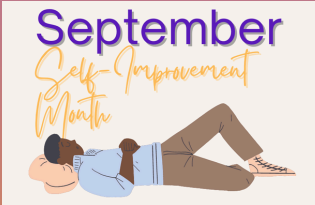
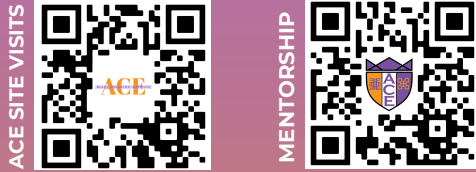




September Events

BEI Back to School BBQ- Sept 28th



SEPTEMBER IS SELF-IMPROVEMENT MONTH

Hello Black Educators,

Dear Educators, The beginning of the school year is a time for renewal and setting intentions. It's a moment to reflect on the values that guide our teaching and the goals we aspire to achieve. In this spirit, we encourage you to lean into the strength of our community, drawing inspiration and support from one another. Together, we can create classrooms where every student feels seen, heard, and valued.

As you prepare your lesson plans, arrange your classrooms, and reconnect with your students, remember to take time for self-care. Your well-being is essential to the success of your students. In this edition, you'll find resources, tips, and stories designed to empower you both professionally and personally as you navigate the year ahead.

This month, we say thank you to our Black Male Educator, who led a workshop at our recent 2024 Mini Summit Retreat.

- Charles Ward, Special Education Teacher and Instructional Facilitator within the Renton School District

Expand your classroom library with culturally relevant literature that reflects the diverse experiences and identities of Black students.

- 1. "100 Things Black Boys Should Do and Know" by Jason Huey, This book will help black boys maneuver through life, gain understanding and knowledge to overcome pit falls, fears, obstacles, and shortcomings. It will prepare black boys for matters that they had no clue about and at the same time it will give them courage to ask questions about what they didn't know exist.
2. "Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D Jackson, Monday Charles is missing, and only Claudia seems to notice. Claudia and Monday have always been inseparable—more sisters than friends. So when Monday doesn't turn up for the first day of school, Claudia's worried.
3. "African Town" by Charles Waters, Chronicling the story of the last Africans brought illegally to America in 1860, African Town is a powerful and stunning novel-in-verse.

Nakia Academy

The purpose of Nakia Academy is to keep newer educators in the field by identifying and training veteran BIPOC educators who can support, mentor, guide, and build with the next generation of BIPOC leaders, through fully virtual interactions.



Nakia is currently accepting applications for their 2024/2025 school year.

Who can attend? Any BIPOC educator!

There is a \$500 stipend for your participation. Clock hours are available. Part of Nakia Academy will be sharing our work with other mentors who are going through OSPI's Beginning Educator Support Team (BEST) program. We'll be learning some of what they learn, and they will be learning, from us, ways to work with all members through a race and social justice equity lens. Eventually, our work will be part of the BEST program training.

Applications close: September 3rd



ACE Upcoming Events:

September 28th, 2024- BEI Back to School BBQ

October 19th 2024- Night of Excellence Fundraiser Gala



Black Educator BACK TO SCHOOL BARBECUE SEPTEMBER 28 | 4PM Island Soul 4869 Rainier Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118 Free Entry QR code https://ACEbacktoschoolbbq2025.eventbrite.com

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT TIP

For a culturally inclusive classroom

Leverage Your Cultural Identity:

As a Black educator, your unique experiences and cultural background are powerful tools in the classroom. Use them to connect with your students, especially those who share similar backgrounds.

Your presence alone can be an affirmation for students who might not often see themselves reflected in authority figures. Share stories, examples, and references that resonate with your heritage, making learning more relatable and impactful.

EmpowerED Part I:

Building Self-Esteem and Positive Identity

Seminar Released: October 24th, 2024

Night of Excellence Gala: Harlem Nights

Saturday, October 19th, 2024 @5:30pm Register at: https://aceacademywa.ejoinme.org/2024Register

ACE ACADEMY PRESENTS NIGHT OF EXCELLENCE GALA HARLEM NIGHTS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2024 FAIRMONT OLYMPIC HOTEL 411 UNIVERSITY ST. SEATTLE, WA 98101 Gesa Credit Union KAISER PERMANENTE

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

— Nelson Mandela