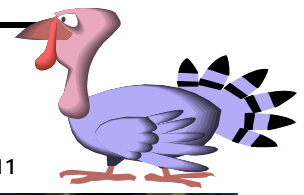




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# NHA News

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## SATURDAY, 10/30/2010 IS NORWALK READS!

### BOOK FAIR

Come to the Norwalk Reads! Fall Free Book Fair where every child gets 4 free books plus a great prize. All five Norwalk Libraries and the Learning Centers at Colonial Village and Washington Village will distribute 4 free books per child from 10 AM – 1 PM. *This year there will be special prizes at the 2 Learning Center distribution sites of Colonial Village and Washington Village of "Croc" like shoes!* You can dress in costumes if you want. Also, bring your new "crocs" to the NHA Learning Centers after school program and work with the Art Instructor to make them dazzle. Don't forget to bring your Norwalk Reads! Passports for other fun prizes.



### Public Housing Resident Network

The CT PHRN invites **RESIDENTS** to a statewide resident leaders' meeting on Saturday, 12/11/ 2010 from 10:30am – 2:00pm in the Community Room, 358 Orange St., New Haven, CT. Lunch will be provided and daycare is available. NHA will provide free transportation; call Diana Chavez at 203-852-1144 ext. 124 before 12/7/ 2010. \*Also, please call CT PHRN's toll free number, 888-415-2564, to reserve lunch and/or daycare. Join Us!

### Parents as Teachers Program

Are you the parent of an infant or pre-schooler? Do you live in Colonial Village? The **Parents as Teachers** program at Fox Run School Family Resource Center has playgroups, field trips and answers to important questions about raising your child. Call Akisha at 203-899-2326 for more information.



### Veteran's Day Breakfast on 11/11/2010 @ 9:00AM



The Senior Center cordially invites all Veterans and family members to a free breakfast including home made pancakes, sausage, fruit and orange juice. Captain John Anstead and the Air

Force Junior ROTC Cadets will be there to perform a drill routine and a color guard salute. Serendipity Chorus will sing a medley of Patriotic songs. **Reservations are required by November 5. Call (203) 847-3115.**



*Djibril Mangane and Eduardo Chavez are all smiles as they beat the drum at Latin Drumming at the Colonial Village Learning Center.*

### Computers for College is a Success

The Computers for College Program, which gave away 31 laptop computer/printer sets has been a great success. Students at colleges from NCC to UCONN and all over the country have emailed back to say how important having their own laptops and printers are for being able to study and do course reports as needed. Eliza Brown, a NCC Sophomore from Washington Village summed it all up very well: *"Before I received this computer and printer, I had to go to the public library to do my assignments and spend ten cents a page and fifty cents if the page is in color. I enjoy using my own paper and can print as many copies as I need. Thanks so much for giving me something less to worry about."* The Norwalk Housing Foundation Scholarship Program awarded the sets. All was made possible through the generous support of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Summer Program and GE.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Norwalk Housing Authority will be conducting a Public Hearing regarding its 2011 Public Housing Agency Plan. The Public Hearing will be held on November 17, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the community room at Leroy Downs Apartments, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk, CT. Proposed documents are available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. business days for review at the Norwalk Housing Authority Central Office, 24½ Monroe Street, Norwalk. EHO



Leonela Chavez is the October Art Contest winner from Colonial Village who won a \$25.00 gift certificate. There is a new chance to win every month, for details call Ms. Shabby at 203-810-4325.

### Youth Grant Program for Education & Job Training

The WorkPlace, Inc. *In Partnership with* Norwalk Community College will be offering classes in *Business, Computer Technology, and Healthcare* for youth between ages 17 to 21. For further information, income guidelines & eligibility requirements contact: Sandra-Ann Nolfo, Project Coordinator 203-838-8471 ext. 181 or via email: [snolfo@norwalkha.org](mailto:snolfo@norwalkha.org)



### Limiting TV Time Makes Kids Active

Children whose parents set limits on the time their kids are allowed to watch television or spend on a computer are more likely to engage in

physical activity than youngsters who are glued to screens without restriction, new research suggests. **TV Watching and Physical Activity** Among the findings:

- More than 27% of youths 9-15 exceeded the recommended limit of screen time.
- Boys, African-American children, and children from lower-income families exceeded the limit more than other groups.
- Kids who strongly agreed that their parents had rules about TV time were less likely to exceed the screen time limits.
- As children spent more time being physically active, whether on organized sports teams or in free-time play, they were less likely to go over screen time limits.
- Children whose parents always or often set limits on TV time had the lowest prevalence of exceeding recommended limits.

### First Time Homeownership Workshop!

Money Management International is offering a First Time Homeownership workshop on November 13, 2010 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at Leroy Downs Apartments, 26 Monroe St., Norwalk. This is a great opportunity for those participants that are dreaming of owning a home. The training will be a HUD certified 8 hour class. If you are interested please call Emily Hartwell at 203-838-8471 ext 187. Also Voucher Homeownership information will be available.



### Now Is The Time To Apply For Private School Scholarships!

If you have a child who is excelling academically, private school may be the answer for you! Private schools are looking for children in pre-school through grade 9 and now is the time to apply for next year! NHA will transport any NHA resident to and from school daily who is enrolled in private school. Carla Conway (203-838-8471, ext. 176) has a list of private schools that work with families and she will work with your family on contacting schools and preparing applications. Also, NHA will provide transportation to open houses and school interviews for you and your child(ren). NHA students have received scholarships to Pear Tree, Friends, Meade, and the Stanwich School.



### Do you want to start your own business?

An "Exploring Entrepreneurship Seminar" will be held on **November 30, 2010 from 6:00-8:00pm** in the Leroy Downs Community Room, 26 Monroe St. Starting your own business requires more than just a good idea. The

WBDC's **FREE** seminar will provide aspiring business owners with insight into what they need to get started. Pre registration is required. Contact: Sandra-Ann Nolfo for details or to register for the seminar at 203-838-8471, ext. 181 or by email at: [snolfo@norwalkha.org](mailto:snolfo@norwalkha.org). Deadline for registration is **November 24, 2010**.

### Closing Eligibility for Care4Kids

Effective November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Department of Social Services will be closing the eligibility of Care4Kids to new applicants who exceed 50% of the state median income. For more information go to the DSS website, [Care 4 Kids Eligibility Change for New Applicants](#).

### NHF Scholar Blazing Trails!

Jaleesa Davis, a NHF Scholarship recipient and freshman at UCONN, won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in a Writing Competition this summer! Way to go! Keep up the GREAT WORK!