

Celebrating Black History Month: A Guide for Parents



Black History Month, observed every February, is a time dedicated to honoring the achievements, contributions, and resilience of Black individuals throughout history.

It provides an opportunity to reflect on the past, celebrate cultural heritage, and educate future generations about the impact of Black leaders, activists, inventors, and artists.

For parents, this month is a valuable chance to engage their children in meaningful conversations about diversity, equality, and the rich legacy of Black history.

There are many ways parents can celebrate Black History Month with their

kids. Reading books by Black authors or about Black historical figures is a great start.

Watching educational documentaries or visiting museums—either in person or virtually—can help children connect with history in a visual and interactive way.

Parents can also encourage kids to express their learning through creative projects, such as writing essays, drawing portraits of

historical icons, or even cooking traditional African or Caribbean dishes.

Engaging in discussions about racial equality and the importance of inclusion can further help children develop a deeper understanding of social justice.

By making learning both fun and educational, parents can instill a lasting appreciation for Black history in their children.

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MONTH**



ORLANDO HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9 Peer Education Camp: Empowering Future Leaders



In December, our Grade 9 learners had the opportunity to attend a Peer Education Camp focused on leadership development and community involvement.

The camp emphasized essential skills such as teamwork, governance, and response, while also highlighting the importance of peer support structures like school newspapers and support groups.

With the guidance of organizations like TLO, Soul Buddies, and SAB, the learners explored the role of peer education in fostering a supportive school environment.

Discussions also covered crucial topics such as sexuality education, tailored to different age groups, ensuring that students are well-informed and responsible.

The event was a significant step in strengthening student leadership within our school community.



LERESCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Farewell Function for the Former Leresche Principal

Orlando East's educational community came together in a heartfelt gesture of appreciation and farewell on December 9, 2025, as they bid adieu to the esteemed former principal of Leresche Primary School Mrs Leah Ntimbana .

The event, held at the prestigious Monte Casino, served not only as a farewell but as a celebration of the principal's dedicated service and profound impact on generations of students.

Colleagues, educators, and community leaders gathered to honor her legacy, recounting memorable moments and acknowledging her unwavering commitment to fostering academic excellence and personal growth among her students.



Through her tenure, she not only upheld educational standards but also nurtured a culture of inclusivity and compassion. The farewell function underscored the deep respect and admiration she garnered throughout her career, leaving an indelible mark on the educational landscape of Orlando East.

**Currently Leresche Primary School has an Acting Principal by the name of
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Bopasenatla celebrates outstanding 98.9% Matric pass rate



Bopasenatla Secondary School is celebrating a remarkable achievement, securing an impressive 98.9% matric pass rate for 2024.

Principal Mr. Radzhuma described this success as a dream come true for both himself and his dedicated staff. He attributed the outstanding results to the collective effort of teachers, administrative staff, and support teams, acknowledging their dedication and sacrifices.

“Our teachers went above and beyond, working after hours and giving up weekends to ensure our learners were well-prepared,” he said.

The school’s academic leadership was also praised for maintaining high standards throughout the year, particularly during the final exams. Notably, the school achieved a 100% pass rate in subjects such as Accounting, Economics, Business Studies, Mathematics Literacy, and English First Additional Language.

Reflecting on this achievement, Mr. Radzhuma expressed immense pride in the commitment and hard work demonstrated by the learners. “We have outdone ourselves. Our learners showed dedication from the first term until the last day,” he remarked. Out of 87 matriculants, only one learner did not pass, solidifying the school’s position as a top-performing institution.

This exceptional performance also earned Bopasenatla Secondary the top spot in its circuit, further cementing its reputation for academic excellence. The school remains committed to sustaining this success and inspiring future learners to strive for greatness.



LULAMA HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lulama Primary Embraces Cricket for Holistic Development

Lulama Primary School is proud to be among the few schools participating in cricket coaching, emphasizing the importance of holistic child development.

The school believes that education extends beyond the classroom and that sports play a crucial role in shaping a child's physical, mental, and social well-being. By engaging in cricket, learners develop essential skills such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance, which will benefit them both on and off the field.

As part of its commitment to sports development, Lulama Primary will be participating in this year's Lions KFC Mini Cricket Provincial Festival at Delfos Cricket Club.

This exciting event provides young cricketers with a platform to showcase their talent, gain competitive experience, and engage with peers from other schools.

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NANDI PRIMARY SCHOOL

We bid Farewell to our 2024 Grade 7 Learners

Nandi Primary School recently hosted a memorable farewell event for its Grade 7 learners, marking the end of their primary school journey.

The school hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, where learners enjoyed a special dinner party filled with joy and celebration.

The evening was even more special with the presentation of awards, recognizing outstanding achievements in academics, leadership, and sports.

Teachers and parents joined in the celebration, applauding the learners for their hard work and dedication.

In his heartfelt speech, the principal wished all the learners success as they step into high school. He encouraged them to embrace new challenges with confidence and to remain committed to their dreams.

The farewell event was a fitting send-off, leaving the learners inspired and excited for the next chapter of their education.





DITAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Farewell Day to the Class of 2024



Ditau Primary School in Orlando East recently hosted a heartfelt farewell party for its departing learners as they prepare to embark on their high school journey. The event was filled with joy, laughter, and reflection as teachers, parents, and students gathered to celebrate the achievements of the graduating class. Learners enjoyed music, speeches, and special awards recognizing their hard work and dedication throughout their primary school years.

Principal Miss Ndalamu delivered an inspiring speech, encouraging the learners to embrace the challenges of high school with confidence and determination.

She expressed her pride in their growth and achievements, reminding them that education is the key to success. Wishing them well on their new journey, she urged them to remain disciplined and focused on their dreams.

The farewell party was a memorable send-off, leaving learners motivated and excited for the next chapter of their academic lives.

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DITAWANA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ditawana Dreams: A Farewell to Remember at Misty River"

On the evening of November 28, 2024, Ditawana Primary School celebrated the transition of its Grade 7 learners to high school with a memorable farewell dinner at Misty River, Johannesburg South. The venue was transformed into a scene of elegance and joy, where the young students, dressed in their finest attire, gathered to mark the end of their primary school journey.

The boys donned sharp, formal suits, while the girls twirled in an array of beautiful dresses, adding a touch of glamour to the event. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and nostalgia as students shared laughs, stories, and danced, all under the gentle glow of the event lighting.



The highlight of the evening was the heartfelt speech by the school's principal, Miss Sonto Luvuno. With warmth and pride, she congratulated the learners on their achievements and encouraged them to embrace the new challenges awaiting in high school. Miss Luvuno expressed her deep gratitude to the event organizers for their tireless efforts in creating such a magical night.

She also acknowledged the invaluable support from the parents, whose contributions not only financially supported the event but also fostered the success of their children throughout their primary education years. The farewell was not just an end but a beautiful commencement into new beginnings, leaving everyone with memories to cherish for years to come.



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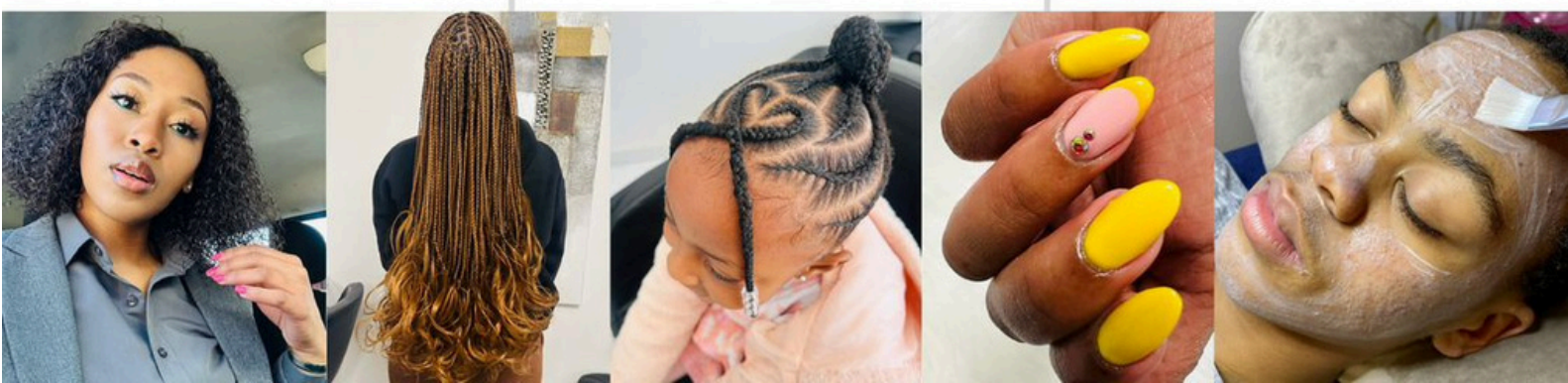
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ZIFUNELENI JUNIOR SECONDARY

Grade 9 Farewell at Cedar Junction: A Memorable Day

On November 22, 2024, Cedar Junction School was aglow under the bright sun as Grade 9 students celebrated their farewell with enthusiasm and joy.

The day was meticulously planned to provide a fitting send-off, marking the transition from Grade 9 to the new adventures of Grade 10.



The air was filled with excitement as students looked forward to new challenges while fondly saying goodbye to their current experiences.

The farewell was a whirlwind of activities designed for fun and memory-making. A DJ kept the spirits high with music that had everyone dancing, while the swimming pool became a central place for laughter and friendly competitions.

The scenic train ride around the school's premises added a magical touch, allowing students to enjoy the landscape and bond further with peers and teachers. The day concluded with a touching moment where both teachers and students shared reflections on their journey through Grade 9, extending heartfelt wishes for success in the years ahead.



THEMBALIHLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thembalihle is now offering Grade 7

It is with great pleasure that I announce an exciting development for our educational community.

As we look towards fostering a more comprehensive learning environment, I am delighted to inform you that Thembalihle Primary School will now offer Grade 7 classes starting in 2025.



Foreword by Principal Mr. Zungu

Thembalihle Primary School has long been committed to the holistic development of its students. With the introduction of Grade 7 in 2025, our school aims to enhance our academic offerings, providing continuity from primary to secondary education.

This addition not only reflects our commitment to educational excellence but also responds to the community's need for a solid educational foundation. We are excited to see our students thrive in this new educational chapter, equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary for their future endeavors.

Soweto schools shine in the 2024 Matric results

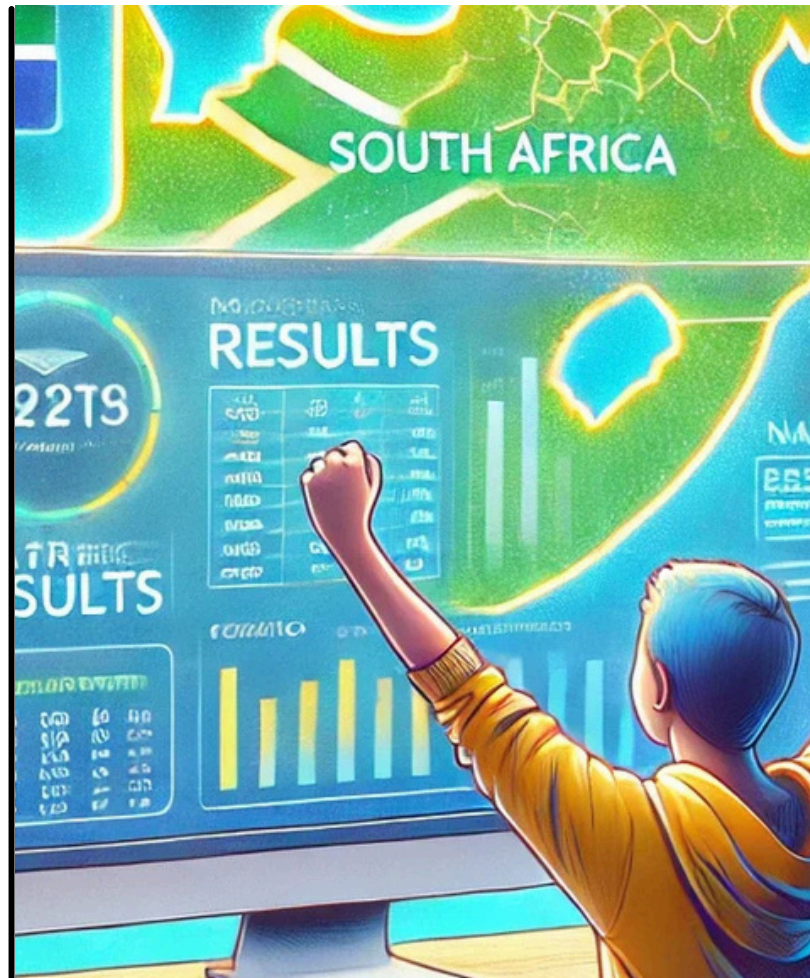
These achievements highlight the growing academic excellence in the township, proving that commitment and hard work yield remarkable success.

The 2024 matric results have brought exceptional news for Soweto, with local schools demonstrating remarkable academic achievements.

Notably, Lufhereng Secondary School, a no-fee institution operating with mobile classrooms, achieved a 100% pass rate, with an impressive 97% of students attaining bachelor's passes. This accomplishment underscores the school's commitment to excellence despite limited resources.

Similarly, Forte Secondary School in Dobsonville celebrated a 100% pass rate for the first time under the leadership of Principal Mukosi Mudavhi, who attributed this success to disciplined learners and dedicated teachers.

These achievements reflect a broader trend of academic improvement in Soweto's educational landscape.



The dedication of principals, educators, and students has been instrumental in reaching these milestones.

The community's collective effort to prioritize education is evident in these results, and such accomplishments serve as an inspiration for continued academic excellence in the region.



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