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The Kwanzaa Calendar & Resource Guide

Dec. 26, 2012 — Jan. 1, 2013

KWANZAA



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WHAT IS KWANZAA?

Kwanzaa, a holiday (or Holy Day) based upon the African tradition of celebrating the harvesting of the first fruits, was created and introduced for Black People in the United States by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966.

Kwanzaa is the ingathering of the people, a special reverence for the Creator and creation, a commemoration of the past, a recommitment to our highest ideals, and a celebration of all that is good. It is a time of reflecting, reassessing, recommitting, rewarding, and rejoicing in an atmosphere of peace, love and unity. Kwanzaa is a cultural and political expression to reaffirm our African Heritage and, organize our people for the struggle of total Black Liberation.

Kwanzaa is celebrated for seven days: December 26th through January 1st. The seven days are based upon the **Nguzo Saba (The Seven Principles)**, with each day being symbolic of one of the principles.

- December 26th - Umoja (Unity)
- December 27th - Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)
- December 28th - Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility)
- December 29th - Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)
- December 30th - Nia (Purpose)
- December 31st - Kuumba (Creativity)
- January 1st - Imani (Faith)



THERE ARE SEVEN SYMBOLS OF KWANZAA

- Mkeka (Straw Mat) - tradition and history; the foundation on which all else rests
- Kinara (Candle Holder) - original stalk from which we come; our African ancestors
- Mishumaa Saba (7 Candles) - Nguzo Saba; The Seven Principles firmly rooted in the traditions of our ancestors
- Muhindi (Ears of Corn) - represents children and all the hopes and challenges attached to them.
- Kikombe cha Umoja (Unity Cup)
- Mazao (Crops) - the collective fruits of our labor; seeds sown by the children
- Zawadi (Gifts) - rewards for our achievements

WHAT TO DO AND WHEN TO DO IT

December 19th

Gather and arrange Kwanzaa symbols. Any other decorations (African carvings, straw baskets) should be in a red, black and green color scheme, symbolizing the *bendera ya taifa* (Flag of the Black Nation):

Red - the liberation struggle of our people
Black - the collective color of all Black people
Green - land, life and our future (we build together)

Arrange the symbols on a low table as follows:

1. Spread the Mkeka
2. Place the Kinara in the center of the Mkeka
3. Place the Muhindi on either side of the Kinara, one ear of corn for each child, or one as a symbol of prosperity
4. Creatively place the Zawadi, Kikombe, and a basket of Mazao on the Mkeka
5. Place 1 Black Mishumaa in the center of the Kinara, with 3 Green on the right, and 3 Red on the left.

December 26th – January 1st

Greeting – greet each other in Kiswahili asking “Habari Gani?” (What’s the news or what’s happening?) Answer with the principle for that day. For example, on December 26th, respond with “Umoja.”

Economic Empowerment — only shop at Black-owned businesses during the seven days of Kwanzaa. In the spirit of Kwanzaa and Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) we as African people should support these same Black businesses, such as trade in the African marketplace in the calendar, all year round.

Fasting — fast from sunrise to sunset to help cleanse the body, discipline the mind, and uplift the spirit.

Libation (Ancestral Communion) — an elder or leader should pour libation, using water or juice, from the Kikombe into a bowl or potted plant, to honor our ancestors.

Candle Lighting Ceremony — light one Mishumaa each day for the principle of that day, beginning with the black candle, which represents the first principle Umoja. Each day thereafter, alternately light the red and then the green candles. After each lighting, discuss the principle of the day. The ceremony should be held at a time when all family members, especially children, can participate.

Karamu (The Feast) — the Karamu is held on the night of December 31st, and should be a festive occasion. When possible, observe traditional African practices, e.g., African music, dance and storytelling, sitting on the floor or on pillows, and eating with the hands (no utensils). Libation, Candlelighting and Harambee are conducted at the Karamu.

Zawadi — (They should not be mandatory, expensive or excessive). It is suggested that Zawadi be given to the children in one or two ways:

1. One gift each day, reinforcing the principle of that day.
2. One or more gifts on January 1st, the last day of Kwanzaa.

Personally made gifts are strongly encouraged over commercial purchases. Regardless of what else is given, there are two strongly suggested items: a book and heritage symbol. These two items reinforce our commitment to education and the richness of our cultural heritage.

The essence of Kwanzaa is a true appreciation of ourselves as Black People, collectively coming together to reflect on and enjoy the infinite beauty of being in the same family, organization, and community, sharing the same values, interests and aspirations, engaging in and committing to the same struggle.

NGUZO SABA (The Seven Principles)



UMOJA (Unity)

To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.



KUJICHAGULIA (Self-determination)

To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.



UJIMA (Collective Work and Responsibility)

To build and maintain our community together and make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and solve them together.



UJAMAA (Cooperative Economics)

To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and profit from them together.



NIA (Purpose)

To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.



KUUMBA (Creativity)

To do always as much as we can, in the way that we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.



IMANI (Faith)

To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Kwanzaa Events Calendar 2012-2013

PRE KWANZAA EVENTS

- **Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration** at Ujamaa School, Fri., Dec. 14th, 1554 8th St. NW at 7:00 PM. Call (202) 232-2997.
- **Culture Kingdom Kids Presents "Bone Soup: A Kwanzaa Story"** - BZB Shop Til Ya Drop Holiday Market Place @ Shiloh Baptist Church, 1500 Ninth Street Northwest Washington, DC 20001, Sat, Dec. 15, 2.PM. Admission: \$5. For more information contact Jessica Smith at 301.728.1444 or visit www.culturekingdomkids.com
- **Pre-Kwanzaa African Family Celebration and Preparation for the Winter Solstice** Sunday, Dec. 16th. Focus will be on the Nguzo Saba Principles of Blackness. Cultural Inner Attainment and Positive Music, Tribute to our Ancestors, Pot Luck Feast, Updates on Africa and Speakers on the Reflections of 2012 and visions for 2013 for Africans at home and Abroad. Co-Sponsored by the National Black United Front-DC Chapter, ADACI, Baye Services and the King BaBa Kamua/Queen Mother James UNIA-ACL Division 332. Davis Dance Center 6218 3rd St NW, 2pm to 7pm Free. For more info call Baye Services 202-256-2518 or any of the Co-sponsors.
- **Kwanzaa Dinner Theatre at Sports and Learning Complex** - 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785. Admission: \$25-30. 4 PM, Sat., Dec 16th. Tickets: Contact Sherie McDaniel at (301) 583-2582 or sherie.mcdaniel@pgparks.com.
- **Culture Kingdom Kids Kwanzaa Workshop** - BZB Shop Til Ya Drop Holiday Market Place @ Shiloh Baptist Church, 1500 Ninth Street Northwest Washington, DC 20001. Sat, Dec 22, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Admission: \$5. For more information contact Jessica Smith at 301.728.1444 or visit www.culturekingdomkids.com

UMOJA (UNITY) WED. DEC. 26th

- **The Annual Umoja Candlelighting Ceremony and Organizational Presentations** - Including The East of the River Steel Band, Farafina Kan Youth Ensemble, Ujamaa Dancers & Drummers, Kuumba Kids & Culture Kingdom Kids. Dinner Sales & African Marketplace sponsored by LCPAN. 6:00 PM at Soul 57, 1326 Florida Ave., NE WDC. Free admission. Doors open at 5 PM. Call (202) 526-4039 or (202) 529-3635.
- **African Heritage Dancers & Drummers Umoja Night Celebration** - 7 to 10 PM. Free to the public. 1320 Good Hope Rd. SE. Info - 202-355-8183.

KUJICHAGULIA (SELF-DETERMINATION) THURS. DEC 27th

- **Kwanzaa Candle-lighting Celebration & Program by the Ausar Auset Society.** 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM at the Davis Center, 6218 3rd St. NW, WDC 20011. Children's activities, vending and food will be available. Call 202-723-5566.

UJIMA (COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY) FRI. DEC 28th

- **Kwanzaa Program & Candle-lighting Service by House of Ra, Afi Soul and Friends.** Hip-Hop, Go Go, Neo-Soul and Poetry. 7:00 PM, at Soul 57, 1326 Florida Ave. NE. Free Admission. Call (202) 436-6466 or (202) 299-0800.
- **Kwanzaa Candle-lighting Celebration & Program at St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church.** 700 Saint Michael's Drive, Michellville, MD at 7:30 PM. Call (301) 249-6222

All events listed are FREE, unless otherwise stated.

*Union Temple Baptist Church is having a candle-lighting service every night of Kwanzaa.
Call (202) 678-8882 for info.*

UJAMAA (COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS) SAT. DEC. 29th

- **42nd Annual Kwanzaa Children's Party** at the Panorama Room, 1600 Morris Rd. SE WDC 20020, 12:30 - 3:00 PM. Sponsored by Kwanzaa Children's Party, Inc. and Temple of Nyame, for children ages 3 - 12. Adult must accompany children. Featuring the Kuumba Arts Korner, Baba Lasana, Mama Bashea and dancing & drumming. Call (202) 363-5887, (202) 390-3164 or (240) 832-7203.
- **Culture Kingdom Kids Presents "Bone Soup: A Kwanzaa Story"** - Reginald Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture, 830 East Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202. Sat., Dec 29, 1 PM. Admission: \$6 includes general admission into the Kwanzaa Festival. For more information contact Jessica Smith at 301.728.1444 or visit www.culturekingdomkids.com
- **AWHA Inc Kwanzaa Men's Healing Circle** - 78 Randolph Pl. NW (rear). 1 - 5 PM. For Black men of all ages. Call (240) 744-2256.
- **Positive Kemet Visions Presents Kwanzaa 2012** - at the Child Center, 202 Riggs Rd. NE, WDC 20010. 6 PM - 9 PM. For more information call: (202) 207-7886 or email us: info@pkvillage.org.
- **The Annual Ujamaa Kwanzaa Candle-lighting Celebration & Program.** Performance by the Ujamaa Dancers & Drummers, original Kwanzaa play performed by Ujamaa students, and vegetarian food. Ujamaa Shule at 8th & Q St. NW. WDC at 7:00 PM. Call (202) 232-2997.

NIA (PURPOSE) SUN. DEC. 30th

- **Candle-lighting and Kwanzaa Program Universal Improvement through ReAfricanization and Nation Building** - Sponsored by the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League, Woodson Banneker-Jackson Bey Division 330. Guest speakers will include community workers and leaders. Community service award to Malcolm X Drummers & Dancers. Also included will be an African Market Place, Fashion Show, Spoken Word, Pan African Feast and a Children's Village from 4:00 PM until, at Soul 57, 1326 Florida Ave. NE WDC. Admission free. For more information call (202) 529-3635 or (202) 398-2121.
- **Culture Kingdom Kids Kwanzaa Dinner Theatre** - Watch Children's Kwanzaa play performed by Culture Kingdom Kids and enjoy and ALL- YOU- CAN- EAT BUFFET by Everlasting Life Restaurant, 9185 Central Ave. Capital Heights, MD. Sun, Dec. 30, 4 PM. Admission: Children: \$15/ Adults: \$25. For more information contact Jessica Smith at 301.728.1444 or visit www.culturekingdomkids.com
- **BlackNotes performs "Music with a Purpose"** - Celebrating Kwanzaa on "Nia" night. 7 pm at Bohemian Caverns, 2001 11th St., NW DC. \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets available at www.bohemiancaverns.com. For further info. call 202-286-2688

KUUMBA (CREATIVITY) MON. DEC. 31st

- You are encouraged to enjoy a Karamu feast with friends and family.

IMANI (FAITH) TUES. JAN. 1st

- **Annual Free the Land Annual Kwanzaa 3.1 - 5 mile Fun Run/Walk/Bike.** - 12 noon, Lake Artemisia Park, Berwyn Rd. and 55th Ave., Greenbelt, MD. Contact: Baba Prince Kolani (202) 520-4669 Email: prince.kolani@yahoo.com.
- **Kwanzaa Imani Celebration and African Consciousness Award Presentation.** - Cosponsored by UBC and ADACI. Performance by Malcolm X Dancers & Drummers, presentation by noted spiritual leaders and the presentation of this year's African Consciousness Award: Dr. Nana Seshibe and the enstoolment ceremony of the new Council of Elders for the DC community. At Plymouth Congregational Church, 5301 N. Capitol St. NE, WDC 7:00 PM. Call (202) 526-4039, (202) 529-3635, (240) 832-7203.

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UNITED BLACK COMMUNITY 2013 FORUMS

- Fed 22rd** **Back to Africa Projects** - The annual showcase and presentations on projects and business efforts that members of our community are currently undertaking on the continent of Africa and other places in the Black world. These presentations are designed to educate and increase community participation and support for these efforts. 7:00 - 10 pm.
- March 22nd** **Why & How to Buy Black** - We will explore the work of Maggie Anderson in her book "A Black Year" In this work she discusses the problems that she encountered exclusively patronizing only Black-owned businesses for one year. In addition the association of Pan African Nationalist organizations in the Washington, DC area (LCPAN) will present its plan to establish a credit union. 7:00 - 10 PM.
- April 19th** **Global Warning / Climate Change in Africa: Energy and Water Implications and the Survival of People** - This forum will discuss the emerging impact of global warming and climate change on the African continent and it's people. The implications on energy and water resources will be explored as well as what economic and social consequences will determine Africa's future. 7:00 - 10 pm.
- May 19th** **Kuzaliwa 2013** - Each year UBC honors Brother Malcolm X (El Hajj Malik El Shabazz Omowale) by holding a day long conference on an important issue in our community. This year we will take a look at Pan African oriented businesses in our community that have stood the test of time. There is several businesses that have served our community over 20 years or more. We will hear from them and try to find out how they have achieved this when so many other have not. We will present them the UMOJA Award for there success. Dinner sales. 1 PM until.
- June 21st** **Deepening our Understanding of African Spirituality** - "Join us as we view the movie, Besouro, based on the life of the famed Bahia Capoeira master of the 1920s, Besouro Manganga. This story intertwines African spirituality into our people's quest for freedom. Following the movie, we will discuss this theme in greater detail, analyze lessons to learn from the film, and generate ways to make the lessons applicable to resolving some of today's problems. 7:00 - 10 pm.
- July 26th** **The Prison System: The New Slavery and Genocide** - Poor health, imprisonment, AIDS, mental impairment and the breakdown of the family all serve to undermine the survival of Black people world wide. An important discussion on how can we effectively address our collective survival issues. 7:00 - 10 pm.
- Aug. 23rd** **Pan Africanism and American Electoral Politics** - How should those of us that consider ourselves Pan Africanist view participating in the US political system? Should we vote? Should we involve ourselves with political parties, (major or minor parties)? Should we run for public office? Let's discuss this issue. 7:00 - 10 pm.
- Sep 20th** **A Look at the Development of Black Cultural Music by Way of a Tribute to John Coltrane**: - This annual event features a critical look at the development of inspirational Black music and its impact on the Liberation movement through a musical journey about the life and legacy of one of its most influential proponents, Brother John "Ohnedaruth" Coltrane. 7:00 - 10 pm.

**All forums are free and held at Umoja House 2015 Bunker Hill Rd. NE Washington DC unless otherwise stated.
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The United Black Community (UBC)

The United Black Community (UBC) is a coalition of individuals in the Pan-African Community that belong to many different progressive Pan-African organizations. One of UBC's principal objectives is to sponsor community-wide events that bring the BLACK COMMUNITY closer together and project the philosophy of Pan-African Nationalism to the broader Black Community.

UBC currently sponsors two main events: Kwanzaa and Kuzaliwa. For Kwanzaa, we organize various events and publicize the events of others that remain true to its original standards. In order to honor Brother Malcolm X, we hold our Kuzaliwa (Happy Birthday) celebration in May and present the Umoja Award to individuals that honor his memory by helping to unite Black people through their work. UBC also sponsors monthly programs. See page 4 for more details. If you are interested in working with UBC, contact us at: 240-832-7203, 202-309-3443, or 202-526-4039, PO Box 10011, Washington DC 20018, www.unitedblackcommunity.com or ubcindc@yahoo.com

***Asante Sana! (Thank You Very Much) and Have a Happy, Wholesome and Peaceful Kwanzaa.
The United Black Community***

Honor Our Elders & Elevate Our Children

The two segments of our community that most define us are those that are closest to our ancestors: our children and our elders. Our children are tasked with the responsibility of carrying out our future and our elders with the responsibility of insuring that our future is accurately rooted in our history and traditions.

Those that fall between these two critically important segments of our community are charged with the responsibility of serving and protecting both, if we are going to have a viable future. The degree to which we listen to and honor those that have the most experience and adequately provide for the needs of those who are charged with implementing our future is the degree to which a bright future for Black people is possible. Attending to both the younger and older populations of our community essentially translates into respecting our past and ensuring our future.

No group of human beings can sustain their collective identity without demonstrating their love, respect and devotion to these defining segments of their community. In these uncertain times let us strengthen our commitment to our struggle by renewing our commitment to our children and our elders this Kwanzaa. *Long Live African People.*

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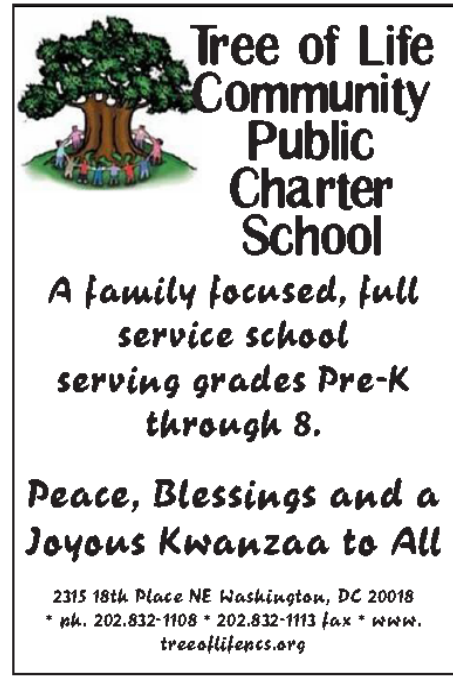
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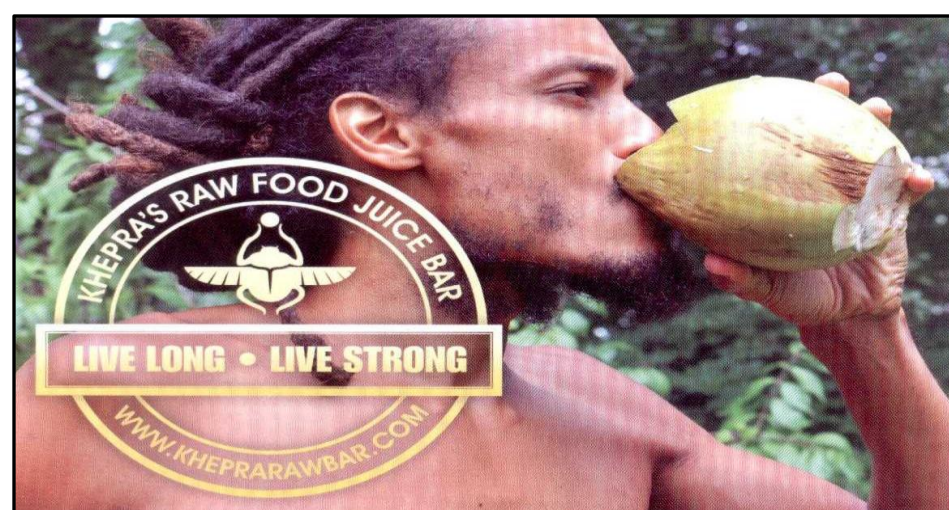
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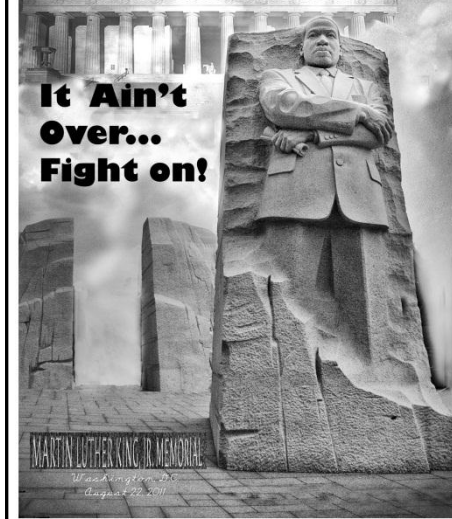
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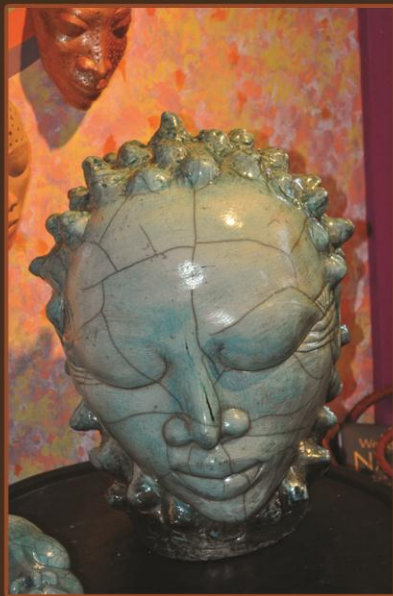
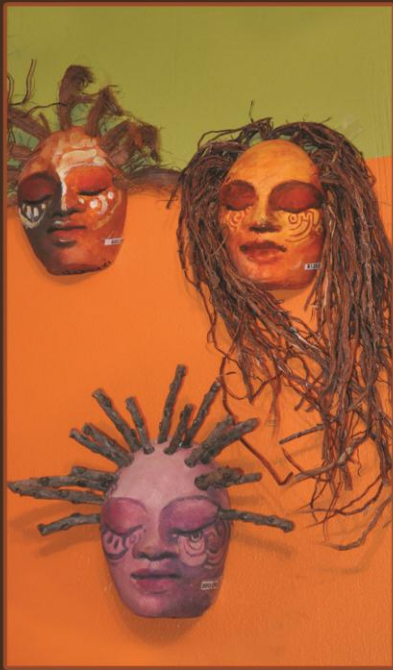
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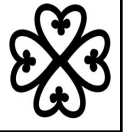
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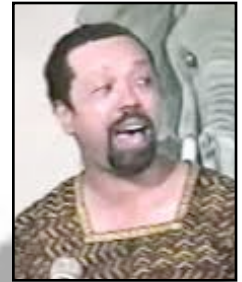
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