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JERRY PINKNEY, FAMED ILLUSTRATOR AND
ARTIST, TO SPEAK AT NEWGRANGE
COMMENCEMENT AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Jerry Pinkney will give the Commencement speech at the 2007 Newgrange Commencement and Awards Ceremony. Mr. Pinkney has created art for more than thirty years, and illustrated more than seventy-five children's books. His art is truly exceptional, which is evident from the numerous awards he has received, including Caldecott Honors, Coretta Scott King Awards, and King Honors.

Mr. Pinkney is a warm and unassuming man, who grew up in Philadelphia, the youngest of three brothers. He struggled through elementary school due to dyslexia, but his artistic talent was recognized and encouraged. He began drawing at age four and found that he enjoyed the admiration of the teacher and the other children for his talent. Throughout his academic years, Jerry was a

motivated student. He worked at a newsstand when he was in high school and sketched people as they walked by. Pinkney attended the Dobbins Vocational School and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where he received a full scholarship.

Mr. Pinkney's passion and interest in a variety of cultures is captured in his artwork. Research is essential to ensure that all of the clothing, building's and other events in his scenes are historically correct. He frequently enlists models to dress in period costumes and be photographed. Many of his models are family and friends, such as his grandson, who modeled for the boy in his book, *Sam and the Tigers* (1996, Dial). Often Mr. Pinkney focuses on celebrating multicultural and African American themes. "Books give me a great feeling of personal and artistic satisfaction. My satisfaction comes from the actual marks on the paper

and when it sings, its magic," he says. Jerry works closely with his wife Gloria, his production assistant, who will be visiting Newgrange with her husband.

Jerry is the father of four children and a grandfather. He resides in Westchester County, New York with his wife. He is an art professor at the University of Delaware and the State University of New York at Buffalo. He travels extensively, speaking to children and adults about his art and his life experiences.

The Graduation and Awards Ceremonies will begin at 11:00 AM, on Tuesday, June 19th in the Parish Hall of the Newgrange School Campus. All are invited to attend.

For additional information, Please call Cindy Ege at (609) 688-1280 ext. 210.

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SAVE THE DATE:

- June 19, 2007—
Commencement Ceremonies
- July 17 and 18, 2007—Developing Metacognitive Skills
- July 24 and 25, 2007—Wilson w Day Overview
- July 26, 2007—
Foundations Training

NEWGRANGE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GORDON SHERMAN TO
PARTICIPATE IN JAPANESE DOCUMENTARY ON
CEREBRODIVERSITY, DYSLEXIA, AND TALENTS

Mr. Hideyuki Masumoto, associate producer of NHK, the Japan Broadcasting Corporation, will be coming to Newgrange in July to film our own Dr. Gordon Sherman on cerebrodiversity and dyslexia for a six part scientific documentary series on human evolution and the brain. This

documentary series will air for six months through 2008. The topics include: bipedalism, early man's migration from Africa, and the evolution of the brain and language. Congratulations Dr. Sherman!

NEWGRANGE EDUCATION CENTER STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

In 2002, we opened our state-of-the-art tutoring center in the Princeton office. Orton Gillingham-based approaches form the core of the program. Many students have graduated from the center and are now using their new skills to achieve academic success!

Here are profiles of two current students in the tutoring program.

Michael has attended the Newgrange Education Center for three years. His goal is to complete all 12 levels of the Wilson Reading Program. Now, in fifth

grade, he reads on grade level and receives As in Reading. Michael loves football and baseball. He enjoys independently reading the Goosebumps books and The Hardy Boys. His favorite author is Matt Christopher. We salute Michael for his hard work and great progress!

Elise is a new student and is in third grade. She works hard in school and at the Education Center. Recently, she completed reading a chapter book on Amelia Earhart. Rather than a straightforward written report, an alternative book report allowed her to use her creativity to ex-

press her understanding of the book. In her report she included a map showing Amelia's flight routes. Elise is artistic and displays her artwork at the Education Center. Additionally, she is one of 16 students in her class whose artwork was displayed at Red, Blue, & Green, a pottery establishment in Princeton. Elise has two brothers, a cat, a hamster, and three fire-bellied toads.

For additional information about tutoring, or to see if we may help you or your child, call Dee Ledet-Rosenberg at (609) 688-1280, ext. 218.

NEWGRANGE SCHOOL STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS PRINCETON BASKETBALL

Stephen G. is an eighth grader at Newgrange and an awesome photographer. His passion for sports and sports trivia, along with his understanding of game action enables him to capture some truly great shots. He started attending basketball games at Princeton University when he moved here five years ago. "I tell people that I think Stephen attends more Princeton University sporting events than anyone else," says Stephen's father, David. He also attends other sports events at Princeton University including lacrosse, baseball, football, soccer and his latest interest, track and field.

A teacher at Newgrange, Nicole Scheller, is the wife of Jon Solomon, a reporter who writes about the basketball team and who has also been attending games since high school. Ms. Scheller introduced these two long-time fans at a basketball game, and Stephen began sending his photos to Mr. Solomon shortly thereafter. Solomon and his readers were immediately impressed with Stephen's talent. "Stephen's photographs have been a great addition to our site," says Solomon, "I've received many compliments about the quality of his work, and people are always sur-

prised to learn he's not a professional!"

Newgrange empowers students with learning disabilities by helping them find their hidden gifts and talents. This overall approach is then reinforced at home.

Stephen's work can be viewed on the following website: princetonbasketball.com.

NEWGRANGE STUDENT AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND "UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS"

Joshua is in the 9th grade and just received a scholarship to attend the University of the Arts: Spring Arts Program! He will receive a partial scholarship that will be supplemented by Newgrange that will cover the remainder of the fees.

Every weekend for six weeks, Joshua will join nine other area students in the arts program.



NEWGRANGE STUDENTS PLAN FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Newgrange will celebrate its Commencement and Moving-On ceremonies on Tuesday, June 19, at 11:00 AM at the Newgrange School Campus in Hamilton. This year four students will be graduating and moving on to post-secondary education.

Ashley has attended Newgrange since the tenth grade. Ashley is a motivated and diligent student, who works in the Newgrange office after school hours. She received the Trenton Community Charter School Good Citizenship Award, and she was accepted into the Early Admittance Program at Mercer County Community College. Ashley aspires to achieve a four-year degree in nursing. "We are very proud of Ashley and we will miss her sense of humor and efficiency in the office," said Mrs. Swanson, Newgrange Vice Principal.

Erika first attended Newgrange when she was in the 9th grade. She applied to four colleges and will choose the best program to help her earn a degree in Theater Arts. Erika is an extremely talented singer and dancer, who has delighted audiences in performances both at Newgrange and at the Mercer County Performing Arts School, where she also attends classes. Laura Pachulik, Erika's guidance counselor said that, "Erika has a beautiful voice. She is a hard worker who has a lot of determination to achieve her goals."

Ben has been a student at Newgrange since the 7th grade. He has participated in many extracurricular committees at school, including Student Council and Teen Arts. Ben is a warm and gregarious young man, who has acted as a mentor for many younger students. Ben will attend Monroe Community College, in Rochester New York, when he graduates. He hopes

to become a certified auto mechanic.

Gio arrived at Newgrange when he was in his Junior year. He is very talented in composing, playing and producing music through digital media and he is an accomplished artist. He often assists other students at Newgrange as they learn about digital music. One option for Gio is to pursue a career as a professional musician, using this technology. He plans to attend community college when he graduates.

Newgrange will also celebrate the accomplishments of other students on Graduation Day. Eighth grade students will move up to ninth grade, becoming high school Freshmen. Other students will return to their home districts or attend other schools, because of their excellent achievements. Join us in celebrating all of their successes.

THIRD ANNUAL JUST 2 PLAY RAISES \$1,500

The Third Annual "Just 2 Play" beach volleyball tournament was held on Saturday, March 24th and netted \$1,500 to be used to purchase technology items for the Newgrange School.

On Wednesday March 21st, Boomer from The Trenton Thunder visited the school and helped kick off this fun cure to the midwinter-blues. The students and staff all gathered in the gym and played volleyball with Mr. Boomer.

Another surprise guest was the mysterious "Mets Man" who evidently was confused and thought this was going to be a baseball game. He looked remarkably like our own Mr. Graham.

Eighty-eight players took to the court, competing for the title of grand champion. Students, teachers, family members, and other Newgrange friends had a wonderful time. They can't wait until next year's tournament.

Newgrange welcomed back six alumni to play in the tournament: Sacred Downing and Nelson Nieves from the class of 2004, Mary Anthal, Chris Cavalier and Alex Gillian from the class of 2005, and David Mennuti from the class of 2006.

For additional information about "Just 2 Play" or to purchase a T-shirt, call Cindy Ege at (609)688-1280, ext. 210.

NEWGRANGE BECOMES LETRS TRAINING SITE

Deardra "Dee" Ledet-Rosenberg and six other Newgrange teachers have become certified trainers of LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling). Designed by reading expert, Dr. Louisa Moats, LETRS is a breakthrough professional development program designed to enhance the educator's effectiveness in reading instruction. It is delivered through modules that increase teachers' understanding of how students learn to

read, write and spell; why some children struggle; and how to implement proven instructional strategies to promote reading success. Participants gain in-depth, useful instructional information that complements their everyday teaching practices. LETRS is not a replacement for implementation of specific programs. It is intended to bring deeper insight and knowledge to reading instruction, provide answers that instructional materials cannot, and al-

low teachers to reach, through explicit, scientifically based methods, students who might otherwise fail.

Newgrange trainers will provide LETRS Modules at the Newgrange Education Center or at individual school districts in the 2007/2008 school year. For additional information, visit our website at www.thenewgrange.org or call Dee at (609)688-1280, ext. 218.

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
RAISES OVER \$4,000!

Students at the Newgrange School participated in the annual "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser and raised \$4,187 to benefit the American Heart Association.

Students in the following classes participated in Jump Rope for Heart: Mrs. Joachim's, Mrs. Cooper's, and Mrs. Paine's. The middle and high school students helped by setting up for the event and donating to the younger classes.

The top fundraisers were Ryan B., Ryan M. and Hannah S. Collectively Mrs. Bruder's class raised the most money and won a pizza party.

A special thank you to all who participated and helped to make this event a huge success!

