

Here's some good news about this year's ODW campaign (2005).

1. The current issue of Junior Scholastic magazine (Scholastic Publisher, NYC) has a brief story in it about ODW-USA. It is told through an interview with grade 8 member Kristen Bloomer of Broad Meadows Middle School in Quincy, MA, but it does a good job of saying she is typical of the 1,000 youth who are ODW-USA. It's a positive piece, and it might help raise awareness of ODW-USA as a "global service" activity that students reading the article might want to join. Fingers crossed.

2. Nelson Mandela's grandson, Prince Cedza Dlamini of Swaziland, has been attending college here in MA. He's about to graduate and return to Africa. While here in MA, he noticed successful youth leadership projects which he hopes to learn from and bring back to youth in Africa. One of the projects he liked was ODW-MA. So, he's going to meet the leaders of ODW-MA on June 8th at the Public Library in Quincy Center at 1 P.M. "to exchange ideas" about ending global poverty while increasing education" for all children.

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