

Update: Loudoun Public Schools

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

2018 Black History Month Activities

Like school systems throughout America, Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) is celebrating African American History Month in February. Following is a list of some of what is going on in Loudoun schools as part of this observance:

Aldie Elementary School

Contact: Tracy Stephens

Poetry Study: "Wade in the Water" and "Knoxville, Tennessee" (third grade)

Date: February 16

Time: 1:30 p.m.

James Armistead Lafayette, Nat Turner and Harriet Tubman Build a New Nation Infographic (fourth grade)

Date: February 2

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Biography Study: Martin Luther King, Jr. (kindergarten)

Date: February 16

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Algonkian Elementary School

Contact: Brian Blubaugh

Morning Announcements: Sharing information and videos of famous African Americans each day. Various read-alouds in classrooms throughout the month.

Arcola Elementary School

Contact: Mary Jans

Arcola Scavenger Hunt Trivia Game

Date: February 3

Underground Railroad reenactment in second grade

Painting with Jacob Lawrence in Art classes

Ball's Bluff Elementary School

Contact: Melinda Carper

Black History Research Project for the Month of February

Date: February 12

Time: 10:30 a.m.

African-American Hall of Fame

Date: February 12

Time: 9 a.m.

Read-Alouds about famous African Americans

Date: February 1

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Blue Ridge Middle School

Contact: Danylle Kavanagh

African Americans in the Military - Research (ongoing)

African Americans in the Military- Google Slide Presentations (during social sciences classes)

African Americans in the Military - Timeline (display in library hall)

Briar Woods High School

Contact: Chris O'Rourke

Rho Kappa History Honor Society will circulate around the cafeteria each Wednesday of February to do the following: Go around to each table and ask trivia questions about African Americans and African American History. Prizes will be provided for correct answers.

Morning announcements will be read with historical facts and trivia.

Broad Run High School

Contact: Dave Spage
African-American Read-In
Date: February 22
Time: 6 p.m.

Step Competition
Date: February 23
Time: 6 p.m.

Cardinal Ridge Elementary School

Contact: Jacquia Plummer
Biography poster for museum tour
Date: February 15
Time: 1 p.m.

Daily trivia questions on morning announcements
Black History Month laser light show.
Date: February 27
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Rosa Lee Carter Elementary School

Contact: Diane Insari
Poetry: Famous Black Americans - third grade.
Date: February 8
Time: 9 a.m.

Rosa Parks Scholastic Lesson- first grade
Date: February 13
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s childhood readers theater- fifth grade
Date: February 21
Time: 11 a.m.

Catoctin Elementary School

Contact: Jacquelynne Spencer
Second grade - Culminating Activity Foldable Book
Date: February 28
Time: 2 p.m.

Cool Spring Elementary School

Contact: Chris Cadwell
First grade - Explores famous African Americans (ongoing)
Kindergarten- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Portraits (ongoing)

Kenneth Culbert Elementary

Contact: Monica Kissel
News Show will focus on music, quotes, and contributions of famous African Americans (throughout the entire month).
Kindergarten students will study various famous Black Americans during content, reading and writing instruction.
Book display in the library focused on famous African Americans.

Dominion Trail Elementary

Contact: Jeff Joseph
Third-Graders Have a Dream
Date: February 13
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Fourth-graders perform a Reader's Theatre
Date: February 13
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Tom Teasley Assembly - African Diaspora and how they came to the Americas via the Sugar Trade.
Date: February 9
Time: 9 a.m.

Frederick Douglass Elementary School

Contact: Anne Harris

- Kindergartners will create over the course of two weeks, "My Booklet of Famous Black Americans" as a literature and social sciences focus.
- The following lessons will be taking place in music classes to celebrate Black History Month during the week of February 12th. Students will learn about influential African-American musicians who have positively contributed and impacted the music industry we know today.
- The week of February 5-9, classes in the library will be reading biographies of African Americans who have made contributions in the areas of science, literature, music and civil rights.

Eagle Ridge Middle School

Contact: Sonya Bradley

- Black History Month Facts (Presented multiple times weekly through morning announcements at 8:30 a.m.)
- Black History Month School-wide Diversity Assemblies
- Planning for and launching a new after-school initiative for Latino and African-American students.

Evergreen Mill Elementary School

Contact: Mike Pellegrino

Morning Show Bios

Date: February 5

Time: 8 a.m.

"Who Am I?" riddles

Date: February 12

Time: 9:30 a.m.

"Story Quilts"

Date: February 20

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School

Contact: Brenda Jochems

- "The Path to Freedom" the week of February 26th
- Each fifth grade class will read the historical fiction/read-aloud play, "I Have a Dream: Based on Events from the Childhood of Martin Luther King, Jr." in this month's edition of Storyworks Magazine as a reader's theater.
- All third-graders will be creating a quilt of quotes using illustrations throughout the month of February.

Freedom High School

Contact: Darlene Adu-Gyamfi and Jenna Arndt

Black History Month Assembly

Date: February 28

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Morning announcements/hallway displays throughout the month.

School-Wide Unity Initiative - Students encouraged to wear red (empowerment), green (progress) or black (unity) on Fridays.

Harmony Middle School

Contact: Eric Stewart

Daily Announcements

Class Mini Studies (all day)

Date: February 7

Time: 8 a.m.

Harper Park Middle School

Contact: Lauren Masarik

Black History Month Advisory Lessons

Date: February 21

Time: 11 a.m.

Black History Month Bulletin Boards

Hillsboro Charter Academy

Contact: Mark Wertheimer

Daily Classroom Activities: Each class acknowledges and has activities and lessons that address this important month.

Horizon Elementary School

Contact: Jennifer Ewing

An Introduction to the American Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

Date: February 5

Time: 12:30 p.m.

African-American Inventors - Skype session with author, Patrice McLaurin

Date: February 8

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Fifth grade daily research questions on Black History culminating in slide presentations about what students have learned.

Date: February 2

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Hutchison Farm Elementary School

Contact: Heidi Smith

- During the month of February, fifth grade students learn to play the blues on pitched percussion instruments and improvise on the soprano recorder.
- Fourth grade will research historically important African Americans and have presentations to community.
- During the month February, a school-wide bulletin board will be created by fifth-graders and displayed with writing pieces describing how our students can be "difference makers" as was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lincoln Elementary School

Contact: Dave Michener

Students will learn facts about famous African Americans daily during the morning and afternoon announcements.

Date: February 6

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten students will learn about Mae Jemison.

Date: February 13

Time: 10 a.m.

First grade students will learn about George Washington Carver.

Date: February 21

Time: 1 p.m.

Little River Elementary School

Contact: Kevin Murphy

Fourth grade - Biography 3D presentations

Date: February 17

Time: 8 a.m.

First Grade - Portrait with biographical information

Date: February 26

Time: 8 a.m.

J. Michael Lunsford Middle School

Contact: Carrie Simms

Black History Month essay contest (submissions collected through February 23rd) and Black History Month trivia contest.

Madison's Trust Elementary School

Contact: David Stewart

ChatterPix Biographies

Date: February 20

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Flex Playlist

Date: February 8 - Time: 9 a.m.

Literacy Stations
Date: February 26
Time: 10 a.m.

Meadowland Elementary School

Contact: Herman S. Mizell

African-American Contributions to our World. This happens every day for the month of February. We will highlight a different African American each day.

Mill Run Elementary School

Contact: John Cornely

Students write their dreams for a better world, in response to Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech and/or they research famous influential African-Americans and their positive impact on our lives.

Date: February 1

Time: 8 a.m.

Virginia Rep on Tour Theatre Company presents "Huck and Tom and the Mighty Mississippi".

Date: February 13

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Our equity team presents influential and inspirational African Americans who have positively influenced the lives of others on our Morning News program throughout the month of February.

Moorefield Station Elementary School

Contact: Karen D. Roche

Black History NASA - second grade

Date: February 2

Time: 1 p.m.

Freedom Bell - Kindergarten

Date: February 9

Time: 11 a.m.

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" by Kadir Nelson – pre-school

Date: February 20

Time: 1 p.m.

Newton-Lee Elementary School

Contact: Shawn Lyons

- Famous African Americans on the NLE News Show (daily mini-lessons all month long)
- Fourth grade PBL: Monuments for Important African-Americans (weekly project all month long)

River Bend Middle School

Contact: Dave Shaffer

Morning News Show Highlighting Black History Month

"I Have a Dream" Essay Kickoff

Date: February 5

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Black History Month Celebrated in the Library/Media Center

Date: February 20

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Riverside High School

Contact: Doug Anderson

Riverside High School is hosting a Black History Month School Discussion and Forum on February 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium and cafeteria. Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall and Lt. Easton McDonald of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will be on a panel discussion moderated by students. There will be refreshments sponsored by the Riverside PTSO and we will be collecting donations for a student scholarship. As part of this event, the Riverside High School library will lead National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) African-American Read In. Teachers and students will be invited to read aloud from works by African-American authors and poets.

Rolling Ridge Elementary School

Contact: Lottie Spurlock

Honoring African-Americans through Music: A Jazz Journey

Date: February 5

Time: 8 a.m.

Dreams Can Live: I Have a Dream (Through the Lens of Art)

Date: February 12

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Round Hill Elementary School

Contact: Andrew Davis

Second and third grade - Famous Black American Biography Study: Students will study their famous African American and create a Scratch coding project to teach facts about the individual.

Date: February 7

First grade - Study of George Washington Carver: first grade students will read about Dr. Carver in their shared reading for the week. Students also will begin their famous American PBL project.

Date: February 5

Time: 9 a.m.

I Have a Dream - fifth grade students will stop off in Montgomery, Ala., on their tour of the southeast in social studies to talk about the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement. They will listen to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech and write about their experience.

Date: February 1

Sanders Corner Elementary School

Contact: Mike Jacques

- Fifth grade: A historical fiction read-aloud play "I Have a Dream" from Scholastic Storyworks; an "I Have a Dream" original writing activity; and reviewing key African-American historical figures in social studies (Langston Hughes, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ruby Bridges and Rosa Parks).
- Kindergarten: Our "Let's Find Out" Scholastic News newspapers has a mini-unit on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and students will incorporate their read aloud lessons into this unit.
- Second Grade: During the second week of February, our main idea and details read-aloud plans utilize books about famous African Americans that we do not learn about at other times during the school year. Each day we read a new book and discuss each person's accomplishments using the main idea and details reading strategy format.

Seldens Landing Elementary School

Contact: Garrett Brazina

- Fifth Grade - Martin Luther King, Jr. I Have a Dream (Students are listening and discussing Dr. King's famous speech. Students are writing "I have a dream" essays about their future, community, and world).

Date: February 12

Time: 12:30 p.m.

- Second grade students are reading biographies about African Americans (students are creating a mobile with the information they learned from reading the biography).
- First grade is studying Rosa Parks and how she influenced our country with her actions. Classroom discussion and activities will focus on how first-graders can change the world like Rosa Parks.

Date: February 12

Time: 1 p.m.

Sterling Elementary School

Contact: Jennifer Short

A Celebration of African Americans

Date: February 5

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Famous African Americans

Date: February 28

Time: 11:30 a.m.

I Have a Dream

Date: February 21 - Time: 1:30 p.m.

Sterling Middle School

Contact: Stefany Guido

- The Library will put on a series of weekly trivia games based on famous African Americans.
- The subject area lead teachers of science and history put together a slide show of famous African-American historians and scientist/inventors that will be shared during the week of February 19.
- The subject area lead teacher of the Math Department will be showcasing African-American mathematicians during the fourth week of February.

Stone Bridge High School

Contact: Kevin Tyson

Black History Program

Date: February 23

Time: 7 p.m.

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement N.O.B.L.E. program "Law in your Community" program

Date: February 23

Time: 5:30 p.m.

The "Roaring 20s" music

Date: February 19

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Sully Elementary School

Contact: Colleen O'Neill

African-Americans Quilt by second-graders

Date: February 7

Time: 8 a.m.

Black History Research Guides by third grade "Sully Creates"

Date: February 1

Time: 8 a.m.

Black History read-aloud and writing by fifth-graders.

Date: February 14

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Sycolin Creek Elementary School

Contact: Derek Racino

Second-graders will be creating posters and reports on famous African Americans. These reports will be presented in each classroom during the month of February. Famous African-American facts will be shared each week on our "Sammy Show."

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