

King School Support Group Formed

Parents, teachers and community residents have united to form an organization that is working to make Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, 5906 N.E. 6th Ave., a strong school that offers enriching programs in addition to giving children and their families the tools they need to be successful.

The King School PTA will conduct its first official general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8 at the school library.

Parents, teachers, business owners and community residents are welcome to attend and become members.

Although the organization officially begins next month, the planning process began in December. More than 30 parents and teachers have attended informational meetings that has resulted in the PTA working to create a strong, volunteer-driven after school tutoring program a parent/community supported safety patrol program and more diverse programs.

As part of those efforts a Black History Month program is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 at the school, and a Cinco de Mayo celebration scheduled for May.



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Family Photo Dates to About 1915

In celebration of Black History Month, northeast Portland resident Troy Kyles shares an old family photograph taken from the Illinois Central Railroad Yard in Sallis, Miss. around 1915. Kyles' uncle Jimmy is the second man from the left in the back row. His cousin Richard Harmon is pictured holding a ticket to Chicago (far right, back row). His uncle Murphy Kyles is seated in the chair holding a gold watch and chain. Another cousin, W.T. Brown (bottom row, second from right) shows off a stack of cash he's earned.

Plans Advance for King Memorial

AP) — Promoters of a Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial for the nation's capital introduced the project last week and announced they have almost half the money needed to break ground.

The King Memorial Foundation has raised more than \$29 million for the project and expects to have at least \$4 million more by the end of next month, said its president, Harry Johnson.

Congress has given the foundation an extension until 2006 to collect \$67 million of the anticipated \$100 million total cost of the project and begin construction.

"We have a design concept we are extremely proud to present to the citizens of this world," said Ed Jackson Jr., the executive architect for the project. "It will be a living memorial, one that speaks to future generations about peace, justice, hope and love."

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— Ed Jackson Jr., executive architect for the proposed King Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The landscaped memorial would cover a four-acre triangle on the shore of Washington's Tidal Basin, between the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and next to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial. It would include an elevated walkway overlooking the basin, a huge stone marker in King's likeness and numerous oak, pine, magnolia and cherry trees.

The architects said their ideal design remains almost identical to the original, although they're considering changes to add extra security and traffic control should they be required.

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Dear Deanna!

I have a girlfriend of about 4 months. I thought we were close, but over the past few days she's pulled a few disappearing acts. Come to think of it, I haven't seen or heard much of her in the past month and I don't know what she's up to. What should I do? --Anonymous; Charlotte, NC

Dear Anonymous:

A relationship is like a new job, it takes 6 months to learn it and another 6 months to get the hang of it. You haven't been with this woman long enough to build trust and respect or lay the foundation for a lasting relationship.

Take the hint and realize you're not on the same page and she has other things on her agenda that doesn't include you. Don't wait around for Casper to keep disappearing. Move on while you can.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a 45 year old male who needs help. I have the ministry calling on my life, but can't give myself to it wholeheartedly. I'm depressed and do the same things over and over. I waste money on sex, clothes, pictures of JLO, music, etc. I've worked for 22 years as a teacher and I have nothing. It seems as if God doesn't care. Where do I turn

next? --Brendon Kelly; Huntsville, TX

Dear Brendon:

Drop to your knees and pray to the Lord for deliverance from the satanic grip, discouragement, and trickery of the enemy. Pick up your Bible and read it, hold it close and walk, talk, eat, sleep and drink the Word of God. Next time you want to spend money on filth, put it in the collection plate. If you don't have nothing, it's not God's fault because God's in the blessing business and he'll never leave you nor forsake you. Open your heart and accept the calling God has on your life. He's built you

a testimony that serves as proof of his power, mercy, grace and love. Let Go, and Let God!

Dear Deanna!

I want to teach my children about money management but don't know how. Yes, I'm black and I don't have stocks, bonds or mutual funds to show them. I was never taught so I have bad credit, live paycheck to paycheck and have no money in the bank. I don't want my kids to go down this same path. --Niecey J.; Omaha, NE

Dear Niecey:

Unfortunately the black family isn't strongly exposed to the

generational wealth concept and it's hard to pass on. Assemble a budget and stick to it. Let your kids see you managing what you have and in the process, teach them money doesn't grow and trees and they need to save and budget as well. Save and invest your money in long term projects and this will start you on the path to a financial nest egg for your family.

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