

DOWNTOWN ACADEMY  
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**Proud to be 2007 National Charter School of the Year!**

May 5, 2008

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Members of the DATA Board, Teachers, and Staff:

**Greetings from the Downtown Academy of Technology and Arts;** we hope you and yours are all happy and well.

**The interim report for the fourth marking period will be passed out to the students on Tuesday of this week.**

There will be **Park Day this Friday**. The students will be **allowed to attend school out of uniform on that day for \$1**. Students should remember to follow all Broward County Schools' dress code guidelines. **Volunteers are encouraged** to join us. If you are interested, **please call us ahead of time**.

The travel club is proud to announce **the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Silent Art Auction and Dinner**. **Tickets for the event will be \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door, dinner is included with the price of admission**. This annual event will begin the fundraising needed for more students to take part in the annual trip (destination yet to be determined, Costa Rica put on hold). **The menu will have food representing Caribbean cultures. The date for the dinner and silent auction is Friday May 16, 2008, from 6- 8:30 P.M.** This event will take place here in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this exciting event.

**The PTRG will be having one additional meeting this year. The meeting will take place next week Thursday, May 15 at 5:30 P.M.** This will be the last time to participate in a discussion about the 8th grade promotion ceremony.

**We are taking orders for the yearbook which is priced at \$30. Checks can be made out to DATA or Downtown Academy.**

**If your student is still in need of volunteer hours, please have them discuss the situation with Ms. Friend.** There is a commitment to twenty hours of service to the school on behalf of all the parents. Many parents are in danger of failing to meet the commitment. **The PTRG has voted to allow for a one time, \$50 donation to the school; this donation is intended to fulfill the community service commitment for the parents to the school. Please feel free to use cash, check or money order (made out to DATA or Downtown Academy) to make this donation.** It is not mandatory that anyone make donations to the school but every student and parent are expected to fulfill the community service portion of their admission to and attendance of the school. It would be unfortunate for anyone to allow for this to interfere with any students' future at the Downtown Academy. If there are any questions; please contact the principal immediately!

Thank you for your continued assistance, input, and support.

David Jett, Principal