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Quarterly Parent Event focus on Books, Black History and Breakfast

Tucson, AZ – **On November 5, 2016**, Tucson Unified African American Student Services Department (AASSD), University of Arizona African American Student Affairs Office, and Tucson Parks and Recreation – Archer Center will host Books, Black History and Breakfast. The event will take place Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Archer Center located @ 1665 S. La Cholla Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85713.



Books, Black History and Breakfast will start registration at 8:30 a.m. and serve breakfast at 9:00 a.m. The free event is for families and students of all ages. The Parks and Recreation Archer Center Team will serve breakfast to students and their families and the University of Arizona African American Student Affairs Office will engage students in learning about African and African American heritage. Members of the Tucson Unified African American Student Services Department will be on hand to give out reading materials, engage students in story-time and answer any questions about department services.

AASSD team member, Debra Jackson stated, “Black History should be celebrated throughout the year and not just in February.” AASSD Director, Jimmy Hart explained, “The collaboration is a great opportunity to emphasize the importance of family literacy. It is also an opportunity for our students to ask the U of A students about college. Connecting literacy to college and career is important.”

The African American Student Services Department is also gearing up for several other quarterly informational events in November and December, 2016. Below is a list of upcoming family engagement opportunities.



- **November 19, 2016** – African American Parent Conference @ Palo Verde Magnet High School. Breakfast, lunch and childcare will be provided. Workshops for parents and workshops for students. Families will be entered into a drawing for one of 50 turkeys.
- December 3, 2016 – Parent University at Pima Community College West Campus.
- December 8, 2016 – Quarterly Parent Information meetings.
- December 10, 2016 – African American Student Services STEM Summit for middle school students.

Info: For additional information and questions about the press release contact the AASSD office at 584-7500.

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