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Young Author Presents Book to Minister Hanna Martin



Lavaria Storr, Head Girl of Lowe Sound Primary School and author of "A Quilt Called Life", gifted a copy of her book to Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin, Minister of Education and Technical and Vocational Training. The book shares Lavaria's personal struggles and how she overcame them.

Lavaria also launched "Reading in the Park", a mobile library initiative for students in the Lowe Sound community. The Minister praised Lavaria's book and her mother, Aleshia Storr, for her positive influence on Lavaria's academic journey.

"A Quilt Called Life" is available for purchase on Amazon and showcases the potential of young talent.

Above from left: The Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin, receives signed copy of "A Quilt Called Life" from the books author Lavaria Storr.

MOETVT Launches Student Attendance Hotline



Above from left: Attendance officer Rev. Daniel Small, Attendance officer Anzlo Strachan, ADE Sharon Clarke, Actg. Director Dominique McCartney-Russell, Permanent Secretary Lorraine Symonette-Armbrister, Hon. Minister Glenys Hanna Martin, DDE (Actg) Terrence Carey-Curry, DDE Sharmaine Sinclair, Consultant Coleman Andrews and Chief Superintendent of Police Dr. Chaswell A. Hanna

The 2024 school year kicked off with a great start as the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training launched its Student Attendance Hotline in New Providence and Grand Bahama dubbed, "MAC it or RAC it!" (Make a Complaint or Raise a Concern)

During a press conference at the Ministry's headquarters on Friday, January 12, 2024, Education Minister Glenys Hanna Martin along with members of the attendance committee implored community stakeholders to continue in partnership with the Ministry as it seeks to locate every school-aged child in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas to ensure they are all in school.

Presently, the average student attendance sits at 90.4%, reflecting a steady increase over the past three years. Between 2022-2023 there has been a fluctuation of chronic absenteeism. The launch of the Student Attendance Hotline seeks to eradicate this issue.

GARVIN TYNES CELEBRATES MAJORITY RULE DAY

On Tuesday, January 9, 2024, the students of Garvin Tynes Primary School gathered to honor Majority Rule Day. Led by fifth-grade students, the assembly provided an opportunity for the school community to reflect on the events leading up to the Progressive Liberal Party's (PLP) victory at the polls on January 10, 1967, which brought about Majority Rule. The students discussed the Burma Road Riot and other pivotal moments in Bahamian history.

The keynote speaker at the assembly was Dr. Ruby Ann Cooper-Darling, Deputy to the Governor General. She emphasized to the students that the freedoms and rights enjoyed today in The Bahamas were not always guaranteed before Majority Rule. Dr. Cooper-Darling shared that she was the first woman in The Bahamas to register to vote in a general election, inspiring the students to appreciate the importance of their own rights and responsibilities as citizens of The Bahamas.



During the Majority Rule Day celebration, Garvin Tynes students Gerald Simmonds (left) and Dejon Pratt (right), presented Deputy to the Governor General Dr. Ruby Ann Cooper-Darling with a token of appreciation.

