



Durant Public School eighth graders had an opportunity to visit the State Capitol on Tuesday, February 14. Students had an opportunity to see how the legislative process is carried out and were also able to speak with Representative Robert Clark. Students and staff who visited were (first row from left): Jamal Stevenson, teacher intern, Pertel Day, Jimmy Jefferson III, Delarious Johnson and Xavier Black, Jr.; second row (from left): Jvaris Bankhead, Shakira Wilson, Skyla Greer, Myaliyah Mitchell and Ragan Webster; third row (from left): Teajon Stewart, Donald Parks, Jr., Talia Love-Johnson, Ashantis Saffold and Markeisha Barnes; fourth row (from left): Christian Jenkins, Marguis Noel, Tahron Sturgis, Leytedra Bailey and Chinmoyee Datta, teacher; fifth row (from left): Elissia Stewart, Jarie Brice, Jimmie Keith and Ashayla Webster; in rear, Xavier Black, teacher.

(Photo submitted)

LEXINGTON POLICE DOCKET

November 3
Angela Lawrence was arrested for a seatbelt violation.

November 5
John Moore was arrested for a seatbelt violation and no proof of liability insurance.

Dillion Tomlin was arrested for no proof of liability insurance.

November 6
Lena Padgett was arrested for a seatbelt violation.

November 9
Alphonzo Randle was arrested for a seatbelt violation.

November 10
Jerrica Taylor was arrested for an expired tag and driving with a suspended license.

November 19
Avery Meeks was arrested for no proof of liability insurance.

Nikki Wade was arrested for expired/no drivers license and no proof of liability insurance.

November 20
Robert Boyd was arrested for no proof of liability insurance.

November 24
Micheal Saffold was arrested for a seatbelt violation and expired/no driver's license.

November 27
Larry Edwards was arrested for a seatbelt violation.

Kamesha Pickens was arrested for a seatbelt violation and no proof of liability insurance.

Christopher Truitt was arrested for improper/no tag and driving with a suspended license.

December 1
Sandra Davis was arrested for a seatbelt violation and no proof of liability insurance.

Dwight Ellis was arrested for shoplifting.

Thomas Humbarger was arrested for a seatbelt violation.

December 6

Brenda Russell was arrested for failure to signal.

December 10

David Branch was arrested for speeding 20 & Over MPH.

December 17

Eric Horton was arrested for a seatbelt violation.

Patrick Jackson was arrested for a seatbelt violation.

December 19

Erica Moore was arrested for simple assault/physical menace.

December 25

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Living With Children

By John Rosemond

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I've said it many times, but it bears repeating: A child's natural response to the proper presentation of authority is obedience; as in, the first time the child is told to do something, he does it.

Furthermore, research finds what common sense intuit: Obedient kids are happy kids. Therefore, whereas an obedient child is certainly a blessing to a parent, the greatest benefit of obedience accrues to the child.

Getting a child to obey is a matter of six features of parent communication that I call The Formula:

1. Speak from an upright position. I know what some other "experts" say. They are wrong.
2. Use as few words as possible to convey the instruction.
3. Precede the instruction with an authoritative phrase such as "I want you to..." "It's time for you to..." or "I expect you to..."
4. Do not explain why you are giving the instruction. That results in the question, "Why?"
5. Answer "Why?" with "Because I said so." Yes, and again, I know what some other "experts" say. They are

wrong.

6. If possible, walk away. Do not stand there, giving the child someone to push back against.

In September of 2016, a couple in Richmond, VA, heard me describe The Formula. Their 3-year-old has been obedient ever since. Mind you, prior to the fateful speaking engagement in question, said child ignored, complained, cried, and otherwise refused to obey instructions from her parents. The child's oppositional defiant disorder was cured in one day.

A couple who attended a small-group retreat in Atlanta in February of 2017 began

using The Formula with their 4-year-old. The first day, the little fellow cleaned up his toys by himself, dressed himself, and when straightforwardly told to stop interrupting conversation between his parents, stopped

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