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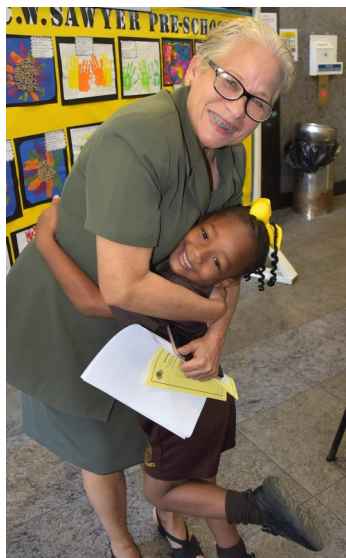
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MISSION STATEMENT: To provide all persons in The Bahamas an opportunity to receive an education that will equip them with the necessary knowledge, skills, beliefs and attitudes required for work and life in a democratic society guided by Christian values.

APRIL 2024

2024 Preschool School Week



Above from left: The Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin and Preschooler Naija Smith during the opening ceremony of Preschool Week.



Above: Hundreds of preschoolers take part in various activities in celebration of the 20th Annual Preschool Week

This year the Ministry celebrated the young preschoolers under the theme, "A Blast From The Past: 20 Years!". Students representing various preschools marched to the beat of The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band and The Bahamas Department of Corrections Band as they displayed their uniquely themed costumes to judges and onlookers.

The parade culminated a week of activities in celebration of 20 years of pre-school education in The Bahamas which included an Art Exhibit and The Andrea D. Wisdom Sports Day.

Ready, Set, Go! 2024 National Track and Field Championships



Above: Highlights from the 2024 National Track and Field Championships

Approximately 1,600 student athletes from throughout the nation began competition at the 2024 National Track and Field Championships on Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at the original Thomas A. Robinson Stadium, under the theme: "Ringing In a New Era of Sporting Excellence."

Education Minister Glenys Hanna Martin declared the Championships open during the opening ceremony on Friday, 12th April, 2024. Minister Hanna Martin also encouraged the student athletes to continue developing their athletic talent and abilities to qualify for scholarships and other educational advancements, stating that "sports is a way to a future."

26th Annual National Debate



Above from left: Tanea Hall, Maliah Wilchcombe, Brihel Moore, Guest Judge Mr. Peter Phillips, Hon. Minister Glenys Hanna Martin, Cheston Taylor, Travez Neymour, Jumari Gray, and Mrs. Cylestina Cooper-Williams.

"Be it resolved that The Bahamas has made sufficient advances to effectively deal with the mentally challenged in our communities."

The moot proposed by St. Georges High School during the 26th annual National Debate Championship Finals landed the team on top as this year's champion defeating the Opposition, a combined team from Exuma. This year's competition showcased an all-boys team (Exuma Combined Team) versus an all-girls team (St. Georges). Capturing Best Speaker for the Proposition was Brihel Moore; and Best Speaker for the Opposition was won by Cheston Taylor who also won best overall speaker. St. Georges, the winning team, was presented with a \$750 cheque from one of the event's sponsors, the Ethan S. Bain Environmental Health Foundation. Additionally, each participant received a \$250 gift voucher for Brass and Leather which has sponsored the competition for the past 17 years.

Anatol Rodgers High School Wins "Build-A-Bridge Challenge"



Above: Anatol Rodgers winning team, along with their coach, Pre-Engineering and Graphical Communications teacher Oliver Lynch (second from left), each receiving a laptop and trophy after winning the "Build-A-Bridge Challenge".

Anatol Rodgers High School has reclaimed its title as "Build-A-Bridge Challenge" champion after defeating senior high school teams from throughout the country during the 14th Annual IBS Build-A-Bridge Challenge on Friday, April 19th, 2024.