



SANTA ROSA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

In March of 2000, Mr. Onye Onyemaechi performed for our seventh grade class. He was professional, entertaining and educational.

Onye was prompt, showing up when he promised. He set-up in due time and was ready when the first group of students arrived. He was engaging, even when he was not officially performing. Each student seemed to be drawn in by his natural warmth and sincerity.

Onye's African Village Celebration was extremely entertaining and interactive. At one point he had most of the audience dancing and participating. Of course, we expected that this would cause discipline problems; however, students were completely under control due to Onye's awareness and leadership. I was amazed to see some of the shy, quiet students taking part in the performance. Onye did an outstanding job of discussing the music and dance and tying it in with the customs and history of Africa.

Onye was able to educate students in the context of the performance. He discussed coming of age issues that adolescents in the African villages face. While discussing these issues, he was able to effectively address contemporary teen issues involving such things as self-esteem, respect for others, and leading a healthy life style. Students were riveted by his energy and, therefore, they gave their full attention as Onye delivered his positive messages about teen topics.

Onye's energetic performance had a profound impact on our seventh graders. His motivating, entertaining celebration was a valuable educational experience.

If you have any questions regarding the African Village Celebration, please feel free to contact me at 528-5281.

Sincerely,

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