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Rainbow Summer Program recruiting summer team

By Samante Burton-Bosket

This summer between June 15-July 24, RDA will serve 100 scholars during the Rainbow Summer Program. During the program, scholars learn gardening basics, nutrition, financial literacy, and engage in summer reading and various sports. Rainbow Summer Program as it exists today started from the Freedom School initiative, which helped scholars maintain their reading levels, provided nutritious meals, and gave them the opportunity to engage in social action projects. Freedom School was created by leaders who wanted to achieve an educational level of equity for America's black students in the 1990s.


In 2006, Joel Goering, who worked with RDA and Rainbow Mennonite Church, wanted to expand our Healthy Kids Initiative by not only providing scholars with nutritious meals, but maintaining their reading levels and providing them with a more holistic

program through the summer. He introduced Rosedale to the Freedom School Program, and the rest is history! In 2017, Freedom School at the Rainbow Mennonite Church changed to become the Rainbow Summer Program, which still upholds similar principals to Freedom School, but expands on curriculum and caters to the needs of the Rosedale community.

This program could not work without the help of the hard-working program staff. Our program coordinator, Samante Burton-Bosket, oversees the administration of the program and manages all staff. The site coordinator assists with administrative duties and any needs of the scholars, as well as keeping the classrooms prepared for lessons. The classroom facilitators are the scholars' direct supporters who deliver the curriculum, facilitate social action projects, and deliver safe and educational activities. Together,

they create an environment where scholars are encouraged to use problem solving skills to make the best of their time during the program. The culinary manager and culinary assistant provide the program with nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day. And last but not least, the

before and after care coordinator will serve the scholars one hour before and 2 hours after the regular program hours.

 *To be a part of the Rainbow Summer Program as a team member or volunteer, email Samante Burton-Bosket at samanthe@rosedale.org.*



A Classroom Facilitator leads the scholars in the daily curriculum.

THE ROSEDALIAN

ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Rosedale Job Board open for business

By Sarah Waggoner

Every community has its strengths, and lucky for Rosedale, one of ours is industry. Rosedale is home to many local businesses who help boost the economic growth of our neighborhood. Because of this, there is always a need for employees. And we know from residents that visit the Rosedale Development Association office that there are Rosedalianians who need jobs. With this information, an idea was born: create a platform that brings together these two groups in a sustainable and efficient way, where each can have their needs met independently.

With a lot of hard work, most of which was done by RDA's Harmon intern Jada Escobar, the Rosedale Job Board was created; a platform in which both Rosedale employers and job seekers can tap into the job market at

no cost! At www.rosedalejobs.org, job seekers can create a profile, submit their resume, and apply for employment. Employers can submit open positions and browse resumes, and link directly to an application or contact. It is as easy as going to the website and making a free account. Since the website went live on December 17, there have been 16 positions posted from eight different employers. We thrive when we work together, and both hiring local workers and working for local businesses makes Rosedale an even stronger, more interconnected place to live and work, where economic needs are met within our community.

 *Help drive Rosedale's economy by posting a local job on www.rosedalejobs.org today!*



Chiquita Miller reads to Ms. Robinson's kindergarten class at Noble Prentiss Elementary School.


Reflecting on RISE 2020

By Je T'aime Taylor

For eight years, RDA has teamed with community volunteers to bring stories to Rosedale classrooms in honor of MLK day. This year the theme was, "Lift Every Voice". Before volunteers read, a question was posed: What do you think Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. meant when he said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Students grades K-7 shared what it meant to them, one saying "if you do not speak up or stand up for something you believe in, no one will know that it really matters to you".

RISE 2020 saw 43 volunteers in 54 classrooms reading books that focused on pressing issues, including gender rights, voting rights,

education, labor rights, and injustice. Following the book, the classrooms engaged in discussion, bridging the gap between the stories of yesterday and the impact these issues have today. The discussions ranged from middle schoolers advocating that they should have an opportunity to influence the school uniform policy to saving the environment from litter and waste. The students were eager to use their own voices to advocate for what they believed in.

 *To get a booklist of RISE 2020 or to learn how you can volunteer in the Rosedale community, please contact Je T'aime Taylor at jetaime@rosedale.org or 912-677-5097.*



Join the All Rosedale Cleanup April 18

By Samante Burton-Bosket

Since 2018, Rosedale has come together to help beautify the community in a one-day event: The All Rosedale Cleanup. From covering graf-fiti to picking up disposed tires, volunteers from all over Rosedale collected 274 bags of trash and 85 tires in areas frequently used for play and recreation. We will continue the tradition to beautify our community this April 18. Volunteers can sign up as an individual or group. We live, work, and play in Rosedale, so why not take pride in our community and make it beautiful?

We are also asking the community to submit any eye-sores they may notice between now and April 3. These can include graffiti, trash on the side of intersections, and any other bothersome debris. If you are not available on All Rosedale Cleanup day, there are many other opportunities for beautification. Starting in March, RDA will be cleaning and maintaining the 4.5 mile Rozarks



KU ENT team removes a discarded stop sign from a tree grove.

Nature Trails through Rosedale that provide the community with safe trails for running, walking, or biking. Also in need of maintenance are three community gardens in Rosedale that not only help beautify the neighborhood with orchards, fruits and vegetables, but also provide healthy and nutritious

meals for Rosedalians.

To learn more about volunteering for the All Rosedale Cleanup, a workday with the Rozarks Nature Trails, or the Rosedale community gardens, email Je T'aime Taylor at jetaime@rosedale.org.

Enlighten yourself at The Tao Academy

By Sarah Waggoner

In a gorgeous old brick building at the corner of 47th and Booth St., Sandra Bleck-Weaver and her husband, Dr. Fred Weaver, have created a warm and inviting space, full of natural light and meaningful Eastern decor. The Eastern medicine they practice is rooted in energy, and one can tell they have worked hard to harness a healing energy in their academy. The couple's practice is holistic and based on the client and their individual needs.

"Most people come to us when their body is in crisis, and their current treatment isn't working for them," says Sandra Bleck-Weaver "We provide an alternative; classical Chinese medicine which has a different philosophy than Western medicine. Where they focus on the chemistry of the body, we focus on physics, and how each part of the body works together."



Sandra Bleck-Weaver relaxes in one of the beautifully decorated treatment rooms.

The Tao Academy offers many methods of treatment, including but not limited to therapeutic massage, re-flexology, reiki, dance, food therapy, along with the more well-known herbal medicine and acupuncture. Sandra also mentioned that "Eastern medicine looks at the whole lifestyle

of a person, and is rooted in education. We teach a lot of preventative work that helps clients learn what they can do to take control of their health."

Currently, The Tao Academy is going through a season of change; Dr. Weaver is retiring and apprentice Jeff Rippey is taking on more responsi-

Welcome to the board, Dr. McCauley!

By Erin Stryka

RDA is welcoming five new board members in 2020! One of these being Dr. Tamekia McCauley, principal at Frank Rushton Elementary School since 2017. Before coming to Rosedale, Dr. McCauley served in the Kansas City, MO, Turner, KS, and Piper, KS school districts. She holds a doctorate of educational leadership and believes that strong schools build strong communities. Dr. McCauley has nurtured the partnership between RDA and Frank Rushton, and is looking forward to continuing to strengthen relationships with businesses and organizations in Rosedale during her time on the board.



Dr. Tamekia McCauley

bilities. Sandra is exploring community offerings such as educational cooking classes and is interested in utilizing their space by partnering with other local health-minded partners. This long-time Rosedale business has always had a lot to offer, and in this time of transition their commitment to serving our community is unchanged!

To learn more information about The Tao Academy, their services, and partnering, call 913-362-8844 or email thetao@att.net.

Community Calendar

ONE-TIME EVENTS:
Thursday, February 13
UG of Wyandotte County 2021 budget hearing
7 p.m. 701 North 7th St., KCK
Wednesday, February 19
Black History Month event with Black Excellence KC
Rosedale Middle School, 3600 Springfield St., KCK
Sunday, March 1
Community garden plot applications open
1403 Southwest Blvd., KCK
RECURRING EVENTS:
Mobile Libraries
Every other Monday
10-11 a.m., Rainbow Head Start
1444 Southwest Blvd., KCK
Every other Tuesday
2:30-4:30 p.m., Rosedale Towers
2314 W 39th Ave., KCK
Every other Wednesday
2:30-4:30 p.m., Bellrose Manor
2924 W 40th Ter., KCK
Fourth Mondays
Good Neighbor Training
5:30 p.m., 4953 State Ave., KCK
Second Tuesdays
Frank Rushton Neighborhood
6:30 p.m., 4326 Lloyd St., KCK
Second Wednesdays
Shawnee Road Neighborhood
7 p.m., 818 Shawnee Rd., KCK
Third Wednesdays
Rosedale Leadership Council
5:30 p.m. 1401 Southwest Blvd., KCK
Fourth Thursdays
Livable Neighborhoods
8:30 a.m., 4953 State Ave., KCK

To learn more about upcoming events and other community happenings, visit rosedale.org or call 913-677-5097.

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Memory Lane: Camp Wildwood

By Alissa Workman, Henry Workman, Erin Stryka, and Alyssa Stryka Resh

In the summer of 2019, Henry Workman, then aged 9, and Alyssa Stryka Resh, then aged 10, attended Wildwood Outdoor Education Center for a week. Recently, they reflected on their experiences with their moms.

Moms: We want to hear your memories of camp last summer. What do you remember from Wildwood?

Alyssa: I liked the food there, it was beautiful. They had cheesy eggs and cereal. The food was good for a camp, actually.

Henry: The unique activities such as canoeing, fishing, tie-dye, and more.

Moms: What was the funnest part?

Alyssa: I think it was archery. They had real sharp arrows and I liked that.

Henry: I really loved the giant swing activity! It is so fun and exhilarating, even if you are afraid of heights.

Moms: What did you learn?

Alyssa: That the food cycle goes around and around. There was a whole big game about it. One kid caught a fish. I almost caught a turtle. You're not supposed to do that.

Moms: What would you say to other kids who are thinking about going to Wildwood?

Alyssa: It was a great way

to get outdoors and not stay inside all summer.

Henry: It's OK to be nervous, because it may seem scary at first, but after a little bit it is really fun!

Moms: Anything else you want to share?

Alyssa: It was also a good way to get away from my family for awhile. My highly embarrassing family.

Erin: . . . Well, thanks for that. Anything else?

Alyssa: And it was low prices!

Henry: I would encourage other kids to go because it's really awesome!

Camp Wildwood is available to Rosedale and surrounding area youth, ages 8-13. This summer camp will take place June 8-12. There will be a family information night on Monday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at 1401 Southwest Blvd. Applications for Wildwood are now available in the RDA office or online at www.wildwoodctr.org. A completed application and \$25 camp fee is needed to secure a spot.

To learn more about Camp Wildwood, email sarah@rosedale.org or call the RDA office at 913-677-5097.



Rosedale's 2019 campers eagerly wait to ride the bus for a week of fun at Wildwood. While some are nervous for their first sleep-away experience, others barely look back to wave goodbye to parents.

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