

OPS African American Achievement Council Sponsors Nationally Acclaimed Storyteller

The Omaha Public Schools African American Achievement Council sponsored the nationally acclaimed storyteller, Baba Jamal Koram, to perform at the six African Village Schools of OPS. The storyteller had participated in the Moonshell Storytelling Festival at Mahoney State Park on Sept. 18.

Achievement Council members wanted Baba Jamal to showcase his art form at selected public schools while he was in the Omaha area. Druid Hill, Mountview, Saratoga, Walnut Hill, Miller Park and Howard Kennedy students participated in the storytelling visits. The Malcolm X Memorial Foundation and Skinner Magnet sponsored a visit at Skinner.

Baba Jamal is a master storyteller who brings alive history, humor, music and lore of African and African American culture through fables, stories and songs. The school visits gave educators



Baba Jamal Koram .

and teachers a sample of the benefits of storytelling to resolve conflicts, use call and response, and empower young people with wisdom, wit and imagination.

Plans are currently underway to bring Koram to Omaha again. Stories by Koram are on CD-ROM and available at the Africamerican Bookstore at 3226 Lake St.

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