



Parents of African American Children (PAAC) - Creekside Elementary School

What is PAAC?

Parents of African American Children (PAAC) was formed as a PTA committee by/for parents at George Watts Montessori in June '16. It was created to address the achievement gap among students of color who were not passing the EOG assessments. There are now PAACs in several Durham schools and Creekside's PAAC formed in the summer of '18.

The mission is to inspire students to achieve academic excellence while expecting higher educational standards from their schools. **PAAC aims** to be the village and stand in the gap for all African American Children and their families without judgement. **The core values** of PAAC include equitable education; initiatives that eliminate the achievement gap; empowerment of parents of African American children; and student directed ownership of success.

Why PAAC?

Achievement Gap

Even at Creekside, which is a great school, the data shows a disparity in EOG outcomes between white and black/brown students. The most recent available data reveals that for the 2018-19 school year, White students scored 40 percentage points higher on average than Black students. For full results please

visit: https://www.dpsnc.net/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=6177&dataid=31376&FileName=Data%20Release.Subgroup%20ExecutiveSummary_2019_9.6.2019.pdf.

PAAC at Creekside

With your help - The Parents of African American Children committee at Creekside will strive to:

- Find and use resources available for African American children to help bridge the gap with standardized testing.
 - Mystery reader: parents read culturally diverse books to students at least once a month.
 - Advocate for and help supply culturally inclusive literature in classrooms.
- Offer mentorship and tutoring connection opportunities, partnering with our local colleges.
- Request sensitivity training for teachers and administrative staff.
- Expose African American children to careers, opportunities and places outside of their communities.
- Increase black parents' participation in the general PTA meetings/committees/leadership.
- Build a unified community that meets regularly in a comfortable and safe environment to discuss concerns affecting their child/children and brainstorm ways to effectively create change.

To make these activities possible we need your help! To learn more about the Creekside PAAC please join our mailing list: <https://forms.gle/kPSb7jsTgHXaGbzeA> or use the QR code below. Please email questions and suggestions to the Creekside PTA PAAC Committee Chair, Tameka Bates at tamekacbates@gmail.com

