

JAKU NEWS BULLETIN



October 2018 – Jaku Konbit: Building Our Community

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WORD FROM THE PREZ

I hope everybody made it through that incredible tornado weekend and didn't suffer too much damage. That was pretty amazing! We have many Jaku families living out in the west and south ends of Ottawa. For those affected, we wish you and your families the best. Don't forget to check 211ontario.ca for resources and information as to what steps to take next.

BEYOW UPDATE

What's a BEYOW you ask? Well, "it" is a "she" and she is Jaku Konbit's Black Enhanced Youth Outreach Worker [BEYOW]. Jamila Ahmed is focused on connecting Black youth aged 12-21 to community services. In addition to Twitter and FB, for Black youth without phone data, Jamila can now be reached on WhatsApp. Also, look out for her and the team participating in the **Ottawa Youth Race on Oct. 20**. In addition to her outreach to the Donald St. communities, she will also be participating in a Black youth co-design of the BEYOW Logic Model which will be held in early October.

DROP-IN BBALL

It's so good to be back at York St. P.S. again. Saturday afternoons.... a great place to chill.



BIG UP BLACK STAR TUTORS!

Remember when the picture above was taken during a fundraiser for the Black Star Tutoring program a few years ago? What a beautiful fall day it was as we walked around the downtown streets promoting education. Invest in our future! If we want to see changes in the school system, we have to be willing to take practical steps, with a multi-pronged approach to see those changes through. The Black Star Program wants to ensure that we see **increased graduation rates for black youth in the Ottawa community**. For more info, call Nathalie, Program Manager, at 613-567-0600.

SENIORS BEWARE.....



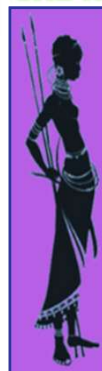
The Let's Chat Seniors Program held another technology workshop for seniors on Wed. Sep. 19. – this time on telephone scams. The group watched videos on how to avoid getting caught and learned about recent tactics used. A lively discussion was held as people shared their negative experiences.

BECOME A MENTOR

Do your part! Each one, reach one, to teach one.



SHE-ROES OF RESISTANCE



Saturday morning African history classes have begun again and whoa! you best hold on to your winter hat. Week 1 started off learning **about Queen Amanirenas and Per-aa Hatshepsut**. These are the first of many accounts of strong and fierce historical female figures that we will study. Join us at Viscount Alexander P.S. Saturdays at 11am for free classes.

PEER-TO-PEER MEETING

We are holding an information meeting for university mentors on **Sat. Sep. 29 at 1pm** at 55 Mann Ave. The one-to-one matching program will aim to help high school students deal with life in school and focus on future opportunities.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

YOUTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCH

SAT. OCT. 13
1:00pm - 3:00pm

55 Mann Ave – IN THE GYM

MEET SOME COOL PEOPLE

WIN PRIZES & HAVE FUN

GET VOLUNTEER HOURS

ENJOY FOOD & SNACKS



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