



Red Bank Charter School

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## **Red Bank Charter School Kicks Off International Day Preparation with Change a Life Uganda Guest Speakers**

**Red Bank, NJ — October 7, 2015** — On Monday, October 5, 2015 Red Bank Charter School welcomed guest speakers, Father Lawrence Kizito Kimbowa and Jean Semler from Change a Life Uganda, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of orphaned and disadvantaged children and their families in Migyera and Nabbingo, Uganda.

Father Lawrence shared his history as a Ugandan child refugee during a civil war, the impact one family made on his life when they sponsored his education, and his life-long mission to continue the gift of education to children of rural villages at the St. Lawrence School in Migyera. With help from Jean Semler and Dave Thelen, the Change A Life Uganda non-profit was founded to sponsor more Ugandan children.

Their profound message that each one of us can be an “agent of change” resounded with students as eager hands raised asking questions like, “How far do kids travel to school?”, and “Where do they find hope?”.

This important visit coincides with the school’s weeks long planning for their annual RBCS International Day to be held on October 22, 2015, creating awareness of global issues and conversations that shape understanding of our common global community.

For weeks, the students at Red Bank Charter School will research countries around the world and learn about their customs, politics, religious practices, and languages. On Oct. 22, each of the school’s classrooms will transform into a different country, showcasing what the children learned. Activities will include performances and samplings of specialty food items. Our doors will open to families and special visitors, and everyone will use a “passport” to visit these countries, ending the “trip around the world” at a closing ceremony.

“There’s no better way to launch our preparation and studies for International Day than to host Father Lawrence and Jean Semler, and hear their significant lesson on the impact each one of us can make to our greater community”, said RBCS Principal Meredith Pennotti. “Every International Day, we prepare our young learners for a rich understanding of the complex world in which we all live.”

Learn more about Change A Life Uganda: <http://changealifeuganda.org>

The media community is invited to International Day on October 22, 2015. Media invitations to come. For additional information please contact Red Bank Charter School at (732) 450-2092. Media Contact: Teicia Gaupp, Social T Marketing (908) 531-7182, [comms@redbankcharterschool.com](mailto:comms@redbankcharterschool.com)

#### **ABOUT THE RED BANK CHARTER SCHOOL**

The Red Bank Charter School is a PreK-8 public school serving children in Red Bank, N.J. Founded in 1998, the school has a current enrollment of 180 students with a highly qualified faculty and staff numbering more than 40. New Jersey Charter Schools are free public schools that are open to all children and which typically offer their students more individualized attention, longer school days, longer school years, and innovative programs with substantially less funding than conventional public schools. Further information is available at [www.redbankcharterschool.com](http://www.redbankcharterschool.com).