

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LCPS Celebrates Black History Month Throughout February

Loudoun County Public Schools will celebrate Black History Month in February with the following events:

Ball's Bluff Elementary

Activity: "Let It Shine"

Where: Ball's Bluff Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Description: Students will celebrate Black History Month with a music program performed by second- graders.

Time: 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m., February 22

Activity: Reader's Theater: "The Greensboro Sit-In"

Where: Fifth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fifth grade students will learn the impact of the actions of a group of students whose perseverance brought about change.

Time: 9:40 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., throughout the month of February.

Activity: African-American History Quilts

Where: Classroom #16

Description: Students will select a famous African-American to research and make a quilt square highlighting his/her achievements, dates and attributes.

Time: 9:40 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., throughout the month of February.

Belmont Station Elementary School

Activity: Prismatic Magic Laser Light Show Assembly

Where: Belmont Station Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Description: Students attended an assembly in tribute to Black History Month by Prismatic Magic Laser Light show highlighting historic and influential black leaders including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Time: January 2011

Activity: "I Have a Dream" Portfolios and Essays

Where: Belmont Station Elementary School Classrooms

Description: Students will complete "I Have a Dream" portfolios and essays. Essays will discuss how students wish to change and influence the world for the better following the examples set by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other influential African- Americans.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Daily News Highlights for Black History Month

Where: Belmont Station Elementary School

Description: The daily news show will highlight African-American inventors with a special emphasis on inventions and products used daily.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Countryside Elementary School

Activity: "Reverb -- Black History in Harmony"

Where: Countryside Elementary School Gymnasium

Description: This musical group will lead students on a historical musical journey. Students will sing, clap and reflect on how to make their world a better place.

Time: 1:30 p.m., February 17

Activity: Famous Black Composers and Musicians

Where: Countryside Elementary School Music Room

Description: Students will listen to music from famous black composers & musicians to learn about their contributions in music, especially jazz & blues.

Time: During music classes throughout the month of February.

Activity: Living History Museums

Where: Classrooms 25 & 27

Description: Students will research famous black Americans. Using their research students will then portray their "statues" in the living history museums they will create.

Time: Please see class newsletters for times, February 24

Dominion High School

Activity: Performance of Darrell Rose, Traditional African Percussionist

Where: Dominion High School Auditorium

Description: Traditional African percussionist Darrell Rose will perform and instruct students in drumming, rhythms and their historic context. Rose will combine the beat of the djembe, the West African drum, and a motivational message for students, encouraging them to their highest level of achievement in drumming and daily life with high standards of learning and behavior in a positive manner.

Time: 1:30 & 2:30 p.m., February 18

Dominion Trail Elementary

Activity: Mini-Book Creations

Where: Second Grade Classrooms

Description: Second grade students will learn about famous African-Americans, and participate in read-alouds and the creation of mini-books.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Musical Influences

Where: Music Classrooms

Description: Music classes will learn about Ray Charles and his influence and contribution to music.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Researching the Past

Where: Fourth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fourth-graders will research and learn about the contributions of African-Americans and their contributions to American history and culture, then write a report on their findings.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Eagle Ridge Middle School

Activity: Exhibit of Howard University Mathematicians

Where: Eagle Ridge Middle School Office Hallway

Description: Students will create a display highlighting African-American mathematicians who are graduates of Howard University.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: African-American Artists

Where: Art 1 & Art 3 Classrooms

Description: Students will study the works of Jacob Lawrence and Romare Bearden.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: African-American Quotes

Where: Eagle Ridge Middle School

Description: Students will share a quote from a famous African-American each morning during the school-wide announcements.

Time: 8:35 a.m., throughout the month of February

Emerick Elementary School

Activity: Making a Black History Quilt

Where: Kindergarten Classrooms

Description: Kindergartners will make a black history quilt to hang in the hallway.

Time: AM & PM Kindergarten, TBA

Activity: Daily Thoughts

Where: Throughout Emerick Elementary School

Description: Daily announcements will focus on famous black Americans and their contributions.

Time: 7:50 a.m., throughout the month of February.

Activity: Black Artists' Contribution to Music

Where: Music Classrooms

Description: Music classes will focus on black artists, poetry and songs by or about famous black Americans.

Time: During music classes throughout the month of February.

Evergreen Mill Elementary School

Activity: Laser Magic Assembly

Where: Evergreen Mill Multi-Purpose Room

Description: Students will attend a Black History Month cultural arts program.

Time: 8:30 a.m., February 25

Forest Grove Elementary School

Activity: Paula Young Shelton, Author of "Child of the Civil Rights Movement"

Where: Forest Grove Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Description: Paula Young Shelton, author of "Child of the Civil Rights Movement" will speak in a school-wide assembly. In late January, as a tribute to the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday and in preparation for her visit, LCPS Outreach Supervisor Wendall Fisher, psychologist Charles Barrett, teachers, Kim McKinney and Janice Faulk will read her book each morning during our televised FGES show.

Time: TBA, February 11

Activity: Reader's Theater and Literature Circles

Where: Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Classrooms

Description: Third- through fifth-graders will participate in literature circles using novels written by famous black writers, engage in a Reader's Theater focusing on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and create biographical posters about well-known black leaders.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - Theme of Kindness

Where: Kindergarten Classrooms and Hallways

Description: Kindergartners will continue to exhibit the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. theme of being kind to all. The children will cut out handprints of different colors and sizes in creating a display to symbolize peace and friendship.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Guilford Elementary School

Activity: Exploring Famous African-Americans and their Stories

Where: Guilford Elementary School Classrooms

Description: Students will read and learn about famous African-Americans through poetry (shared reading) during language arts classes.

Time: 8-10 a.m., week of February 22-25

Activity: Supreme Court Cases

Where: Guilford Elementary School Classrooms

Description: Students will hold court cases focusing on the roles of Thurgood Marshall, Rosa Parks, George Washington Carver and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m., February 17

Activity: African-American Switch

Where: Guildford Elementary School Classrooms

Description: Students will learn about the accomplishments of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks.

Time: 8:30-10:00 a.m., February 18

Hutchison Farm Elementary School

Activity: "Jazz, A Swingin'"

Where: Hutchison Farm Elementary School Activity Room

Description: Fifth grade students will participate in a performance about American Jazz and its roots in African-American culture and history.

Time: 1:15 & 7:00 p.m., February 28

Activity: Biography Bottle Project

Where: Hutchison Farm Elementary School Library

Description: Biography Bottles will be displayed by fourth grade students. The projects will feature famous African Americans.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: African-American Timeline

Where: Fifth Grade Hallway

Description: Fifth grade students will research famous African Americans and create a PowerPoint presentation and a timeline.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Leesburg Elementary School

Activity: Biographies of Famous Black Americans

Where: Fifth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fifth grade students will read biographies of famous black Americans and write book reports about their favorite individuals.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Speech Writing from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Famous Speech

Where: Second Grade Classrooms

Description: Second grade students will write speeches about their dreams to make the world a better place.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Studying the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Where: Fourth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fourth grade students will study the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the impact of his leadership in the Civil Rights Movement.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Legacy Elementary School

Activity: Guest Speaker, Sandra Foddrell

Where: Legacy Elementary School Gymnasium

Description: Sandra Foddrell will present her life story. Foddrell was one of five African-American students involved in the desegregation of a white high school.

Time: 1:15 p.m., February 3

Activity: African-American Music

Where: Music Rooms

Description: Students will perform African-American songs, games and experience African-American styles of music, including ragtime and jazz.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Famous African-American Virginians

Where: Fourth Grade Classrooms

Description: Famous African-American Virginians will be highlighted through biographies, active learning and reflective writing.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Liberty Elementary School

Activity: "Dave the Potter"

Where: First Grade Classrooms

Description: Working collaboratively, the art teacher and SEARCH teacher will present a lesson based on the book "Dave the Potter." As the SEARCH teacher reads the book, the art teacher will demonstrate techniques used to make the kind of pots that Dave made. Students will then design a pot by drawing it and writing an inscription on the pot that conveys some special meaning. Students will share their pictures and their poems with the class.

Time: Noon, February 10

Activity: "Agents of Change"

Where: Liberty Elementary School

Description: Third-graders will present a show called "Agents of Change." The show will celebrate and highlight the works and accomplishments of Jackie Robinson, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Duke Ellington, Stevie Wonder and others.

Time: 1:30 p.m., February 16

Activity: Living Black History Museum

Where: Fifth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fifth- graders will research and dress up as famous African-Americans who contributed to the arts and sciences throughout history for the Black History Living Museum. Students will introduce their characters and explain the contributions they have made to history and provide three important facts about them.

Time: Throughout the month of February

Lincoln Elementary School

Activity: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy

Where: Lincoln Elementary School Classrooms

Description: To learn of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., students will write their dreams for the United States, make drawings to tell the story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with added voices in a PowerPoint presentation, make an effort to show love in their words and deeds in honor of Martin Luther King's life and learn the song, "Martin Luther King".

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Frances Ann Neely Civil Rights Time Line

Where: Lincoln Elementary School Classrooms

Description: Students will develop a time line that parallels Lincoln Elementary School teacher, Frances Ann Neely's life story with the goal of providing equality for African-American citizens. Students also will identify a relative that may have lived during the same time as Neely, interview the relative and share the interview with the class.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Writing Under the Stars

Where: Lincoln Elementary School

Description: Students will write about selected influential African-Americans in their journals and share their writings during Writing Under the Stars or the Student Anthology.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Little River Elementary School

Activity: Jazz Band/Orchestra Assembly

Where: Little River Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Description: Students will attend an assembly celebrating music and culture.

Time: 12:30-1:15 p.m. & 1:30-2:15 p.m., February 25

Activity: First Grade Reports on African- American Inventors

Where: First Grade Classrooms

Description: First-graders will read, learn and discuss technology invented by African Americans. They will share this information with staff, students and parents.

Time: Throughout the morning, February 21-25

Activity: Civil Rights Poetry and Posters

Where: Little River Elementary School Classrooms

Description: Students will write a poem or make a poster about Civil Rights.

Time: Throughout the morning, February 21-25

Lowes Island Elementary School

Activity: Fifth Grade Research Project on Famous African-Americans

Where: Classrooms of Fourth Grade Teachers - Mary Cronauer and Parry Yousefzadeh

Description: Students will research a famous African-American, write a brief report and present their work to other students in the class.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Jacob Lawrence, Artist and Author – Collaborative Research Project

Where: Lowes Island Elementary School Library and Art Room

Description: Fifth grade students learned about Jacob Lawrence and his role as an author and artist. The librarian will read, "Great Migration" by Lawrence to the students and discuss the importance of his literary work. In art class, the students will look more deeply at the style of Lawrence, exploring his use of color, shape and repetition. The students will then select an influential African American for a research project. Students will use library research and laptops to complete their projects. Their written projects will be illustrated in the style of Jacob Lawrence and presented as posters for display in the school's hallways.

Time: Throughout the months of January and February.

Lucketts Elementary School

Activity: Black American Heroes

Where: Classrooms 10 & 11

Description: Fourth- graders will create and present a research project on prominent black Americans.

Time: February 28

Activity: Morning Show Mystery

Where: Lucketts Elementary School Classrooms

Description: Throughout the month of February, facts about famous black Americans will be presented during the morning announcements.

Time: 7:50 a.m., throughout the month of February

Activity: African-American Songs Assembly

Where: Lucketts Elementary School Gymnasium

Description: Students will attend an assembly during which African-American songs that illuminate our past and present and impact American culture will be sung.

Time: 9:30 a.m., March 22

Meadowland Elementary School

Activity: Using Historical Maps to Trace the Underground Railroad

Description: Fourth grade students will use map skills and antique maps to trace Underground Railroad routes.

Where: Fourth Grade Classrooms

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Storytelling on the Underground Railroad

Where: Meadowland Elementary School Classrooms

Description: Students will write fictional stories about the Underground Railroad and share them with other students.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: "The Drinking Gourd" Drama Presentation

Where: Meadowland Elementary School

Description: Students will write a short play adapted from "The Drinking Gourd"

Time: TBA

Mill Run Elementary School

Activity: "I Have a Dream" Essays

Where: Mill Run Elementary School Classrooms

Description: Mill Run Elementary School students will learn of influential African Americans. The students will then create essays to describe how they can make a difference in our world.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: "Black History Mystery"

Where: Kindergarten-Second Grade Classrooms

Description: Kindergarten through second grade students will learn about important African Americans. Students will go on a "hunt for clues" throughout Mill Run to learn about the selected African-Americans.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: "Black History Mystery"

Where: Third-Fifth Grade Classrooms

Description: Students in grades third through fifth grades will complete a web-based learning activity to learn about important African Americans and their impact on shaping the U.S.

Time: Mornings, throughout the month of February

Pinebrook Elementary School

Activity: Daily Thoughts

Description: Daily announcements will focus on famous black Americans and their contributions.

Time: 7:50 a.m., throughout the month of February

Activity: Biographies of Famous Black Americans

Where: Second Grade Classrooms

Description: Second grade students will read biographies of famous black Americans and write book reports about their favorite individuals.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Potomac Falls High School

Activity: Young Audiences Assembly

Where: Potomac Falls High School Auditorium

Description: History of Hip-Hop Assembly Program

Time: 1:15 & 2:15 p.m., February 3

Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School

Activity: Famous African Americans

Where: Second Grade Classrooms

Description: The lives of famous African Americans will be shared using read-alouds in all second grade classrooms. The students will then create acrostic poems.

Time: Throughout the month of February

Activity: "Our Lives"

Where: Fifth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fifth-graders will read about the lives of selected African-Americans then complete writing projects comparing and contrasting their own lives with that of the selected African-Americans.

Time: TBA, please check for dates and times with fifth grade teachers.

Rolling Ridge Elementary School

Activity: "I Have a Dream" Essays

Where: Third Grade Classrooms

Description: Third-graders will write "I Have a Dream" essays and complete a short book reports on famous African Americans.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Biography Posters

Where: Second Grade Classrooms

Description: Second-graders will create biography posters featuring famous African Americans that will be displayed in the school's hallways.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: "Joining Hands for Peace"

Where: First Grade Classrooms

Description: First-graders will complete a "Joining Hands for Peace" display in the hallway and study Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a Dream" speech.

Time: Throughout the month of February

Sanders Corner Elementary School

Activity: African Drum Assembly

Where: Sanders Corner Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

Description: Kofi Dennis will perform in the African Drum Assembly program.

Time: 9:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m., February 9

J.Lupton Simpson Middle School

Activity: Black History Library Competition

Where: J. Lupton Simpson Middle School Library

Description: Each week the library will host a fact-finding game/competition for students.

Time: Throughout the month of February

Activity: Morning Announcements - Black History Person of the Day

Where: Morning Announcements Throughout the School

Description: Each day on the morning announcements a Black History Month – Person of the Day will be recognized with their contributions.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Black History Assemblies

Where: J. Lupton Simpson Auditorium

Description: A special Black History Month assembly will be held for each grade.

Time: TBA, February 22

Sterling Elementary School

Activity: Famous Americans

Where: Second Grade Classrooms

Description: Second-graders will write biographies of famous Americans. Parents and students will be invited to share their stories.

Time: TBA.

Activity: First Grade Special Study: Patricia McKissack and Jerry Pinkney, children's author and illustrator

Where: First Grade Classrooms

Description: African-American children's author, Patricia McKissack and illustrator, Jerry Pinkney will speak with first-graders.

Time: TBA.

Activity: Famous Virginians

Where: Fourth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fourth grade students will research, write and perform speeches of famous Virginians.

Time: TBA.

Sterling Middle School

Activity: Black History Month - Morning Announcements

Where: Sterling Middle School

Description: During the daily morning announcements students will be given a quote, bio-sketch and music of African Americans. Black History Month will be will launched with the performance of two Sterling Middle School employees singing, "Young, Gifted, and Black".

Time: Mornings, throughout the month of February.

Activity: Poetry Café

Where: Sterling Middle School Cafeteria

Description: Students share poetry during lunch periods. Poetry will either be original or favorite poems written by African-Americans.

Time: Lunch periods, TBA.

Activity: Assembly – Alpha Gamma Psi Step Team

Where: Sterling Middle School Auditorium

Description: Alpha Gamma Psi, a Greek fraternity and step team from Southern High School in Durham, North Carolina will perform. The winning essay will also be read by author at that ceremony.

Time: TBA, February 25

Sully Elementary School

Activity: "Dreams for the World"

Where: Third Grade Classrooms

Description: Third grade students will read stories about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and write about their dreams for the world.

Time: 9:15-11:0 a.m., February 1

Activity: Famous African Americans and the Revolutionary and Civil Wars

Where: Fourth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fourth grade students will discuss contributions of African Americans during the Revolutionary and Civil wars.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Fifth grade Students' Hopes for Improving their Communities and Nation.

Where: Fifth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fifth grade students will read stories about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and write about their hopes for improving their communities and the nation.

Time: Throughout the week of January 31.

Sycolin Creek Elementary School

Activity: First Grade - Black History Month Reading & Writing Projects

Where: First Grade Classrooms

Description: First-graders will read books about influential African-Americans, read African folk tales, engage in activities, which include students' dreams for the world, and create timelines to indicate when historical figures lived.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Third Grade - Black History Technology-Based Projects

Where: Sycolin Creek Elementary School Library and third Grade Classrooms

Description: Third-graders will conduct read-alouds, explore Scholastic WebQuest to study inventors, watch video interviews with authors, create interactive timelines of historical figures, such as Rosa Parks, and conduct mini-research projects and then create trading cards.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Fourth Grade – “Happy Birthday Dr. King”

Where: Fourth Grade Classrooms

Description: Fourth-graders will read "Happy Birthday, Dr. King." They will then watch a video on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s “I Have a Dream” speech and complete a computer lab activity on the speech.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Woodgrove High School

Activity: Black History Screen Savers

Where: Screen Savers on all Woodgrove High School Computers.

Description: Each day throughout the month of February, all of the screen savers on the school computers will feature a historical perspective on a famous black American.

Time: Throughout the month of February.

Activity: Black History Month Trivia

Where: Throughout Woodgrove High School

Description: Each morning a trivia question will be asked based on the previous days' Black History Month screen savers. Names will be drawn and prizes awarded to student winners of the trivia contest.

Time: Mornings throughout the month of February.