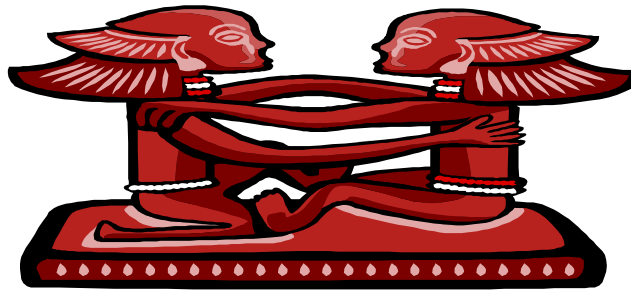


Kuumba PTA in partnership with  
Kuumba Academy Charter School  
are proud to present

## ***African Rites of Passage Workshops***



Who: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

When: November 15, 2006

January 24, 2007

March 14, 2007

May 9, 2007

Where: In school 5<sup>th</sup> grade 1:30-2:30pm

4<sup>th</sup> grade 2:30-3:30pm

Why: These workshops will allow students to explore their cultural origins, while developing a deeper understanding of themselves, and their purposes in life.

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of School, or Dean Maldonado @ 302.472.6450***

African Rites of Passage is a process that has been utilized since the beginning of time to mark significant points in an individual's life. It involves reflection of one's journey in life, making a public commitment to a higher cause, and a celebration. It is a time for families to come together and honor those who are undergoing the Rites of Passage ritual.

Rites of Passage are practiced by numerous cultures across the world, and can be experienced by anyone. It is a spiritual experience that can be embraced across religions because **no specific religious doctrine will be referenced.** We will utilize an *African* Rites of Passage Ceremony in recognition of Africa as the birthplace of humanity. All fifth graders at Kuumba are expected to participate and share his/her uniqueness.

The purpose of this event is to prepare our fifth grade students for their transition into middle school by instilling in them the significance of their foundation at Kuumba Academy. We wish to inspire them to represent Kuumba with dignity as they move toward their new horizons. Fourth graders will receive introductory lessons to prepare them for their fifth grade experience.

Our objective is to invoke in our students a spirit of commitment to self, family, community and our nation as a whole. Our ceremony has been carefully designed to meet these goals.

*The ceremony will include:*

*Drumming  
Dancing  
Recitation  
Inspiration  
Entertainment  
Refreshments*

More information will be made available upon request.