

## CALENDAR

**The Black Families Association meets monthly. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Call for location.**

DECEMBER

**Kwanzaa Celebration**

JANUARY

**Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
(Day of Service)**

FEBRUARY

**Annual Black History Exhibit**

MARCH

**Annual Scholarship Luncheon**

JUNE

**Juneteenth Celebration**

JULY

**Annual Celebration of  
The Black Family**



**NOW**  
**IS THE TIME**  
**FOR **UNITY** IN THE**  
**COMMUNITY!**



*"I Am Because We Are." Ubuntu*

**BLACK  
FAMILIES  
ASSOCIATION**

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**PURPOSE :** To ensure the health, education, and economic stability of the Black Community.

**GOALS:** To nurture, support, and protect the development and maintenance of the Black family. To preserve and teach our rich history of survival, productivity, creativity, and innovation.

**OBJECTIVES - To provide:**

- Annual Celebration of the Black Family
- Food and Housing Resources
- Cultural Education & Events
- Reading & Math Program ( K-5)
- Scholarship Program
- Directory of Black Businesses & Community Services
- Bi-monthly Newsletter
- Health Education Workshops
- Financial Literacy Seminars
- Community Safety Workshops

**FRAMEWORK**

The organization will use the **Seven Principal of Kwanzaa** based on the African philosophy of community building, as a framework to address the needs of our community and honor the ancestral roots of Black Americans.

Kwanzaa is a seven-day, non-religious holiday created in 1966 by Maulana Karenga, a Black nationalist and Professor of Pan-African Studies at California State University, Long Beach, CA. The celebration is from December 26<sup>th</sup> January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The term **Kwanzaa** comes from the Swahili phrase “**matunda ya kwanza**”, which means “**first fruits**”. The holiday is based on the **Nguzo Saba**, the Seven Principles of community building.

**THE KWANZAA PRINCIPLES**  
**(Nguzo Saba)**

**Umoja- “Unity”** - “To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.”

**Kujichagulia – “Self-Determination.”** This principle refers to defining, naming, creating, and speaking for oneself (ourselves).

**Ujima - “Collective Work and Responsibility.”** This principle refers to uplifting your community. To build and maintain our community together and make our brother’s and sister’s problems our problems and to solve them together.

**Ujamaa- “Cooperative Economics.”** This principle refers to the uplifting your community economically. To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

**Nia – “Purpose.”** To make our collective vocation the building and development of our community and to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

**Kuumba - “Creativity.”** To always do as much as we can, in the way we can, to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

**Imani - “Faith.”** To believe with all our heart in our people, parents, teachers, leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

**We Welcome You to Join Our Efforts to Build a Strong, Supportive Community.**

B.F.A. does not receive County or government funding. **Membership Dues are - \$10.00** a month for a family of four and **\$15.00** a month for Black businesses and service organizations. **Please call or text Mr. George Scott (925) 783-5763 for a Membership Application.**