



YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY

Providing quality education and life skills to all students.



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From Indictment to Enlightenment



Too Short and "B" came to visit YAA to share their unique story with the students and staff. After decades of gang activity, drug trafficking, and prison stints, these two men have put aside their differences and are making a positive impact on the youth of Kalamazoo county. Through their remarkable story, Too Short and "B" are able to relate to the students on a "real" level. The students were able to ask questions and take advice, allowing the sessions to be cathartic and time well-spent. The program is entitled *Peace During War*. Once a week Too Short and "B" will return to YAA to talk with our students, encourage personal and academic growth, while showing our students that it is possible to pick yourself up by your bootstraps and start fresh. They hope to motivate the students to make positive choices and recognize their unlimited potential. This is a do-not-miss seminar that the students have come to greatly appreciate!

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong."

—Mahatma Gandhi

Important Dates

Memorial Day- May 27—No School

Picnic /Open-House- May 31

Graduation- June 7

Last day of school- June 26

Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ Guest Speakers come to YAA
- ◆ Faculty Bio's
- ◆ Open House & Picnic- Rescheduled!
- ◆ Reading Plus Update
- ◆ Director's Corner
- ◆ Awards

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