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South Huntington PTA Cultural Arts Brings Unique Musical Group to Stimson Students

The key to success is to find what you love to do—and then work very, very hard at it. That’s the “secret” that three highly skilled musicians recently brought to Stimson Middle School. Thanks are due to the South Huntington PTA Cultural Arts Program for making it possible for these performers to bring their message to our students.

The three—Kev Marcus, Wil B, and their DJ TK—call themselves Black Violin, and they have created the ultimate synergy between classical and hip-hop music. Citing a range of influences including Stevie Wonder, Bob Marley, Herbie Hancock, George Benson, Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Nat King Cole, Mos Def, Tupac Shakur, and many more, Black Violin has evolved a musical style that is uniquely their own.

“It’s not always about being more talented than the next person. It’s really about working hard, really hard,” said Kev Marcus. This year as a special treat, not only did the entire school get to be at the assembly performance, but the group held a personal workshop with Stimson’s woodwind students that was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The group’s popularity has been rising fast, and this will probably be the last performance they are able to give to students. The group has performed on the same bill with some of the industry’s biggest artists, including Linkin Park, 50 Cent, Kanye West, Nas, Ciara, Fat Joe, and Lil Wayne.

Kev Marcus and Wil B, both graduates of Dillard Performing Arts High School, used their musical talents to earn full scholarships to college and made a strong point to Stimson’s students that education was a key to their success.

South Huntington PTA Cultural Arts Programs are funded by the many PTA fundraisers held throughout the year and supplement the programs in each of our schools. Many programs have been presented this year, including environmental and bus safety programs at our primary centers, art and dance programs at our intermediate schools, and theatrical, musical, and cultural awareness programs at our middle and high schools. Look for future programs featured throughout the year. And thank you for your support.



Photo A:
PTA past president Lisa Brieff (third from right), a noted violinist herself, joins in the fun with Black Violin’s Kev Marcus. PTA member Shelley Sauer (standing behind Ms. Brieff) enjoys the entertainment and interaction with the students.



Photo B: left -right: Wil B and Kev Marcus enjoying a strings workshop with Stimson students.

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