



JAKU KONBIT: BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

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WORD FROM THE PREZ

Summer time is just beginning and we are halfway through the year already. So we pause and assess how we are doing so far? Are we on track with our goals? Are we achieving what we set out to do this year? We should always be learning from past experiences - applying those lessons learned so we don't keep repeating our mistakes. The aim after all is to continue to grow and this can't happen if things don't change. We embrace change – the kind that inspires and leads to progress and improvements. That being said, there are some new faces in the organization this summer. Welcome to all and we look forward to renewed change.

TUTORS, TUTEES AND THEIR FAMILIES COME TOGETHER

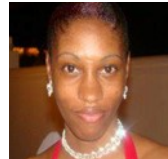
On **Saturday June 14, 2014**, the Black Star tutors and their tutees and families are getting together to celebrate the end of the school year. An informal get-together will be held from **6pm – 9pm at the Bronson Centre**. It'll be a chance to celebrate some of the successes of the past school year and a chance to meet some new folks and exchange stories. Look out for your invitation.

WORKING WITH THE Y's

2 Y's Did you know that Jaku Konbit works with both Y's: the YMCA and the Youth Services Board? As part of their Employment Service Programs, over the past year, these young people have had career counselling and interview preparation classes, attended job fairs and are now placed with employers to help them find meaningful employment.

MEET OUR SUMMER CAMP MANAGER

We knew we had the right candidate when we hired Jayeur Joseph. From the questions she asked us during the interview, we knew we shared similar values. Jayeur recently graduated from Ottawa Univ. with an undergraduate Honors Bachelor Degree of Social Sciences in Public Administration with a Minor in Economics. As a young person with a passion and drive for youth development, she is excited to take on the position of Summer Camp Manager. And we're excited to have her leading the Camp.



BRING BACK OUR GIRLS!



Last month on Monday May 12 at the Bronson Centre, there was a town hall info session to show support for the mothers of the tragically abducted, nearly 300 Nigerian school girls. Many thanks to the organizers of this event for giving us an opportunity to be in solidarity for such a shocking, senseless and outrageous act.

FATHER'S DAY CONTEMPLATION

It no longer bothers me that I may be constantly searching for father figures. By this time, I have found several and dearly enjoyed knowing them all. - *Alice Walker*

"The son whines to his father, "You messed up my childhood!" And the father says, "How could I, son? I wasn't even there." *Anonymous*

UJAMA MARKET AT THE BRONSON CENTRE

We weren't able to do hold it last year, but we were in full force last month at the Bronson Centre for the **Ujama Market**. On Saturday May 31, Local artisans and businesses sold their goods and products to local shoppers.. A good time was had by all. Looking forward to next year!



FAREWELL TRISTANN – WE'LL MISS YOU!



Yes, it's true – we have to let them go.... but it's so hard! Our own Tristann Parchment will be moving to the big T.O. to finish her schooling on June 13th. And even though she'll be residing in Toronto, she will still remain a member and is still willing to help. Now that's dedication! Tristann has been a participant, a member and a leader with Jaku since a young child. We wish you well with your studies and are confident you have a bright future ahead of you!

SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US FOR SOME COMIC RELIEF!

GREATNESS IS WITHIN ME SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER

Tuesday June 17, 2014 8:30pm
Absolute Comedy Club

Only \$10.00
Must call ahead to reserve
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