



News from *Union Academy Family Center*

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Summer Enrichment Camp By Nathaniel Ramsey, Educational Coordinator



The 2010 Summer Enrichment Camp (SEC) was very successful. The camp featured an enrollment of approximately 60 students, four certified teachers and three student assistants. The subjects of focus were Math, Science, Reading, and Technology with an overall theme on *Recycling*. The six-week period was filled with intense efforts in all subject areas including a new reading program entitled *Voyager*. The *Voyager* series was new to the summer program and included an online interactive piece, along with the books.

Camp was filled with numerous field trips for the students that included bowling, movies, water parks, and skating, along with lots of on site outside sports activity between classes. The summer concluded with a student awards recognition luncheon, and the traditional end of year performance. This year's performance was entitled "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." The teachers and children did a marvelous job with the production and the audience, of parents and loved ones, learned more about recycling.

Summer Fun at Union Academy—Recycling Performance



Executive Director of CAP Elected Mayor



David Archie, Executive Director of Citizens Alliance for Progress (CAP), Inc., a non-profit organization that operates in the Union Academy Family Center, served on the City Commission from 1996 to 2001 and 2002 to 2008 - term limits in the City charter ended his stay on the commission. In an interview, he said he was honored that many people asked him to run for mayor. The biggest issue facing the City is the tough economic climate, he said. He wants to be a good steward of taxpayers' dollars, making sure public funds are fairly and wisely spent. The Commission has to make fiscally sound decisions that benefit everyone in the City, he said. I've always said that the citizens of Tarpon are progressive and forward thinking - looking at you for what you bring to the table to continue progressing. He made history on Tuesday night, March 16, 2010 when he was sworn in as the City's mayor and the first African-American mayor of Pinellas County. He has been Executive Director of Citi-

Youth Leadership and Career Club

by Shannon Lee, Youth Worker

The Youth Development department is dedicated to providing various character enhancing activities to the youth of the Union Academy Neighborhood and surrounding areas.

The Youth Leadership Council and Career Club meet weekly on Monday and Wednesdays at 5pm.

iNight Life

After 10

weeks the summer vacation has come



to an end leaving the youth at C.A.P. Inc with new friends, lots of memories and most importantly, greater expectations for their future. For the first time, the Youth Development (YD) Department offered iNight's. This is an after hours program, on Monday and Thursday from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm. This program was designed with the purpose of providing the youth an outlet for

constructive recreational activities. The youth visited the Family Center's game room to exert any extra energy from summer camp or for a more relaxed environment. The cyber café was open to the youth for web surfing. A light dinner was served to curb their hungry appetites.

Overall, the iNight's Program was a huge success and as a result, the YD Department is considering the continuation of the program throughout the school year.

Back-to-School Lock In

School is in session... hope you didn't miss the Annual Back-to-School *Lock In*. Youth, ages 9-17, gathered together for Union Academy's "largest slumber party" which incorporated character enrichment, education and FUN. The youth were greeted by members of the CAP, Inc. Youth

Development (YD) Team for a brief social hour to secure a level of comfort. Then, a Financial Management seminar facilitated by Carmen Wilson was conducted to educate our youth on becoming more aware of the economy and the importance of financial planning. Afterwards, participants divided amongst peers (age/gender) to engage in team building activities, games, dancing and an all night open cyber café. Not to mention, there was access to plenty of snacks and "red" kool-aid to keep them hyped for the nightly activities.

This was a FREE event and available to registered Youth Development participants. This exciting event aided membership by attracting new members and it also gave current participants a positive fun outlet.

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zens Alliance for Progress, Inc. for over fifteen (15) years. He continues to grow the organization in order that the entire community might be served – children and families. Archie said, He sees the being Mayor is just an extension of his work at the Neighborhood Family Center. Both of the jobs, Executive Director and Mayor, are just opportunities to impact the quality of life for the Citizens of Tarpon. "I believe that in life we are given a chance to serve others. I have just been blessed with another occasion to be of service and it is my pledge to work hard to fulfill this obligation."