



WHAT'S NEW AT DRAKE?

❖ SCHOOL CULTURE/CLIMATE; OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Holiday Assembly and Appreciation Breakfast held 12-14-11
- The Drake Scholars' Pledge *continues to be* recited daily
- Drake Scholars of the Month corridor bulletin board *continues*
- Free Dress Friday/College Gear Day every month

❖ PROMOTING A LOVE OF LITERACY

- Hallmark Retirees Read to Students *continued* (K-2nd)
- Book Time with Ronald McDonald held 12-1-11 (Pre K-3rd)
- Real Men Read Program held 12-9-11 (K-2nd)/ *Second Visit*
- Acts of Love Book Distribution held 12-13-11 (Pre K-8th)/ *Second Visit*
- Bernie's Book Bank distribution held 1-13-12 (K-6th)

❖ COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS/ MOTIVATION

- Started local chapter of The National Beta Club (selected 5th – 8th graders)
- 3 male mentors from the Black Star Project motivated students on 12-13-11
- Student Council met monthly to plan school-wide events
- The African Slave Trade Project w/ AP, Mr. Paul (7th & 8th)

❖ PARENTS AS PARTNERS

- Help Wanted bulletin board posted in main entry corridor
- Parent Training by Brown & Lewis at PAC Meeting held 12-8-11
- Parent Trainings by Ms. Silas, counselor, held 12-15-11 & 1-26-12
- Parent, R. Brown, ensured that our 1st/2nd graders attended the Joffrey Ballet's "Nutcracker" student matinee on 12-15-11
- Two \$100 Incentives given for each quarterly Perfect Attendance Raffle
- Parents as Partners t-shirts were given for volunteer hours
- Parent Patrol volunteers were recruited

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