

NARRATIVES FOR DESIGNATED DATES

1. SELF



- These days occur twice in the calendar year; April 1st and October 1st.
- It's an opportunity for the individual to assess their life and take inventory of their values and principles holding themselves accountable to abide by them.
- The individual must identify their most significant asset/attribute and develop on that through the year.
- The individual must also identify 3 things they can do better concerning their life and commit to doing so.
- *** Moja should be used for setting expectations, Mbili should be used for assessing progress and accountability

2. FAMILY



- Celebrated 4th weekend of March (long weekend, beginning Friday ending Sunday)
- The authorship of FAMILY will be reinforced
 - purpose defined
 - role of parents (father and mother)
 - role of children (inclusive of being siblings)
 - role of kin clarified
 - 1 commitment to the family will be made by each member of the immediate household
 - the family tree will be explored (history), documented, discussed and celebrated on last day with a meal

3. SPIRITUAL



- Last full week of November
- Each day a specific Principle will be dedicated to being analyzed, understood and exemplify in activities
- A fast will be declared the last day and a rededication to live by all Principles



4. PAMOJA



- Third (3rd) weekend of December
- Observers will seek to do something of value contributing (clean, cut grass, wash car etc.)
 for a neighbor in their immediate neighborhood
- Get to know more about your neighbors
- The importance of knowing who you live around must be emphasized
- On the third day, the neighbor will in-turn share in a nice meal with the family and give counsel to the child(ren) with gratitude
- *** Within the Institution, learners must share in what was done.
- Siku ya Watoto (Day of the Children)
 - June 16th in commemoration of the events of Mzanzi June 16th, 1976
 - Pictures must be shown and the story retold
 - The child and children must be re-emphasized as the SOLE importance of tomorrow
 - Parents and adults must verbally dedicate an executable commitment to the child/children and see to doing for the year
 - Siku ya Ubuntu (Ubuntu Day Essence)
 - Second (2nd) Tuesday of July
 - Reinforce the Ethic of Ubuntu (I am, because you are, and you are, because we are)
 - Emphasize the individual as a significant member of the greater whole, so decisions go beyond only affecting the individual to impacting others beyond the individual...ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS!
 - Sankofa (know the history of your journey to life, those before you and pave for those to come).
 Learn the lessons, build on the values, note the mistakes and purpose to do better.
 - Reminisce on all those that have contributed to your journey of life and those that have not, celebrate the good, weed out the weights
 - Recommit to living the ethic of Ubuntu
 - Heshima ya Kike (Veneration of Female)
 - This is designated for the first month of the calendar year (January)
 - The female essence will be enshrined in the minds of all
 - A female of historical note (could be alive) will be identified and their life (childhood, struggles, victories and contributions) explored, understood and celebrated for the whole month
 - Using the person in observation, observers will commit to identify one thing exemplary they
 will adopt in their own life and one thing in lesson they will do better
 - *** Within the Institution, learners must produce a summarized report of the selected person(s)



Heshima ya Kiume (Veneration of Male)

- This is designated for the second month of the calendar year (February)
- The male essence will be enshrined in the minds of all
- A male of historical note (could be alive) will be identified and their life (childhood, struggles, victories and contributions) explored, understood and celebrated for the whole month
- Using the person in observation, observers will commit to identify one thing exemplary they will adopt in their own life and one things of lesson they will do better

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