



The Peabody Script

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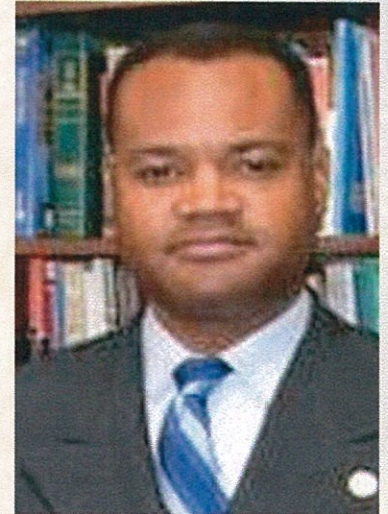
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Welcome to The New Principal and Assistant Principal

The Petersburg City Public Schools (PCPS) announced administrative changes for the 2013-14 school year. The changes took effect July 1st.

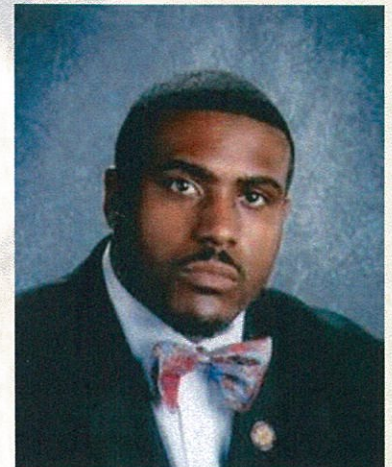
Mr. Jerome Williams is the new Principal of Peabody Middle School. Mr. Williams left his current position as school principal at James S. Russell Middle School in Lawrenceville, VA. He has a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's degree in Urban Education from Norfolk State University, and brings two decades of experience in the education profession to PCPS. Mr. Williams has adopted as the motto and mission for Peabody Middle School, "**Excellence Through Perseverance and Academic Achievement.**"



Mr. Jerome Williams



Ms. Janet Wright will continue as Assistant Principal.



Mr. Sinclair Harris

Mr. Sinclair Harris comes to PCPS from Essex County Public Schools, where he served as assistant principal. Mr. Harris has a bachelor's degree in education from Norfolk State University. He received his master's degree in educational leadership from Old Dominion University. During his tenure in Norfolk, Mr. Harris was named "Norfolk Public Schools Middle School Teacher of the Year." Mr. Harris replaced Ms. Vernita Miles as the new Assistant Principal.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Harris were guests at the regular meeting in October. They spoke about their goals and objectives for Peabody Middle School.

Peabodian of the Quarter



Mrs. Rosa Hobbs Foster is a 1952 graduate of Peabody High School and a 1956 graduate of Virginia State College (now University). She was a long time resident of the Blandford community and a proud member of PHSNAA, Inc. Mrs. Foster was an elementary school teacher in the 60's and she later retired as principal from the Anchorage, Alaska school district. In April, the Ford Motor Company recognized twenty women as Alaska's Freedom Sisters. Mrs. Foster was one of the honorees who was recognized for her dedication to social causes and humanitarian efforts in the Anchorage community.

During Black History Month, Mrs. Foster was profiled in a feature on KTUU-TV, Channel 2 Alaska News. During that profile she said she believes the struggles are different for today's young people and she encourages them to know their history and where they come from. According to Mrs. Foster, "Black History Month highlights the errors and the triumphs of the past." In addition, Mrs. Foster said that she thinks about the contributions of the pioneers that paved the way for us. She believes that she would not be here today if it were not for those pioneers. She said, "We need to build on that."

Finally, Mrs. Foster said, "As we look to the future, it's not the color of skin that will make a difference, but it's what is in your heart."

GET WELL SOON!

We send special "Get Well" wishes and "Thinking of You" love to some of our alumni members who were recently hospitalized, undergoing tests or recovering from surgery. Maybe you can send them a card or a note of cheer: Gloria Brown ('67), Juanita Owens Wyatt ('56), Mildred Allen ('63), Claudette Staton ('65), Calvin Powell ('45), Arlene Hill ('44), Marian Moore ('42), Albert Phillips ('63), Annette Rose ('59), and Pacing Williams-Dugger ('69).





2013 Community Outreach Project – The Fisher House



Dedication to the cause were thoughts in the minds of Peabody Alumni members as they brought in bags of items to donate to the Fisher House, which is located on the grounds of McGuire VA Medical Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

The Fisher House Foundation provides “a home away from home” for military families to be close to a loved one at the most stressful time—during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or combat injury. Located in the close proximity of the medical center/hospital it serves, each Fisher House consists of between 8 to 21 suites with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and living room. The Fisher House Foundation assures there is no fee to stay in a Fisher House.

Alumni members contributed many non-perishable food items, water, paper products, cleaning supplies, gift cards to restaurants and gas stations. Those alumni who were out of town, or did not have the time to make purchases sent generous monetary donations to the cause. The boxes of items were presented on Friday, October 11, 2013 to the Fisher House Manager, Mr. Wayne Walker, by the Outreach Committee co-chairs, Harry Quarles (class of '52) and Virginia Barbour (class of '62). Joining them to witness this heart-warming presentation were alumni members, Iris and Willis Brown.



The Alumni Association wishes to thank all contributors to this worthwhile cause.

Virginia Makes Ready for Election Day!

It is up to all registered voters to make plans (rain or shine) to go to the polls on November 5th and VOTE! Where to vote polling places are located throughout the city. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“If American women would increase their voting turnout by 10%, I think we would see an end to all of the budget cuts in programs benefitting women and children.”

Coretta Scott King





HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY

Richard L. Jackson of Washington, D.C. (class of '62) celebrated his 70th birthday on Saturday, July 20, 2013 with a party at the American Legion in Glenarden, MD. Several of Richard's classmates and many of his family members from Petersburg travelled to Maryland to share in this eventful celebration.

Richard is a dedicated member of PHSNAA. He and his wife, Martha, are faithful supporters of sponsored affairs. We know Richard will have some new dance steps to share when he comes to our next affair.



2013 Golden Trojan

Burton S. Hayes, Jr., 1943 Peabody graduate and 1947 Virginia State graduate was honored as a 2013 Golden Trojan at the 6th Alumni Golden Trojan Breakfast held on May 25, 2013 on the campus of VSU. Mr. Hayes retired in 1987 after 35 years as teacher and coach in the public schools of Virginia.

Mr. Hayes is an active member of Zion Baptist Church, past member of the Trustee Board and active member of the Nursing Home Ministry. He loves fishing trips and landscape beautification of all sorts. Mr. Hayes and his wife, Mrs. Mildred Scott Hayes, have been married for over 66 years. They are the parents of two sons, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson. They both still reside in the Ettrick community.

Mrs. Hayes (Peabody class of '43 and VSU class of '52) and eight others were also among the honorees during this Golden Trojan Breakfast.





**PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL
NATIONAL ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION, INC.**



CHRISTMAS GALA

Saturday, December 28, 2013

7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Sunlight Elks Lodge

Hopewell, VA

Dress to Impress — Music by “KD Express”

For Ticket Information, call:

(804) 733-2936 or (804) 862-1192

DONATION: \$20.00 B.Y.O.B.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL ASSIST IN THE RESTORATION PROJECT



Gone To Be With The Lord



We have had to say goodbye to many of our friends and loved ones. Their memories however, will remain a part of us until we join them. We miss our classmates who are GONE TOO SOON. But, we can be assured that they are Resting Safely in the Loving Arms of Jesus.



**John Wesley
"Buck" Arrington**

July 15, 2013
Class of 1954



**Hester Lucille
Wooden Harris**

August 29, 2013
Class of 1940



Constance Williams

September 30, 2013
Class of 1947



Lillian Mae Tucker Harry

August 2, 2013
Class of 1954



Bettie Lou Dodson

August 4, 2013
Class of 1960



**Shirley Ann
Tucker-Ervin**

October 8, 2013
Class of 1958



Ella M. Prioleau

October 8, 2013



Nellie C. Boone

July 31, 2013



**Dolores Costello
Shaw Tucker**

October 3, 2013
Class of 1955



Mrs. Pearl L. Perkins

August 26, 2013
Class of 1946 and Valedictorian
Retired Teacher of Peabody High
and Peabody Jr. High Schools



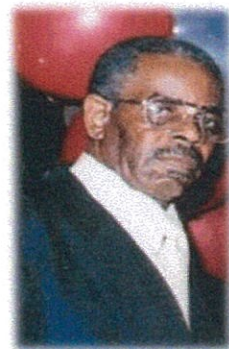
William E. Weaver, Jr.

August 22, 2013
Class of 1961



Leonard H. Davis, Sr.

July 15, 2013
Class of 1953



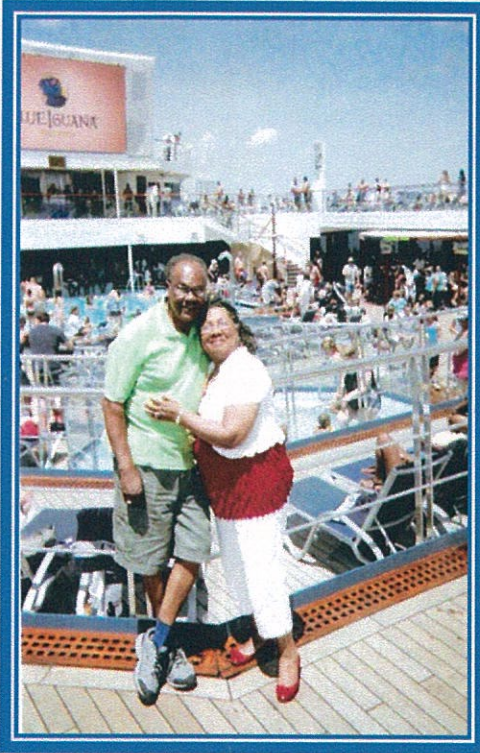
Raymond L. Mason

October 5, 2013
Class of 1964





Congratulations to The Newlyweds



On May 22, 2013, long time sweethearts, Joseph L. Lyons (class of '56) and Gladys B. Washington were married at Friendship Baptist Church in Hopewell, VA. The nuptials were performed by Dr. Carl Johnson, Pastor. Immediate family members were in attendance.

Joe and Gladys honeymooned on the Carnival Victory Cruise Ship out of Norfolk, VA and sailed to the islands of Freeport and Nassau, Bahamas. They are making their home in Petersburg, VA.

Best Wishes for a Long and Happy Life Together!



National Service Award

There is never a dull moment in the life of Mrs. Bessie Moorer (class of '45). She has often said, "If I can help someone along the way, then my living will not be in vain." On Saturday, September 21st, she was honored by receiving the National Service Award from the Lord's Church and Frederic L. Ray Biblical

Institute in Ettrick, VA. Mrs. Moorer has been a local civil rights leader in the community and surrounding areas for over 50 years. Her personal theme has been, "I don't care what color you are; come on in and let's work together."

*Mrs. Moorer,
thank you for your
service!*



Pictured from left to right: Rev. Dr. Howard Moses, Pastor of The Lord's Church, Mrs. Moorer, and Mr. Lasalle McCoy, President of the Chesterfield Branch of the NAACP.

Peabodian In The Spotlight --- TV and Movie Personality



(Kenneth Lee) Peabody High School Class of 1968

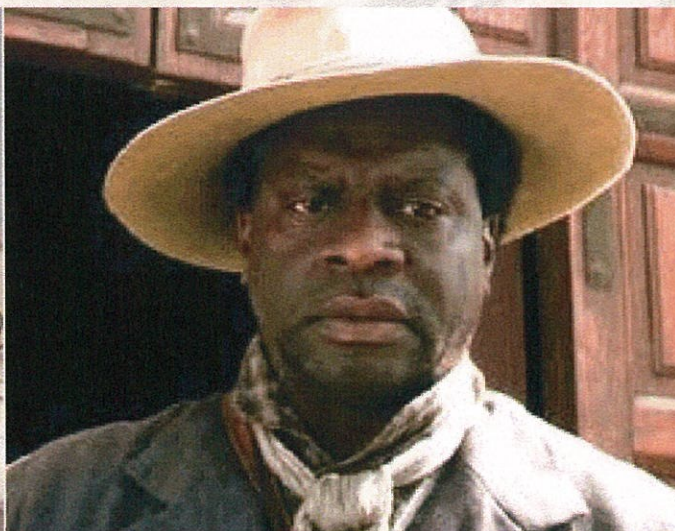
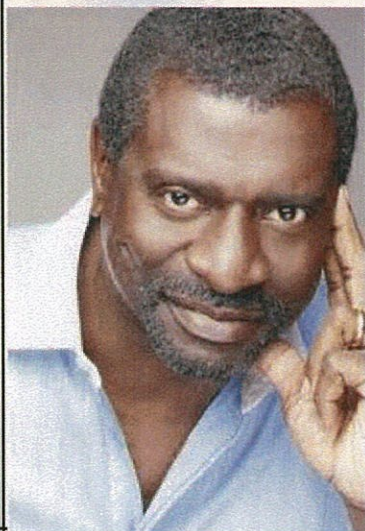
Afemo Omilami (Kenneth Lee) was raised in the Westview Community where he resided with his mother, Mrs. Marion Lee Moore (class of 1942) and his siblings, Constance Lee Anderson (class of 1963) and Carl Stanley Lee (class of 1966).

Afemo married his wife, Elisabeth Omilami, on September 11, 1985. She is an actress, minister and civil rights leader. They have two children, a son, Awodele and a daughter, Juanita.

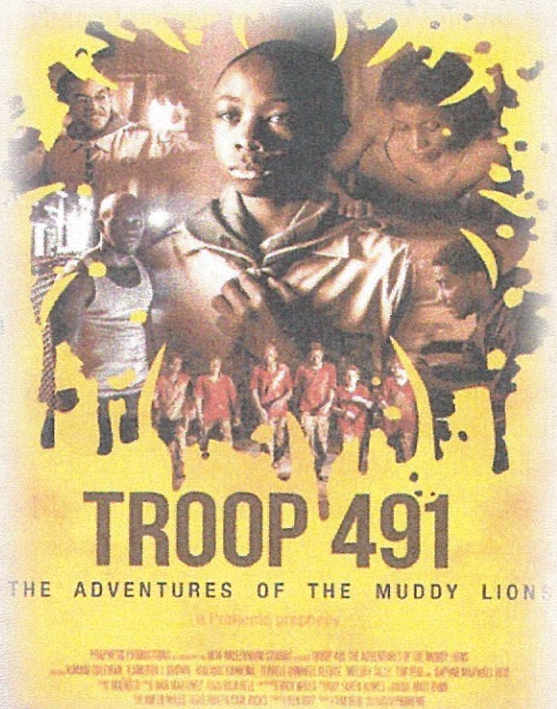


Elisabeth Omilami

Character Actor Afemo Omilami built a career out of portraying gritty, urban types in Hollywood features, often with an aggressive edge, e.g. cab drivers, longshoremen, barkeeps, drill sergeants and angry spouses. He made his TV debut in the 1979 TV movie "Freedom Road" and his movie debut in 1983's "Trading Places." He played in the TV series "In The Heat of the Night" as Jimmy Dawes (1989-1993). Other TV appearances include "Ghost Whisperer," "The Shield," "NYPD Blue," "Dawson's Creek," "Law & Order" and "Miami Vice." He has appeared in many films such as "Glory" (1983); "The Firm" (1993); "Gordy" (1995); "Remember the Titans" (2000); "Drumline" (2002); "Ray" (2004); "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006); "Hounddog" (2007) and "The Blind Side" (2009). He is perhaps best known for his role as the drill sergeant in "Forrest Gump" (1994). He was nominated for "Actor in a Television Movie, Mini-Series or Dramatic Special" in the 2013 NAACP Image Awards for his performance in Lifetime's "Steel Magnolias" as Drum Eatenton. Afemo is also co-director of "Hosea's Feed the Hungry and Homeless" a non-profit widely known for providing hot meals, haircuts, clothing and other services to the needy.



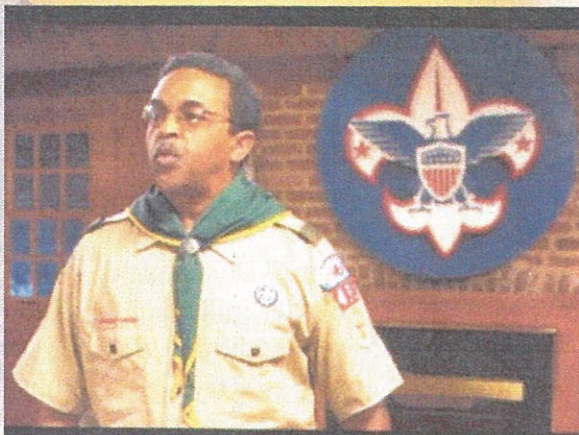
"TROOP 491" FEATURING LARRY "AKIN" SMITH MAKES THEATRICAL DEBUT



Congratulations to the writers, producers, and directors for bringing to the area the movie, Troop 491: The Adventures of the Muddy Lions, starring celebrity actors Tim and Daphne Reid (husband and wife team) and introducing Kimani Coleman as Tristan Foster and Melody Talley as his Mom, Mrs. Gloria Foster

The official debut was on Friday, October 4 in Richmond, VA at Criterion Cinemas at Movieland and ran until October 17, 2013. Parents were encouraged to bring their children, little cousins, nieces, and nephews to see this film. Troop 491 is a coming-of-age story of Tristan Foster who is enchanted by the seductive, fast life that the streets offer and is influenced by his childhood and neighborhood friends intent on living by the code of the streets. In an effort to protect her son, keep him off the streets, and introduce him to new possibilities, Mrs. Foster enlists Tristan in the Boy Scouts, despite his protests.

Larry "Akin" Smith (class of 1970) and Hal Miles are the Scout Leaders. The story touches on so many issues that teens face, such as peer pressure and bullying.



Congratulations to Akin and Hal!



THE MUDDY LIONS TROOP #491

HEALTH TIPS (Does your lifestyle contribute to you being overweight?)

Forty percent of adults are overweight, leading to an increased risk of chronic, serious and costly medical problems. Can you answer YES to the following questions?

1. Do you read food labels to determine fat grams?
2. Do you limit your sweet treats to one low-fat serving per day?
3. Do you eat whole grain breads, rice, pasta, cereal, beans, or potatoes every day?
4. Do you use the stairs instead of the elevators or escalators whenever possible?
5. Do you avoid food high in fat?
6. Do you exercise daily?
7. Do you like to work outdoors (gardening)?
8. Do you eat at least 3 pieces of fruit per day?

If you answered YES to all questions, CONGRATULATIONS, you are paying attention to your health.

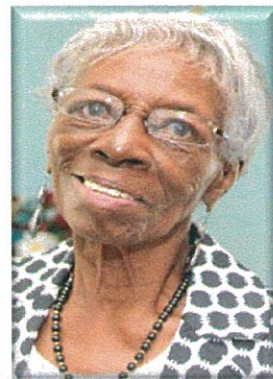
If you answered YES to 5 or less questions, please concentrate on making some healthy lifestyle changes!

50th Anniversary of the March on Washington

On August 28, 2013, citizens from across the country traveled to the nation's capitol to commemorate and celebrate the historic March on Washington, which occurred 50 years ago, August 28, 1963.



Mrs. Bessie Moorner (class of '45) can vividly remember the details of that day, 50 years ago, and she has been educating youth on the civil rights era since that time. "Remembering the Past and Moving Forward in the Future," Mrs. Moorner, with the assistance of concerned citizens, organized a bus trip for students and adults to witness the 50th Anniversary Celebration on August 28th. She has been taking students to D.C. to celebrate the March on Washington since 2000. "I just want them to see what we went through," she said. She further stated that the

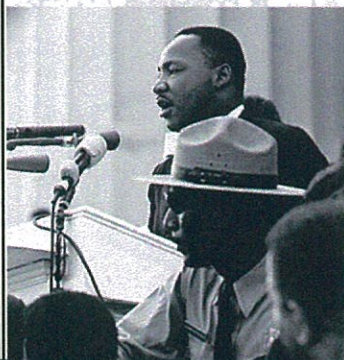


celebrations brought her back to her first time on the National Mall. "It was emotional to me as it reminded me of the first one. There were a lot of young people, more than I expected. It was a sight to see, both races and people with young children," she said.



Ms. Shirley Dexter attended the March on Washington in 1963; however, she was not able to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration. She recalls how she was still moved by listening to Dr. King's famous speech again on television. As a teenager, Ms. Dexter worked with the civil rights organization. She helped picket stores on Sycamore Street. She participated in sit-ins at W.T. Grant, J.C. Penney and the Trailways Bus terminal lunch counter. In the course of her work, Ms. Dexter had the chance to meet Dr. King in 1962. "He was a very approachable, humble man with a larger than life persona," Dexter said. She remembers being encouraged by leaders like Dr. King. Dexter indicated that she was somewhat disheartened when she went to jail. However, she felt that being jailed was a tactic of the movement. She recalled the 60's as a trying time, but said the determination of civil rights advocates brought change.

On August 28, 1963, more than 200,000 people listened as Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his clarion call for justice "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial. On August 28, 2013 (a half century to the hour), citizens gathered to hear the



nation's first Black President, Barack Obama, speak from the very spot that Dr. King delivered his speech; hailing the 50 years of racial progress that made his election possible, but warning Americans that Dr. King's dream remains unfulfilled.



Stickdoku

Great exercise for the brain! Use your logic to find the correct number for each square. When finished, all nine rows across, all nine columns down and all nine 3-by-3 boxes must contain all nine numbers, 1 through 9, with no repeats.

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Be the first to complete the puzzle. Send your completed puzzle to:

Thelma Jefferson
2033 Saddlebrook Lane
Petersburg, VA 23805

(No phone calls, No e-mails)

First 5 persons who submit correct puzzles will be sent a special gift.

Receipt of puzzles will be determined by postmark date. **Deadline date is November 15th.**

PHS All Alumni, Family and Friends Cruise

It is not too late. If you are still interested in cruising with the Alumni on May 18-25, 2014, you still have time to contact Sandra Walker at 804-590-9421 or 804-691-2998. Prices may have changed slightly; however, she will do all that she can to accommodate you. Final payment is due by February 15, 2014.



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Newsletter



*Do you have an event you would like to share with the alumni?
Send your articles to any member of the committee.*

"Believers are achievers; therefore, believe and achieve! Believe that you are responsible for your own accomplishments God deposited in you. Believe that success is not luck; it is the result of a deliberate effort to do a hard work."

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The Mighty Lions

"Reuniting/Renewing/Restoring/Rejoicing Peabody's Legacy"