

JAKU NEWS BULLETIN



December 2018 – Jaku Konbit: Building Our Community Together

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WORD FROM THE PREZ

We owe it to ourselves to take responsibility for our children, family and community. No one is obligated to do for us, what we are obligated to do for ourselves. Notwithstanding structural barriers of racism, discrimination and prejudice, we have the skills and potential to transform barriers into stepping stones and to turn challenges into opportunities. As we move into the holiday season and the celebration of Kwanzaa, let's keep the principle of **Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)** as our rally call. Knowing that this, along with Unity, is the foundation for collective work, organization, improvement of self, family and community. We hope to see you and your family come celebrate our annual Kwanza event. We also wish you joy and peace through the holiday season.

LOVE
JOY
PEACE

OUT ON THE TOWN

November proved to be another busy month. We attended the Youth Action Now workshop that focused on increasing youth engagement in areas like politics, health and community activism.



We also attended the Big Brothers Big Sisters event which featured Jamil Javani, entrepreneur, author and community organizer. The purpose was to help youth make better choices when faced with hardships.



We also went to the Afro-Caribbean Mentoring Program hosted by Carleton University and organized by Prof. Warren Clarke. This networking event was aimed at training and



connecting young people with community leaders and professionals.

WITH PURPOSE....

We are pleased that a growing number of youth are registering for our Black Youth Mentorship program.



Every Saturday from 1-3pm at Viscount Alexander Public School, about 25 youth and mentors meet to work on a number of themes that focus on cultural identity, self-esteem, employment, leadership skill development, event planning, and entrepreneurship. Right now, the youth are helping to plan our annual Kwanzaa celebration in December and preparing for our upcoming Ujima Job Fair in January.

DECEMBER HOLY-DAYS

This month, many people from different religions celebrate at least one holy day. Jaku wishes you joy, peace and the very best that the season brings.



IT'S OFFICIAL – WE ARE IN!

Jamila Ahmed, our Clinical Youth Outreach Worker has reached a formal agreement with the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) to provide services and support to Black children, youth and their families in the school system. Well done on reaching this significant milestone Jamila!



WELL, I DECLARE....!

Do you know that the United Nation General Assembly declared this the decade of peoples of African descent (2014-2024). The international community recognizes our peoples as being a distinct group whose human rights must be promoted and protected. 200,000,000 people identify as being of African descent. Logo below.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

KWANZAA CELEBRATION

Sat. Dec. 29, 2018

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Mac Hall, Bronson Centre



- ❖ Learn about the Kwanzaa principles!
- ❖ Bring your family!
- ❖ Enjoy good food and entertainment!

For more info, phone 613-567-0600



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