

Jumoke Journal

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Jumoke Academy Charter School's District-Wide Newsletter



Continuing the “Work” in 2018...

Executive Director, Dr. Troy A. Monroe

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year! As we begin 2018 continuing the vision and legacy of our founder, Thelma Ellis Dickerson, I am compelled to reflect on all of the great work happening around the district. In this issue and in keeping with this academic year's theme of “Working on the Work,” you will learn more about the scholar experiences that have been designed to encourage collaboration, increase and improve communication, and promote problem solving skills. These skills, collectively known as 21st century skills, will help our scholars prepare for college and careers in addition to them being equipped to be globally competitive.

Examples of these experiences highlighted in this issue include F.I.R.S.T. Lego League, performance arts showcases, our annual oratory competition, and an ongoing focus on literacy development particularly for our youngest scholars. In addition to these educational experiences, the Academy continues to commit to providing a variety of extended day enrichment experiences that we believe help to develop the whole child.

Your feedback and suggestions on how we can improve our educational program are always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support as we “Work on the Work!”

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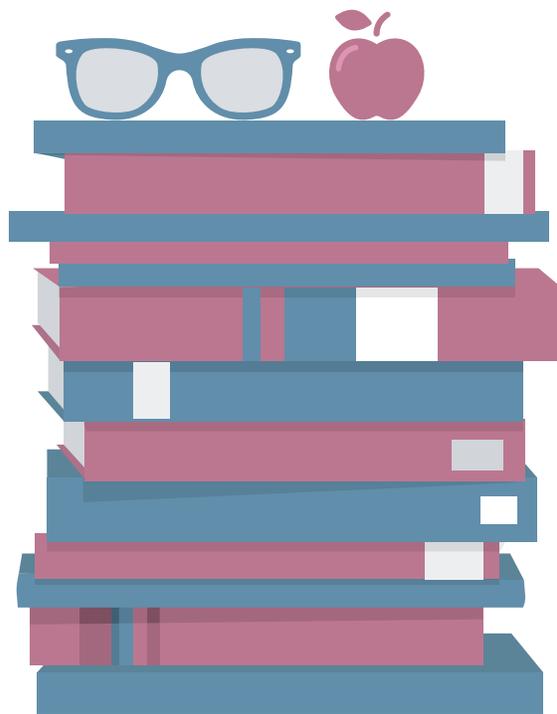
Get a recap of JAH-HC's first annual event.

3RD ANNUAL DR. MLK JR. ORATORY CONTEST

Find out details about this year's City-Wide Oratory Contest!



Dr. Troy A. Monroe,
Executive Director



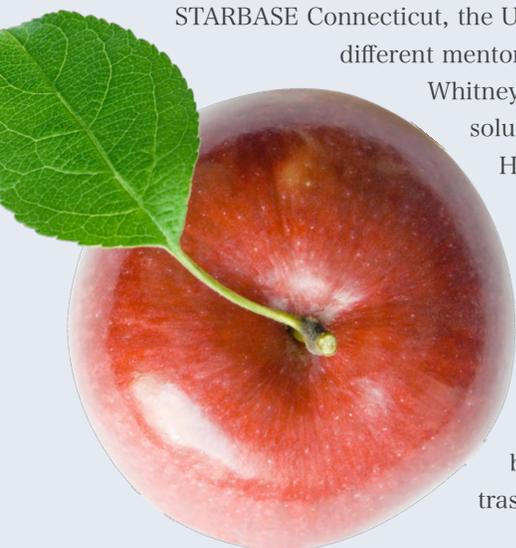
F.I.R.S.T. Lego League at JAH-SMaRT

JAH-SMaRT Dean Amy Beardsworth

F.I.R.S.T. Lego League is an international competition designed to introduce middle school students to scientific and real world engineering challenges. F.I.R.S.T., which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," uses adult coaches and mentors to guide scholars through developing a solution of a real-world problem and then designing, building, and programming a Lego robot. This year's challenge required students to identify a problem related to water usage or conservation and propose a solution to the problem.

JAH-SMaRT's Lego League team again joined forces with STARBASE Connecticut, the United Way, and over 20 different mentors from Pratt and Whitney to develop a creative solution to this year's

Hydro-Dynamics Challenge. Scholars recognized that the storm drains on Jumoke property seemed to be collecting a large amount of trash and began to brainstorm trash removal solutions.



Pratt and Whitney sent their team of volunteers for a full day of planning, building, and programming.

After weeks of planning and preparing, the team, known as the Sewer Greats, traveled to Wolcott High School to compete against other middle school teams. In addition to having the robot complete challenges, the team had to work together to present their project to judges and demonstrate teamwork. The robot performed well due to excellent programming; this was an area of growth from last year. During the team's 'core values' challenge the judges shared how impressed they were with their ability to cooperate and work well together.

JAH-SMaRT's Lego League team continues to impress with their work and dedication. They are looking forward to next year's challenge and continuing to build the program and relationships with mentors in the engineering and technology fields.

SMaRT Scholars work on programming the LEGO robot with Pratt and Whitney volunteers.



Upcoming Parents Association Events

Dear Jumoke families,

Greetings from the Jumoke Academy Parents Association (JAPA). We would like to thank all the families that assisted with the butter braids fundraiser. With your help we were able to raise a substantial

amount of money that will come back to our scholars. Here are some upcoming events that we would like your support with, **12/15/17 winter extravaganza** from 6pm to 8 pm at the elementary school; **1/15/18 MLK breakfast**; **2/28/18**

general meeting; **3/3/18 Heritage Gala Fundraiser** at the Windsor Marriott; **4/25/18 general meeting**. Please continue to volunteer your time in your scholar's classroom and at upcoming events. Thank you for

your continued support.

-JAPA President
Keisha Bailey Acevedo

JAH-HC "Night of the Arts"

Our performing arts middle school hosts a night for parents to witness the talents of all of our JAH-HC scholars



Dylan Lomangino - JAH-HC Orchestra Teacher

On Wednesday, December 13, 2017 JAH-HC hosted its first "Night of the Arts" which drew a large crowd of parents and scholars. As guests entered the second floor lobby they were greeted by the Jumoke Band performing "All I Want for Christmas, Is You" and other holiday favorites. Upon walking down the hall guests could stop in at any of

the arts classrooms to take a tour of the room and even watch a performance. In band and orchestra, scholars performed pieces they had been working on so far this year and even gave their parents a lesson on how to play an instrument! In theater parents watched improvised scenes performed by scholars in all grades, and in dance guests could catch a skillfully choreographed danced routine. Scholars in visual arts proudly showed their artwork to their parents which was on display in the art room. The night was a great opportunity for scholars to share their talents with their parents and for parents to learn a bit more about what it means to attend a performing arts middle school. JAH - HC would like to thank the arts

team: Ms. Krusch, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Lomangino, Joe Young Art Studios and Mr. Kulmann. Forementioned teachers put on a wonderful and informative event that will hopefully become an annual event at JAH-HC.





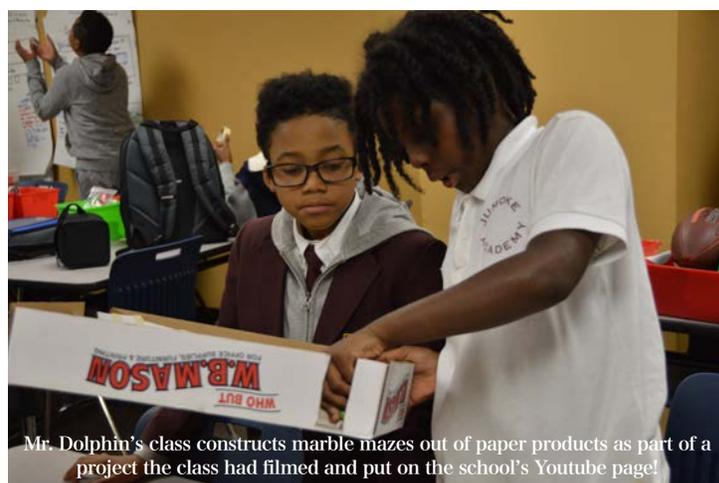
Scholars participate in some after school coloring activities.



Scholars at the Martial Arts offering on Tuesdays after school.



Jumoke Academy Boys Basketball Team practices at TED-JA.



Mr. Dolphin's class constructs marbles out of paper products as part of a project the class had filmed and put on the school's Youtube page!

3rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Contest

Linda Parsons, District Reading Interventionist

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Whatever your life's work is, do it well. A man should do his job so well that the living, the dead and the unborn could do it no better." On February 22, 2018, Jumoke Academy will host its 3rd Annual City-Wide Oratory Contest. The goal of this contest is to offer scholars the opportunity to develop 21st century skills through public speaking in a community context. This year's theme, "Working on the Work," offers scholars a chance to explore themselves, their role in their community and their role as agents of change in a global society.

In preparation for this city wide contest, all three Jumoke schools will host their own Oratory Contest to select scholars to represent Jumoke on January 25 and 26, 2018. Students in grades 3 through 8 are eligible to

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Judges, hosts, and Jumoke award winners from last year's event.

Upcoming Events @ Jumoke

We love including parents and guardians at all of our events. You are an important part of how our district runs! Please see the list below of upcoming fall events...

EVENT	DATE
Jumoke Academy Board of Directors Meeting	January 9 6pm
Coffee Chat with Executive Director	January 12 8am
No School MLK Jr. Day	Jan 15
Annual MLK Jr. Day Pancake Breakfast	January 15 9am
JAH-HC Math and Science Night	January 18 5pm
JAH-HC Hot Cocoa and a Movie night	January 25 5:30pm
Kindergarten 100th Day parade	January 31 3:15pm
Early Dismissal - Professional Development	February 7 1pm
Coffee Chat with Executive Director	February 9 8am
Jumoke Academy Board of Directors Meeting	February 13 6pm



District office administrative assistant Donna Williams in front of our new entrance on the 2nd floor at 999 Asylum Ave.



Second floor suite 200

Jumoke's district office is all settled in!

As you may have heard, Jumoke Academy's district office has moved from 834 Asylum Ave. down the street to 999 Asylum Ave. Suite 200. The new space is more convenient and professional for all our incoming and current parents! Stop by and see our new space anytime!



The new and improved waiting area for parents and scholars.



Dr. Monroe's Executive Assistant Kharissa Taylor in her new office!

As Easy as ABC: starting the process of learning to read

For children ages 3 to 6

Linda Parsons, Reading Interventionist

Exposure to print is the beginning of the process of learning to read and write. It begins at infancy and continues to emerge throughout the early childhood years. Exposing your child to the alphabet helps them to recognize the shapes of letters, as well as to link them with the sounds of spoken language. The result is that they learn the difference between individual letters—what they look like and what they sound like.

Some things you will need:

- Alphabet books
- ABC magnets
- Paper, pencils, crayons, markers, glue and safety scissors

Some things you can do:

- Print the letters of your child's name on paper and say each letter as you write it. Make a name sign for their room or other special place. Decorate the sign by pasting stickers or drawing on it.
- Teach your child "The Alphabet Song" and play games using the alphabet.

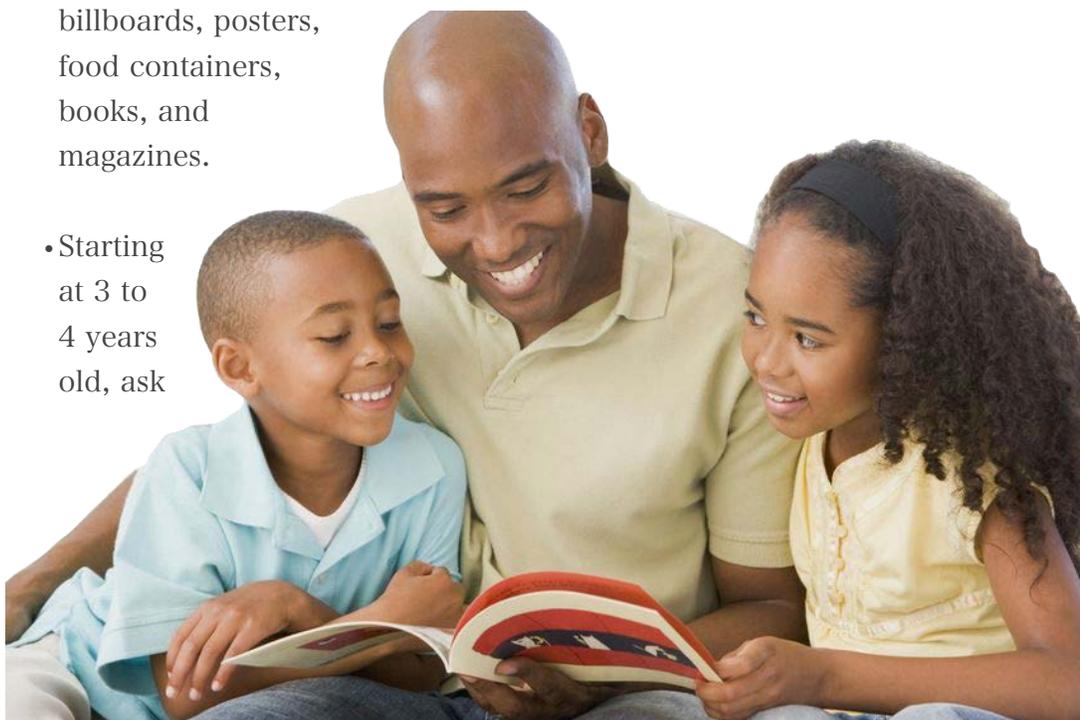
Some alphabet books have songs and games that you can learn together.

- Look for educational videos, DVDs, CDs, and TV shows that feature learning activities for young children. Watch such programs with your child and join in on the rhymes and songs.
- Place alphabet magnets on your refrigerator or on another smooth, safe metal surface. Ask your child to name the letters and to name the words they try to spell.
- Wherever you are with your child, point out individual letters in signs, billboards, posters, food containers, books, and magazines.
- Starting at 3 to 4 years old, ask

them to begin finding and naming some letters. Teach them how to spell and write their name.

- Make an alphabet book with your Kindergartener. Draw or cut pictures (you can help) from magazines or use photos. Paste each picture in the book. Help your child to write next to the picture the letter that stands for the object or person in the picture (for example, B for bird, M for milk, and so on).

in these early years give children the motivation to work toward learning to read and write!



Extended Day Activities at Jumoke Academy

Greetings Jumoke Families,

The Extended Day Activities Program is off to a great start! Our scholars range from grades PreK through eighth grade. They come to the program excited and ready to learn and have fun!

The activities that are being offered take place Monday through Friday from 4:30pm-5:30pm at TED-JA. There are seven activities being offered: PreK Sports, Arts & Crafts/Scrapbooking, Computer Club, Spanish, World of Tales, Martial Arts with Dr. Joe Jones and Hip Hop Dance with the Artists Collective. We are also excited to have our two Hartford Middle School Athletics sports teams; Boys Basketball and Co-ed Indoor Track. **Go Jumoke Jaguars!**

The spring session will begin January 29, 2018. The program offerings and applications will be available in your scholar's main office as early

as January 5, 2018. I look forward to your scholar's participation in January! If you have any questions and/or program suggestions please feel free to contact me at 860-216-9636 or via email to williamsdd@jumokeacademy.org.

Donna Williams

District
Administrative
Support & Activities
Coordinator



Board of Directors meetings

The Jumoke Academy Board of Directors meet on the second Tuesday of every month during the school year. Meetings are open to the public and are held at 999 Asylum Ave. at 6pm on the 5th floor. If attending, please check jumokeacademy.org, as the location of the meetings is subject to change based on attendees expected or other factors. The public can also view agendas and minutes from previous meetings at jumokeacademy.org.

January 9, 2018

February 13, 2018

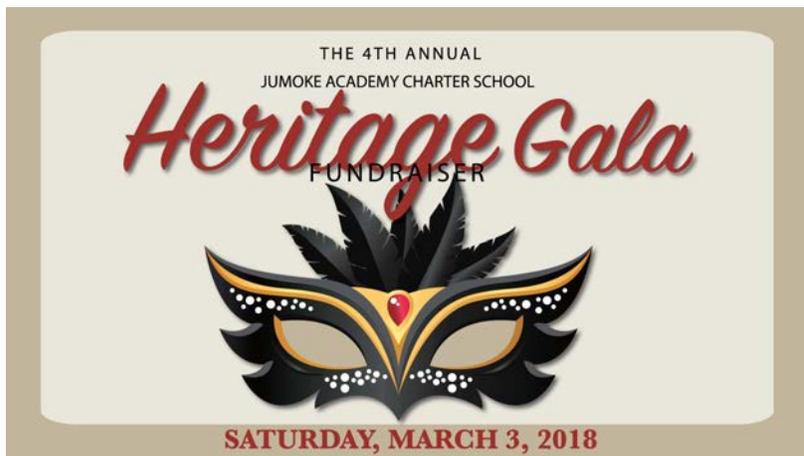
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participate. Contestants research, write and present an original speech identifying and describing a current challenge faced by society or themselves, how they will work despite those challenges and how they plan to work to accomplish their dreams.

All contestants compete for cash prizes and trophies. Good luck to all of the participating scholars!

The Oratory Contest will take place at JAH-SMaRT on February 22, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:30pm. We are pleased to announce that it will be co-hosted by WFSB Channel 3's Scot Haney and Miss Shoreline Trenee McGee! This is an event you won't want to miss.



Don't Forget!

The Heritage Gala Fundraiser is on March 3, 2018. Tickets can be purchased in person at central office or online at jumokeacademy.org/shop. All proceeds from the event go to supporting the education of our scholars!

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Jumoke Academy Charter School Mission

to prepare children to successfully compete in the global marketplace despite the social and economic challenges they may presently face. The academy is dedicated to rigorous academic and social standards achieved by holding high expectations for all students during challenging instruction.



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