your chest. Never do or say anything out of Anger. Please remember that.

In conclusion, this is a great program. Things are being put in place to bless and empower. If you are not here, you cannot be blessed or empowered. We want every King to come out each month, no excuses. If we are taking a trip and you want to go but do not have the money, let me know and I will get a donation so that you can go. We all must do a better job at communicating. If you are not sure about something, ask someone. Call me or Ms. Powell. Call somebody! Learn to speak up for yourself. See you in July!

If you are receiving this newsletter and **you wish to be removed from the mailing list** or there have been any changes to your address or telephone number, please contact Ms. Powell at (410) 485-7656.

Thank you to all the Kings who continue to come. There would be no program without you. Thank you to the parents, guardians, caseworkers, and group homes who believe in this work. I and my staff could not do this work without your support.

### *Four Things You Can't Recover*

*The stone after the throw.  
The word after it's said.  
The occasion after it's missed.  
The time after it's gone.*