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Hip-hop artist 'Ice Cube' talks to D. H. Stanton Elementary students about importance of school

ATLANTA – The legendary hip-hop artist O'Shea Jackson, AKA "Ice Cube," dropped in on D. H. Stanton Elementary School Tuesday to talk to students about the importance of staying in school and preparing for upcoming testing.



'Ice Cube' (left) and CIS-Atlanta Program Coordinator Selina Coleman help D. H. Stanton Elementary School students build pencil boxes with kits provided by The Home Depot.

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"I know you guys are getting ready for testing next week," he said. "You need to be prepared, right?" Then he provided them with pencil box build kits from Home Depot, telling them, "These pencil boxes can store all of your pencils and other school supplies!"

"Ice Cube" was in town to promote his upcoming movie, "Are We Done Yet?" which is a follow-up to his family comedy "Are We There Yet?" The new movie, which explores the trials and often comical tribulations of home improvement, is due to open in theaters April 4th.

His visit was the result of a partnership between Sony Music and The Home Depot, with logistical assistance from Communities In Schools (CIS).

"What a fantastic way to get kids motivated for upcoming testing," said Selina Coleman, program coordinator for CIS of Atlanta. Ms. Coleman has served as CIS of Atlanta's staff person at D.H. Stanton Elementary School for five years. "Partnerships like this are what CIS of Atlanta is all about. We bring resources and opportunities to students in our partner schools to help them stay in school and prepare for life."