Welcome, scholars and parents!

Reminders...

- **Freedom School** begins at 8 a.m. and runs through 3:30 p.m. every weekday until July 24. Please arrive on time every day, and stay for the whole day.
- **Scholars should not bring food or beverages from home.** We serve breakfast, lunch and snacks, thanks to a grant.
- **Leave cell phones and video games at home.** If your children brings a cell phone, it should be stored in a pocket, backpack or purse except in an emergency. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged electronics.
- **All parents are asked to give at least two hours of volunteer time this summer.** See your Project Director for details.

**Our 2015 Sites**
- Buena Vista Elementary School
- Clark Memorial UM Church
- Gordon Memorial UMC

‘The Skin I’m In’ reaches scholars

For week 1 of our 2015 Freedom School, teen scholars read the book, *The Skin I’m In*, by Sharon G. Flake. The story is of an adolescent girl who is struggling with issues of self-esteem, racial issues, making friends and finding her own way in the world. It sparked discussion among teens at Gordon Memorial Freedom School, on bullying, true friendship, skin-color prejudice and trying to fit in. PARENTS: Ask your child what he/she read in Freedom School today and how they felt about it. Their answers may surprise you—our children are deep!

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This week at Nashville Freedom School

We’re making friends, interacting with our elders, reading, singing, learning creating

**Buena Vista**

Project Director Earl Lattimore opened Freedom School by reading to scholars in grades 5-8 at their opening Harambee celebration (below). Teaching interns, called Servant Leader Interns, each decorated their rooms around a theme of leadership and fun Charles Virgill, for instance (very bottom), decorated his room around a “Freedom Superheroes” theme.

**Clark Memorial**

Mrs. X, a poet and spoken word artist read to scholars. Super creative intern Erinc Fox, an Eagle Scout, created a reading tent for her his young scholars, while Aneesa Anderson chose a bumblebee theme (left).

**Gordon Memorial**

Our older schools in grades 5-8 enjoyed a week of bonding and making friends (top left). Our reading guests included Davidson County Clerk Brenda Wynn, author and retired higher education executive Angella Current Felder, and community activist Damien Durr. Scholars engaged in such activities as making flip books with artist Maggie Tucker, playing basketball at Pearl-Cohn High School, a math-based scavenger hunt led by volunteer teacher Rashad Bailey and Intern Ashl-Ann Douglas, and lessons in creating poetry and spoken word with Writers' Block of Tennessee State University. 🌟
Our 2015 Servant Leader Interns are GREAT

The Nashville Freedom School Partnership is proud to have 25 college and undergraduate students (above) from schools along the East Coast. These Servant Leader Interns are young adults been trained and committed to mentoring, teaching, leading and inspiring our more than 200 scholars. This year’s interns are:

**At Buena Vista Freedom School—**
- Berguissa Barry (Fisk University)
- Chee-Tara Boyd (Trevecca Nazarene University)
- Corey Carter (Fisk University)
- Tim Cunningham (Middle Tennessee State University)
- Paris Lee (Tennessee State University)
- Martavious Love (Middle Tennessee State University)
- Dominique McCord-Cotton (University of Tennessee at Knoxville)
- Lyante Savala (Fisk University)
- Morgan Taylor (Middle Tennessee State)
- Diera Taylor (Tennessee State University)
- Theodora Tsarouhtsis (Vanderbilt University)
- Charles Virgill (Tennessee State University)

**At Clark Memorial Freedom School—**
- Aneesa Anderson (Samford University)
- Victor Bradley (New School for Social Research)
- Erric Fox (Christian Brothers University)
- George Gutierrez (Middle Tennessee State University)
- Dwanna Kimbro (University of Memphis)
- Morgan Hutton (University of Tenn., Knoxville)

**At Gordon Memorial Freedom School—**
- Darrelle Banks (Fisk University)
- Ashli-Ann Douglass (Fisk University)
- Tyra Ford (Fisk University)
- Chris Johnson (Clark Atlanta University)
- Blaire Mason (Fisk University)
- MacKenzie Milon (Fisk University)
- Elijah Taylor (College of Charleston, S.C.)

Site coordinators are: Lamont Bell (Buena Vista); Robert Harris (Clark), and Dorian Townsend (Gordon). We are THRILLED to have such a great 2015 team! 🎉
**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**Emergency Numbers**

To reach your child’s Freedom School during the day, please contact the Project Director at each location. (We ask that you limit non-emergency calls in the morning while we’re checking in scholars.)

- **BUENA VISTA:** Earl Lattimore, phone (615) 479-0082; email earl.lattimore@mnps.org.
- **CLARK MEMORIAL:** Gayle Houston, phone (615) 397-4997, email lgi632009@hotmail.com.
- **GORDON MEMORIAL:** Garlinda Burton, phone (615) 497-1398; email nashvillefreedomschools@gmail.com.

**Donate Snacks? Yes!**

Parents and partners, you may donate snacks, bottled water, juice and other treats to your site. See your Freedom School Site Coordinator or Project Director for detail.

**Parent Power starts June 25**

Parents, we will offer a series of Parent Empowerment Workshops on Thursdays, starting June 25. Co-sponsored by the group, “STAND for Children,” these sessions will help us all become more savvy advocates for our children at home, school and in our communities. Door prizes will be given. See the attached flier for more info.

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Your financial gifts allow us to keep the vital and free program going for children in grades K-8. Use your credit card or PayPal and give at our website: www.nashvillefreedomschools.org.

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**Nashville Freedom School Partnership**
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Nashville, TN 37214

**Thanks to this week's donors!**

Thanks to the donors from Clark Memorial United Methodist Church who bought tickets to the Nashville Symphony for every scholar at the Clark Memorial Freedom School!

And thanks to newlyweds the Rev. Eric Brown and Britney Jackson Brown, who this week donated $4,000 to the Nashville Freedom School Partnership. We appreciate all our donors, volunteers and supporters! 😊