

# Union Academy Family Center



..... *CAP*ture the Inside Edition

## Vita Tax Service

The Wealth Building Coalition would like to congratulate Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc. and the VITA team. This tax season CAP had **304** accepted returns, **112** EITC returns, **\$200,647** EITC dollars, over **\$500,000** total refund dollars.

The Union Academy - CAP VITA program was the **3rd highest** of the twelve (12) VITA sites in Pinellas County in three categories:

- Number of accepted returns
- Number of EITC returns
- EITC dollar amounts

Only the Sanderlin Center and Enoch Davis Center had higher numbers in these categories. These centers serve a greater population and were the two leading sites in total refund dollars.

Union Academy—CAP VITA staff and volunteers showed tremendous dedication to serving the people who needed assistance.

They were honored during the - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON held at the Fine Arts Museum in St. Petersburg.



This tax season CAP prepared over 1/2 million in tax returns!

Through the outstanding success of the VITA program and the glowing reviews of our work by everyone, we look forward to serving the community and surrounding areas again next year.

Spring 2011

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"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."

- Booker T. Washington

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*"Covering the needs of the entire community"*

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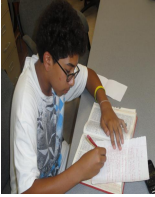
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# What's Happening?

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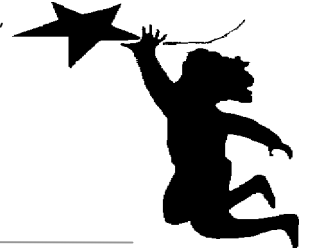
## Dictionary Project



The "Dictionary Project" is currently in progress. Students in grades 3rd through 5th have been challenged to define words that will increase their vocabulary. In this challenge, the students were provided a word list that contained words from their next grade level. This will be sure

to give our students the advantage as they enter into a new school year. Encourage your child to find, define and learn to spell at least 10 words. Once that has been accomplished, the students will be eligible for a reward at our Dictionary Award Ceremony. We are really excited about this project and look forward to seeing your child expand his or her vocabulary. The

"Dictionary Project" Award Ceremony is schedule to convene on Thursday, June 2nd at 4pm at the Union Academy Family Center, Tarpon Springs.



## Flag Football League

The 2011 7v7 Flag Football Tournament has started for youth aged 9-12 and 13-15. A mandatory skill assessment and draft was held at Dorsett Park on Monday, May 2nd, and approximately 50 athletes are participating.



Volunteer Coaches are in great demand. If you would like to guide a team to championship glory, call us or show up to volunteer! Following the assessment a Draft took place and youth were assigned to a team. Each team will play each other once (Every Monday) until the Tournament begins June 6th. Game times will be on Mondays at 6:30pm & 7:05pm, stop by and support our youth.



## "Kick Into Fit" Karate Class

The Spring Semester ~ Karate "Kick into Fit" program is BACK! We would like to welcome "New" Instructor, Walter Evans. This 6-week course will be offered FREE of charge to current Youth Development and Academic Enrichment Program participants in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade or higher.



Classes begun Friday, May 6, 2011 and will continue on a weekly basis every Friday from 4 - 5 pm. The organization will be providing the participants with a uniform free of charge.

"Playing is very important for children, and they don't do very much of it these days. So, we must focus it on the things they can do."

-Melissa Hanson

## 2011 Annual Student Awards Night



The "Annual Student Awards Night" was held Thursday, April 28th at Tarpon Springs Elementary School. This year Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc., honored over 150 students in 3 categories: Academic Excellence, Academic Achievement, and Student Improvement. The Guest Speaker, Judge Patrice Moore delivered a powerful speech to encourage our youth, "no matter what trials and tribulations they may encounter growing up, they can be and do anything". Awardees received medals and certificates for their academic performance during the 2010-2011 school year. We look forward to honoring more students next year.

## Summer of Success

Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc. is proud to announce that four (4) of our graduating students will be attending the "Summer of Success" Program this summer at St. Petersburg College ~ Tarpon Springs Campus.

### Congratulations Graduates:

Ebony Reckley ~ Quennaih Triffo ~ Austin Warren ~ Charles Dudley

# "Covering the Needs of the Entire Community"

## Financial Literacy Class



Citizens Alliance for Progress is committed to providing services/programs that will educate and empower the welfare of the families it serves. In so, CAP recognized the importance of financial literacy and good decision making, both for the economic welfare of households and the soundness and stability of the system as a whole. Good financial choices depend on reliable and useful information, presented in an understandable way. Therefore, in collaboration with Whitney Bank, CAP offered Financial Literacy Classes. Every 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. from January to April. This 4-week session presented information on the essential components of personal financial management to include an understanding of how to budget strategically, use credit wisely, save to build personal wealth, and shop for and choose suitable financial products. Whitney Bank recognizes its duty to the community with a view of increasing its usefulness in building up and improving the welfare of the community. We look forward to partnering with Whitney and other financial institutions to promote Financial Literacy. Please look out for upcoming financial education workshops.



Join us & Wachovia Bank  
for a FREE  
"Financial Education Workshop"  
**Topic:**  
Managing Money Skills  
**Date:**  
5/24 ~ 6/28 ~ 7/26  
8/23 ~ 9/23 ~ 10/25  
**Time:**  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## Kidz Quest

On Saturday, April 16th the First United Methodist Church of Tarpon Springs (FUMC) Planet Kids Children's Ministry and Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc. (CAP) partnered to host the "1st Kidz Quest On-the-Go Community Ministry". Gathered on the grounds of Union Academy Family Center, almost 200



It's like having VBS in a 2-hour session. We look forward to future events with the Kidz Quest Ministry and FUMC.



people sang, danced, and fellowshiped under the leadership of Pastor Dean Giancola and the children's ministry of FUMC. Kidz Quest uses innovative ways through song and play to lead children into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



Together we will learn how to cause positive change in our families, our church, our friends, our community, and even the world.

Coming Soon Summer 2011

## Community Connection

The Community Connection Fair was held April 27th at Tarpon Springs Middle School. The event purpose was to bring about awareness to the community/students about different resources available and the agencies to assist. Approximately 300 or more students, parents, vendors and staff were in attendance. Robert Ellis, Ricardo Guice and Carmen Wilson represented CAP, marketing and distributing material to assist with recruitment efforts and community awareness for the Union Academy Family Center. One of our youth, Aashundra Greer performed, playing the guitar and singing.

Special Thanks to Ms. Humpnickle, Community Liaison of Tarpon Springs Middle School for allowing CAP to be part of this annual event and we look forward to participating again next year.



## Upcoming Events



*Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc. Academic Enrichment Camp is committed to academic excellence and provide enrichment to students in Mathematics, Reading, Technology and other areas.*

**June 20 - July 29, 2011**

8:30 am - 3pm

(Monday thru Friday)

Grades: K - 5

**\*\*\* FREE (w/ membership) \*\*\***

*(Lunch & Snack provided)*



# Summer 2011

## Calendar of Events

### May

- Parent Meeting - Saturday, 21st
- School's Closed - Monday, 28th

### June

- Dictionary Reward Ceremony - Thursday, 2nd
- End of School Year - Wednesday, 8th
- End of Year Field Trip - Monday, 13th
- Flag Football Championship - Monday, 13th
- Summer Camp begins - Monday, 20th
- Community Baby Shower - Saturday, 25th

*\*all scheduled events subject to change*



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