

# Seeds of Literacy STUDENT

## MONTHLY NEWS



JULY 2018

Check your email to see last month's Achievements - are YOU on the list?  
Remember, the email version of Student News includes more information including the Digital Download.



### When You Don't Know Where To Turn, There's 211

Have you had a **legal issue** that isn't sorted?

Are you having problems with your **landlord**, or maybe you're facing **eviction**?

Have you had **problems paying** your utilities?

Can't find **childcare**?

**Medical issues** but no insurance?

In an **unhealthy relationship**?

Want to **quit smoking**?

We all have issues, but we don't always know where to turn. That's why United Way has 211.

Here's how it works:

Dial 211 into your phone and simply tell the person on the phone your problem.

You will be connected to the right service or agency to help you.



### Class of 2018 Seeds Largest With 57 Grads

Twenty-one of your classmates participated in the 2018 Graduation Ceremony. Latasha Jenkins (West) and Dionne Lobban (East), addressed the group with their personal stories. Special guest State Senator Sandra Williams gave the keynote address, acknowledging the efforts of the grads and students.

You can read all 3 of those speeches on the Seeds' Website. While you're there, check out all of the photos from the event!

### Seeds West Adds Clubs

Seeds East students aren't the only ones having fun! Seeds West has new offerings:

#### READING CLUB @ Seeds West

Tuesdays 11:30am - 12:30am

Open to all tutors and students to discuss short stories, plays, articles and more, in a relaxed and social setting. Snacks will be available.

#### COMPUTER CLUB @ Seeds West

Thursdays, 11am - 11:30am

#### EVENING WORKSHOPS @ Seeds West

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:30pm - 7:30pm in July

Remaining events include:

July 17, Fractions

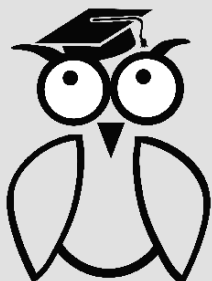
July 19, Advanced Equations

July 24, The GED Essay

July 26, Graphing & Inequalities

July 31, Basic Algebra

### Saul's Word of the Month



#### INTREPID

adj. Resolutely courageous, fearless, persistent in the pursuit of something.

### Seeds East Offerings Include:

Mondays @ 11am: Math Club

Tuesdays @ 11am : Cleveland Stories Writing Workshop

Wednesdays @ 11am: Book Club

Thursdays @ 11am : Computer Club.

# Creative

## STUDENT SHOWCASE

Seeds East student Demetrius Pate attended the Cleveland Stories project last month.  
He wrote this essay as part of the writing workshop.

### Hail Mary Time!

A summer evening in 1975 was one of the greatest day of my life. What happened long ago back in 1975 helped me to be a stronger, more confident man.

We lived in a neighborhood called Aspinwall. We could hear the freight trains along Saranac Road in the distance. It was a great neighborhood to live in were all like family we would go over each other houses and eat dinner all the parents knew our name Keven shorts house was the best cause they had N.F.L high school and college footballs that we could play with. There were very nice houses with real big porches that we could play on and run over and yell ICE CREAM MAN! The streets were very long so we had to walk long ways just to get home, it was always safe to walk around because there weren't any abandoned houses or buildings or empty lots.

On this one summer evening the sun was shining on the well-cut lawns, and there were people in their driveways washing their cars and bar-b-queuing. My friends and I were all about 7 or 8 years old and love playing touch football. We played a game on the cement playground at East Clark Elementary which most of us attended. The school was a solid, brick, 3 story building with high ceilings, tall windows and wooden floors. The game we played was a six on six football game. We knew that no one could right out beat us. Our quarterback was starting for the Glenville Tarblooders. His name was Keven Shorts and he came from a sports family. His father was a boxing coach and his older brother, Cecil, was a wide receiver for the Tarblooders. So the best thing was we had a star football player as a mentor and coach, and that made our team more

competitive. Kevin made us feel like we were champions. He taught us plays such as pass plays, trick plays and defensive plays. He made us feel that we truly were winners! Since we were from 146<sup>th</sup> street and Aspinwall and the other team was from 148 St. there was a natural competitiveness. They were also pretty good so we knew that we had to play hard. The game would be a fierce one but only one team would win the game.

There was another nemesis everyone had to beat was the street lights! Because it was getting late both teams decided that whoever scored the next touchdown would win the game so that meant HAIL MARY TIME! We went into a huddle and Kevin described the play that were going to run. The play was designed to fake the ball to Makell, our running back. Everyone was to run to the end-zone. Kevin stepped back, faked the ball to Makell and then threw a bomb toward the end zone. Most everyone on both teams ran into the end-zone. Robert, Joe and I all jumped up for the ball. The defensive team crowded around us. I got smarter and separated myself from everyone else. The ball was in the air and everyone was fighting for the ball. I was looking up at the ball. I was so focused on nothing but that football and my hands were stretched out to grab the ball. There was a lot of struggling and scrapping for the prize but all of a sudden that prize floated right into my hands. TOUCH DOWN! My teammates ran up to me hugging me and. It was the best day of my life. It helped me believe what Kevin was trying to teach us—I can be a winner.

Want to know more about the FREE Cleveland Stories Writing Workshop?

Visit [www.seedsofliteracy.org](http://www.seedsofliteracy.org).

Using the site's search bar, type "Cleveland Stories" for more information.

