Black History Month Activities

Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) will celebrate Black History Month during February. Following are a sample of some of the school activities that are part of this celebration:

Arcola Elementary School
Activity: African-American Authors
Where: Arcola Elementary School Classrooms
Students in language arts classes will read literature by Mem Fox, Angela Johnsons, Faith Ringold, Donald Crews and Patricia McKissach.
Time: During language arts classes, throughout the month of February.

Activity: Harriet Tubman and the Promised Land
Where: Arcola Elementary School Computer Lab
Students will research famous African-Americans in the computer lab and prepare a class presentation.
Time: During computer lab instruction, throughout the month of February.

Ashburn Elementary School
Activity: Story Time
Where: Ashburn Elementary School – Kindergarten Classrooms
Kindergarten teachers will share stories about famous African Americans.
Time: 10 a.m. & 1 p.m., throughout the month of February.

Activity: Biographical Reports
Where: Ashburn Elementary School – Third Grade Classrooms
Students in third grade will research distinguished African-Americans and present oral and written reports.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Patchwork Quilts and Wax Museum
Where: Ashburn Elementary School – Fifth Grade Classrooms
Fifth grade students will write reports on African Americans. They will each create a quilt-square and then put them together to form a classroom quilt.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Ball’s Bluff Elementary School
Activity: Writing Lesson
Where: Ball’s Bluff Elementary School Classrooms
Students will produce an expository essay with the prompt “I Have a Dream.”
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Math Lesson
Where: Ball’s Bluff Elementary Classrooms
Students will create a fractional number line that answers a student-created question about African-American history.

**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** Social Studies Lesson

**Where:** Ball’s Bluff Elementary School Classrooms

Students will make a quilt of famous African Americans. Each patch will feature a historian researched by the students.

**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

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**Belmont Station Elementary School**

**Activity:** African-American Newsmakers

**Where:** Belmont Station Elementary School – School-wide.

African-American newsmakers will be highlighted on the Belmont Station Elementary School Morning News Show.

**Time:** 8 a.m., weekdays throughout the month of February.

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**Activity:** "I Have a Dream" Essay and Poster Contest

**Where:** Belmont Station Elementary School Classrooms and Hallways.

Essays and posters will be displayed throughout the school.

**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

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**Activity:** “Struggle to Freedom”

**Where:** Belmont Station Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

An assembly entitled, “Struggle to Freedom” will be presented by the Bluemont Artists-in-Education program.

**Time:** 8:30 & 9:15 a.m., February 19th

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**Broad Run High School**

**Activity:** Performance of African Acrobats from Kenya

**Where:** Broad Run High School Main Gymnasium

Trained acrobats from Kenya will perform during a school assembly.

**Time:** 2:50 p.m., February 12th

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**Activity:** Art Display

**Where:** TBA

Artwork by King David Webb will be displayed at Broad Run High School.

**Time:** February 1-5

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**Activity:** Black History Program

**Where:** Broad Run High School Auditorium

Students will plan and present a program highlighting African Americans and their achievements.

**Time:** 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., February 23rd (snow date: February 24th)
**Cool Spring Elementary School**

**Activity:** Third Grade Projects and Speeches on Black Americans  
**Where:** Cool Spring Elementary School - Third Grade Classrooms  
Third-graders will complete projects and speeches on famous African Americans.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** Timeline of Famous Black Americans  
**Where:** Cool Spring Elementary School Hallways  
The third grade is going to create a timeline of famous African Americans in the school’s hallways.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Reader’s Theatre  
**Where:** Cool Spring Elementary School Classrooms  
The reading specialist will conduct a Reader’s Theatre on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with her reading groups.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

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**Countryside Elementary School**

**Activity:** A Living Museum  
**Where:** Countryside Elementary School - Paula Hermens’ Fourth Grade Classroom  
Biographies and bookmark designs about famous African Americans who have made an impact on both Virginia and American history will be created and displayed.  
**Time:** 1:15 p.m., February 19th

**Activity:** Reader’s Theater - “He Had a Dream”  
**Where:** Countryside Elementary School – Claire Laurain’s First Grade Classroom  
Students will read books, develop a PowerPoint and create artistic works about famous African Americans.  
**Time:** Throughout the months of January and February.

**Activity:** Great People in History  
**Where:** Countryside Elementary School – Kimberly Lee’s Third Grade Classroom  
Students will research, study and present projects and reports about famous African Americans.  
**Time:** Each afternoon throughout the months of January and February.
Dominion High School
Activity: Donna Washington, Storyteller
Where: Dominion High School Auditorium
Storyteller Donna Washington will perform for the Dominion High School students.
Time: 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., February 5th

Dominion Trail Elementary School
Activity: A Calendar for All to See
Where: Dominion Trail Elementary School Foyer
Third grade students will create and display a school-wide calendar for the month of February that highlights prominent African Americans.
Time: Throughout the month of February

Activity: Making Connections
Where: Dominion Trail Elementary School – Fifth Grade Classrooms
Fifth grade students will link their study of the southeastern United States with the Civil Rights Movement.
Time: Throughout the month of February

Activity: Celebrating Black History
Where: Dominion Trail Elementary School – Fourth Grade Classrooms
Fourth grade students will research well-known African Americans. The research will evolve into a written report, visual display and an oral report.
Time: Throughout the month of February

Eagle Ridge Middle School
Activity: Black History Month Trivia Contest
Where: Eagle Ridge Middle School – A1, Civics Classroom
The students will be competing in a game featuring famous African Americans and their accomplishments.
Time: Throughout the month of February

Activity: The Life and Times of Dr. Martin Lurther King, Jr.
Where: Field Trip to Faquier County for Eagle Ridge Middle School’s Team Phoenix
The impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is chronicled in this compelling dramatization.
Time: February 25th

Activity: Printmaking
Where: Eagle Ridge Middle School – Art Room 1
The printmaking art activity will be based on the art of Jacob Lawrence from the Harlem Renaissance.
Time: Through the month of February
**Guilford Elementary School**

**Activity:** Famous African American Research Project  
**Where:** Guilford Elementary School Computer Lab  
Each student will choose or be assigned a famous or historic African American to research.  
**Time:** February 8\(^{th}\)-26\(^{th}\).

**Activity:** Famous American Wax Museum  
**Where:** Guilford Elementary School Classrooms  
Throughout the month of January students researched a famous American. They used their research to create a “Who Am I” exhibit.  
**Time:** February 8\(^{th}\) -12\(^{th}\)

**Activity:** What is Tolerance?  
**Where:** Guilford Elementary School Classrooms  
Examples of tolerance will be given and discussed. Students will role-play situations.  
**Time:** February 5\(^{th}\), 9\(^{th}\) & 11\(^{th}\)

**Harmony Intermediate School**

**Activity:** African Drum Circle & Traditional African Music  
**Where:** Harmony Intermediate School Cafeteria  
Staff members have been learning to play traditional African drums. Staff members will be wearing traditional African attire while playing in their drum circle. Additional instruments will be available.  
**Time:** 8-8:40 a.m., during all lunches, February 22-26

**Activity:** Black American Poetry-Harlem Renassaince Period  
**Where:** Harmony Intermediate School – English Classrooms  
Students will read and analyze poetry written during the Harlem Renassaince Period.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** Famous People Who Have Had a Significant Impact on Black History  
**Where:** Harmony Intermediate School - Classrooms and Hallways  
Students will be exposed to visual representation of African-American history through various media. Students will be immersed in the sights, sounds and emotions of black history. Morning announcements, bulletin boards and computer monitors will provide images of African-American history.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.
**Hillsboro Elementary School**

**Activity:** Eshu Bumpus Storytelling  
**Where:** Hillsboro Elementary School Auditorium  
Eshu Bumpus will share stories from around the world with the students during an assembly program.  
**Time:** 9:15 a.m., February 26th

**Activity:** Black History Month Quiz  
**Where:** Hillsboro Elementary School – School-wide  
Students will answer "Who am I?" to questions posed during the morning and afternoon announcements.  
**Time:** Morning and Afternoon Announcements

**Hutchison Farm Elementary School**

**Activity:** Biography Bottles  
**Where:** Hutchison Farm Elementary School Library  
Fourth grade students will make "bottle people" to display in the library for the month of February. In addition they have each written a two-paragraph description to accompany their ‘bottle people.” February 3rd will be the deadline for the submission of biography bottles.  
**Time:** The biography bottles will be on display in the library throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** Announcements - "Bio Bits" & Music  
**Where:** Hutchison Farm Elementary School Gymnasium & School-wide  
Fourth grade students will take turns sharing information about famous African-Americans on the announcements. They also will run music start/stop announcements each day.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** Displays & Trivia Game  
**Where:** Hutchison Farm Elementary School Library & Classrooms  
Art, biography bottles and grade-level projects will be on display. The trivia game will be distributed weekly and played by all classes.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Leesburg Elementary School**

**Activity:** Native-American Hoop Dancer  
**Where:** Leesburg Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room  
Kevin Locke, a Native-American Hoop Dancer, presented his message of unity and peace for Leesburg Elementary School students. Kevin used his Lakota heritage to teach students about diversity, communicating across cultures and uniting in peaceful co-existence. Several students and staff members even got a chance to learn a hoop dance. The performance was in honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
**Time:** January 19th
**Legacy Elementary School**

**Activity:** Music Classes  
**Where:** Legacy Elementary School - Music Room  
Students will perform African-American singing games and songs and experience styles of music, such as ragtime and jazz.  
**Time:** Scheduled music classes throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** Kindergarten  
**Where:** Legacy Elementary School – Kindergarten Classes  
Students will color, make art projects and create books about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** Fifth Grade  
**Where:** Legacy Elementary School – Fifth Grade Classrooms  
Fifth-graders will use available technology to research a famous African American and complete a written report, which will be presented to the class.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Liberty Elementary School**

**Activity:** Kindergarten Celebration  
**Where:** Liberty Elementary School - Kindergarten Classrooms  
Kindergarteners have been learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After reading a variety of books, they will have a classroom celebration.  
**Time:** Week of February 8-12

**Activity:** “I Have a Dream”  
**Where:** Liberty Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room/Auditorium  
Third-graders will perform the stage play “I Have a Dream,” which depicts the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
**Time:** Week of February 15th

**Activity:** Fourth Grade Learns about Black History  
**Where:** Liberty Elementary School – Fourth Grade Classrooms  
Fourth-graders will incorporate technology into their lessons by engaging in a Webquest. They also plan to use the History Channel to compile projects.  
**Time:** Week of February 8-12

**Lincoln Elementary School**

**Activity:** Civil Rights Movement  
**Where:** Fifth Grade Cottage  
Fifth graders will study the Civil Rights Movement starting the in the southeastern region (Montgomery, Ala.) of the United States and its spread throughout the rest of the country.  
**Time:** 1 p.m., during classes throughout the month of February.
Activity: Civil Rights  
Where: Lincoln Elementary School – Classroom No. 4  
Fourth grade will watch “March on Washington.” The students will then write an essay entitled “What is Your Dream?”  
Time: 1:30 p.m., during classes throughout the month of February.

Activity: Study of African-American Children's Book Authors  
Where: Lincoln Elementary School – Classroom No. 2  
Students will read and discuss books written by Jerry Pinkney, Patricia McKissack, Angela Shelf Medearis, and Pat Cummings.  
Time: 1:15 p.m., during classes throughout the month of February.

Lowes Island Elementary School  
Activity: Frederick Douglass Assembly  
Where: Lowes Island Elementary School Gymnasium  
Bright Star Theater will be present a play about Frederick Douglass to students in grades 3-5.  
Time: 9:45 a.m., February 23rd

Activity: Famous Black Americans  
Where: Lowes Island Elementary School - School-wide  
Several times a week famous black Americans will be highlighted on the morning announcements throughout February.  
Time: 7:50-8 a.m., throughout the month of February.

Lucketts Elementary School  
Activity: African Acrobats Assembly  
Where: Lucketts Elementary School Gymnasium  
African Acrobats combine acrobatics, rope-jumping, hoop-diving, human pyramid building and audience participation in this school assembly.  
Time: 9 a.m., February 8th

Activity: First Grade African Mask Making  
Where: Lucketts Elementary School Art Room  
During art class, students in first grade will engage in lessons about Africa and learn to create African masks.  
Time: 10:05 a.m. & 11:40 a.m., February 15th & 22nd

Activity: Black History Trivia  
Where: Lucketts Elementary School – School-wide via Closed-Circuit Television  
Students will receive black history trivia questions each day on our morning news show.  
Time: 7:50 a.m., throughout the month of February.
**Meadowland Elementary School**
Activity: Shared Reading  
Where: Meadowland Elementary School Classrooms  
Students will participate in read-alouds about black history.  
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Black history instruction is interwoven throughout the instructional program.  
Where: Meadowland Elementary School Classrooms  
Time: Throughout the month of February.

**Mill Run Elementary School**
Activity: "I Have a Dream Essays"  
Where: Mill Run Elementary School Hallways  
Essays and poems regarding freedom will be posted outside each classroom.  
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Month-long Webquest on Famous African Americans  
Where: Mill Run Elementary School Classrooms  
Each class will work through clues to learn of the accomplishments of African Americans  
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Music and Art Focus on Black Art  
Where: Mill Run Elementary School Classrooms and Hallways  
Art and music lessons will focus on African-American, Island, and African Culture  
Time: Throughout the month of February.

**Monroe Technology Center**
Activity: Black History Facts  
Monroe Technology Center – School-wide  
Principal Wagner B. Grier will read facts on noted African Americans in history.  
Time: Daily during morning announcements, throughout the month of February.

**Potomac Falls High School**
Activity: "Tap Into Harlem"  
Where: Potomac Falls High School Auditorium  
Students will attend a school-wide assembly on the history of American tap dance. The program is offered to stimulate pride in our culture while keeping this dance and art form alive and growing.  
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m., February 3
Potowmack Elementary School
Activity: Black History Month Activities
Where: Potowmack Elementary School Classrooms
African-American history instruction will be interwoven throughout the instructional program.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School
Activity: “Nobody Owns the Sky”
Where: Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School Auditorium
Students will attend a musical assembly celebrating the life of Bessie Coleman.
Time: 8:30 a.m., March 18th

Activity: “Important, But Not Always Known, African Americans”
Where: Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School – Fourth Grade Classrooms
Fourth-graders will undertake a research project entitled, “Important, But Not Always Known, African-Americans.”
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Famous Black Americans
Where: Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School – Second Grade Classrooms
Second-graders will create booklets on famous African Americans.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Round Hill Elementary School
Activity: Harlem Renaissance
Where: FUTURA Classroom
The FUTURA students will be studying a mini-unit on the Harlem Renaissance.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Black Author Study
Where: Round Hill Elementary School Library
Students will be exposed to the writings of several African-American authors throughout Black History Month. The authors will be studied during scheduled library time.
Time: During scheduled library time throughout the month of February.

Activity: Famous Black Americans
Where: Grades 1-5 Classrooms
Students in grades 1-5 will study famous African Americans and their contributions
Time: Throughout the month of February.
Sanders Corner Elementary School
Activity: African Marimba Dance
Where: Sanders Corner Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
Students will attend an cultural arts assembly program highlighting the African music and movement.
Time: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m., February 19th

Activity: Fourth Grade Musical Performance
Where: Sanders Corner Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
Students will perform in a musical review highlighting African drumming and incorporating the design and creation of African masks.
Time: 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m., February 25th

J.L. Simpson Middle School
Activity: Black History Month Assembly
Where: J.L. Simpson Middle School Auditorium
Students will enjoy a musical performance by the Isaac Joseph Band, spreading their message of tolerance and kindness.
Time: 9 a.m., February 12th

Activity: Notable African-Americans
Where: J.L. Simpson Middle School
Each morning an African-American faculty member will share information regarding a notable African-American with the school during morning announcements.
Time: Morning announcements, throughout the month of February.

Activity: Library Contest
Where: J.L. Simpson Middle School Library
The school library will host a weekly contest highlighting famous African Americans and historical facts.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Smart's Mill Middle School
Activity: The work of Romare Bearden
Where: Smart’s Mill Middle School Art Room
Students will explore the work of Romare Bearden and see how he incorporated African masks into his collages.
Time: Throughout the month of January.

Activity: Sixth Grade Project - Famous Figures in Black History
Where: Smarts’ Mill Middle School - Computer Lab 3
As sixth grade students learn about keyboarding, they will be researching and discussing famous African Americans.
Time: During keyboarding classes, throughout the month of February.
Activity: Historical Figures
Where: Smart’s Mill Middle School – School-wide
During morning announcements, staff and students will highlight famous African Americans and ask trivia questions
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Sterling Elementary School
Activity: Wax Museum
Where: Sterling Elementary School Gymnasium
Visit a Wax Museum featuring famous African Americans depicted by fourth-graders.
Time: Throughout the day, March 19th

Activity: Third Grade Quilt
Where: Sterling Elementary School – Third Grade Classrooms
Third-graders will be creating a quilt. Each square will be about a famous African American
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Famous Americans
Where: Sterling Elementary School – Second Grade Classrooms
Second-graders will be studying famous Americans, including famous African Americans.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Sterling Middle School
Activity: “Struggle For Freedom”
Where: Sterling Middle School Auditorium
Students will attend a theatrical presentation of the life and times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. presented by Bright Star Touring Theater.
Time: 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. March 16th

Activity: Black History Trivia
Where: Sterling Middle School Library
Students will present interesting facts and information about African-American history on the morning announcements.
Time: 8:30-8:35 a.m., throughout the month of February.

Activity: Teen Chats
Where: Sterling Middle School Library
After-school discussions (panels and guest speakers) will be offered to students about the purpose of African-American history as well as important civil rights and cultural events.
Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m., TBD
Stone Hill Middle School
Activity: Black History Month Essay Contest
Where: Stone Hill Middle School Classrooms
All students invited to enter the contest.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Black History Facts
Where: Stone Hill Middle School – School-wide
Principal Rodney S. Moore will read different facts about African-American history daily
Time: Daily morning announcements, throughout the month of February.

Activity: Black History Displays
Where: Throughout Stone Hill Middle School
Interactive displays will be exhibited throughout building.
Time: Throughout the month of February.
Sully Elementary School
Activity: Famous African-American Slideshows
Where: Sully Elementary School – Second Grade Classrooms & Computer Lab
Second grade students will create slideshows highlighting the contributions of African Americans.
Time: Throughout the month of February

Activity: African-American Webquests
Where: Sully Elementary School – Fourth Grade Classrooms & Computer Lab
Fourth grade students will complete Webquests to gain a greater understanding of several African Americans.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: African-American Research Reports
Where: Sully Elementary School Classrooms & Library
Fifth grade students will research famous African Americans and write research reports.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Sycolin Creek Elementary School
Activity: Fifth Grade Book Writing, "Happy Birthday, Dr. King."
Where: Sycolin Creek Elementary School Computer Lab
During computer lab, fifth-graders will create a time line project of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a scavenger hunt of famous African Americans.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Second Grade Star Reports on famous African Americans
Where: Sycolin Creek Elementary School Bulletin Boards in Hallways
Children will choose a name, gather information and record it on a star. The stars will be on display in the hallways throughout February.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Third Grade Famous Black American's Trading Cards
Where: Sycolin Creek Elementary School – Computer Lab
Students will create biographical information on trading cards.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Waterford Elementary School
Activity: Kindergarten
Where: Waterford Elementary School – Kindergarten Classrooms
In Kindergarten, students will be reading and listening to books by famous African-American authors and learning about African folklore.
Time: Throughout the month of February.
Activity: First Grade
Where: Waterford Elementary School – First Grade Classrooms
In first grade, studies of famous African Americans will include George Washington Carver and will highlight African-American authors and illustrators in reading. First-graders will focus on Africa and make African masks in art classes.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Second Grade
Where: Waterford Elementary School – Second Grade Classrooms
Second-graders will focus on famous African Americans such as Harriet Tubman, Jackie Robinson and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students will undertake activities such as writing newspaper reports, personal letters to famous African-Americans and "I Have a Dream" creative writing projects.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Third Grade
Where: Waterford Elementary School – Third Grade Classrooms
In third grade, students will focus on the contributions of Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as they read biographies, create timelines and give oral presentations on famous African Americans. The class will create a class database for each famous African American that they learn about and study Ruby Bridges along with the integration of schools. Students also will complete "I Have a Dream" creative writing pieces.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Fourth Grade
Where: Waterford Elementary School – Fourth Grade Classrooms
The focus of activities in fourth grade for Black History Month will be Nat Turner, John Brown and the Civil War. They also will study the poetry of famous African Americans.
Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Fifth Grade
Where: Waterford Elementary School – Fifth Grade Classrooms
In fifth grade, students will be recognizing the achievements, contributions, and culture of African Americans who have made significant contributions to our country. After selecting and researching their subject, students will display what they have learned in one of three formats: writing "What if" poems, writing a "Walking in Their Shoes" paragraph, or writing Acrostic poems.
Time: Throughout the month of February.
**Steuart Weller Elementary School**  
**Activity:** African American Dolls  
**Where:** Steuart Weller Elementary School – Fifth Grade Classrooms  
Fifth-graders will be completing research on famous African Americans. Afterwards, they will create a doll of the African American whom they researched.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** "Now Let Me Fly"  
**Where:** Steuart Weller Elementary School – Third Grade Classrooms  
Third-graders will be completing the following Black History Month programs:  
- Research projects on famous African Americans,  
- Reader's Theatre  
- Now Let Me Fly  
- Webquest on Ruby Bridges  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.

**Activity:** Dream Speeches  
**Where:** First Grade Classrooms  
First-graders will be writing "dream speeches" and taking pictures to insert into their writing using Pixie 2 technology.  
**Time:** Throughout the month of February.