

# JAKU NEWS BULLETIN

Building our community together

November 2018 – Jaku Konbit: Building Our Community Together [www.jakukonbit.com](http://www.jakukonbit.com)

## WORD FROM THE PREZ

The Jaku team has been out attending workshops to learn more about what programming exists in Ottawa for Black youth with a criminal record. Would it surprise you to learn that despite the stats that show Blacks dominate the prison, welfare and children's aid systems in Ottawa, there are remarkably few programs available to them? No alternatives, training, practical skills, hope and support from a cultural perspective out there specifically for Black youth. It is our hope that through strategic community partnerships, Jaku will develop related programming.



## COMMUNITY AND POLICE RELATIONS

The outreach group COMPAC (Community and Police Action Committee) was formed back in 2000 to offer voice to the police. However, it was disbanded in 2017. It was deemed ineffective and out of touch with the community. Last month, it was just replaced by the Community Equity Council. Hopefully it will be a reset for the relationship between our community and the police.



## MENTORSHIP LAUNCH!

On Sat. Oct. 6 at Viscount Alexander P.S. we launched our mentorship program. The turnout was good and everyone had fun getting to know each other and learned more about what was going to happen this year. Focused on entrepreneurship, business basics and event planning, youth will have the opportunity to gain some more skills and get their volunteer hours at the same time. Programming also includes chess, a YouTube video project and drop-in basketball. Info line: 613-567-0600.



## JUST SO YOU KNOW.....

There have been a couple of changes at the provincial level regarding the mentorship and outreach program funding. The Ministry is now called the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. The funding stream for 2018 also has a new name: Services for Black Children, Youth and Families, formerly the Ontario Black Youth Action Plan.

## WE'RE PLAYING BASKETBALL

Men! We need a few hours of your time.

Be a role model for our youth. Play ball with us on Saturday afternoons at York St. P.S.



## SHE-ROES OF RESISTANCE

Due to popular demand, our African history classes have been extended into December. We are so grateful to Dr. Ledbetter for his inspirational teachings on the fierce, strong, warrior women in African history. We have met such excellent examples of the ladies, who in their own way, as authors, freedom fighters, activists, politicians, heads of state, all led and influenced movements of resistance. Both illuminating and enlightening! Join us on Saturday mornings at Viscount Alexander P.S. at 11am. Contact [africanhistory@jakukonbit.com](mailto:africanhistory@jakukonbit.com) for more information.



## WE REMEMBER YOU!

This month, we honour those who in days gone by, had to overcome great challenges just to enlist in the military.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

### LET'S CHAT FOR SENIORS HONOURING DES DORAN

NOV 24, 2018  
6:00PM



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