



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

JUNE 16, 2021



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD – CELEBRATING EDUCATION

This year, Giants of Africa is hosting a virtual event for African youth to celebrate their educational achievements to-date and instill the importance of education as a path to achieving their dreams.

- Learn about the education paths that can lead you to success
- Hear how Covid-19 has impacted learning and advice on how to navigate and adapt
- The importance of reading as an education tool

WED, JUNE 16, 2021

4PM – 4:45PM (45 MINUTES)

EVENT TYPE: ONLINE (VIRTUAL)

PARTICIPANTS

AFRICAN YOUTH FROM GTA (13–18 YEARS OLD)

HEAR FROM

Masai Ujiri – GOA Co-Founder and Raptors President

Jama Mahlalela – Raptors Assistant Coach and GOA Coach

Patrick Mutombo – Raptors 905 Head Coach and GOA Coach

Salma Dhroliya – Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment,
Director of Human Resources

Additional special guests to be confirmed

PRIZES + GIFTS

- All participants will be entered into a draw to win Kobo readers and a computer.
- All participants will receive a gift bag donated by First Book Canada and Penguin Random House.

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Giants of Africa was co-founded in 2003 by NBA Champion and Toronto Raptors President, Masai Ujiri, with the mission of using basketball as a means to enrich the lives of African youth through education on and off the court.

For the first time in 2020, Giants of Africa celebrated International Day of the African Child around the world with events celebrating and encouraging education.

This day honors the nearly ten thousand black students from Soweto, South Africa, who marched the streets to protest the poor quality of their education on June 16, 1976. They marched as a way to demonstrate their disapproval of the Black Education Act, which segregated students based on their race. In the 2 weeks of protest that followed, dubbed the Soweto Uprising, more than a hundred students were killed and thousands were badly injured.

Since 1991, the Day of the African Child has been celebrated on June 16 to commemorate and recognize the courage of the students who marched for their right to an education.

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