



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The students and staff will be celebrating African American / Black History throughout the school during the month of February!

Kindergarten will be performing at the February PTA meeting. Part of their performance will be celebrating African American History month.

First Grade will be studying different famous African Americans (Barak Obama, George Washington Carver, Rosa Parks, etc.). At the end of the study, each student will choose one famous African American and make a poster including a drawn picture and facts about the person they chose. These posters will be on display in the First Grade hallway.

Second Grade will be studying biographies on various African Americans and African American inventors. The students will explore websites about African Americans and take part in a Reader's Theater on George Washington Carver.

Third Grade students will complete a research project of an African American. These projects will be on display in the Third Grade hallway when completed.

Fourth Grade Language Arts will be doing an expository essay on an African American. Math and Science will be putting the information researched into a time line.

Fifth Grade will incorporate Black History into their story quilt project and will focus around important Civil Rights leaders such as Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, and Martin Luther King, Jr. These story quilts will be on display at the Southeast Arlington Public Library when it re-opens (Date TBD). **Fifth Grade** will also be reading a class novel, *Crossing Freedom*, about the underground railroad and slavery.

Sixth Grade students will be reading *Roll of Thunder* and will prepare for the Living History presentation at the Central Arlington Public Library. Sixth Grade is also showcasing black inventors.

Books about or by African Americans and information about some prominent African Americans will be on display in the **Library**.

In **PE**, students will discuss and research black athletes that have had a major impact on sports and the world.

In **Art**, Fourth Grade will study Faith Ringgold Story Quilts (how family stories are preserved and retold and our own personal histories). Fifth Grade will work on Romare Bearden Jazz Instrument Collages. Sixth Grade will be listen to *Dancing in the Street*, look at Motown in the 60's and how this particular song was viewed, how Motown affected (and still affects) the music of today. This will be used as inspiration for drawing the human form in proportion.

In **Music**, African-American singing games, songs, spirituals, and rock to jazz music will be studied and performed throughout the grade levels. Older grades will look at a time line of the historical development of music from slave songs to modern day sacred and secular. Students will also hear the Sound Story: *Why Bats Fly at Night* - from Sierra Leone, Africa.in our history!

Mark your calendar!

Feb. 16th @ 6:30 P.M. – Kindergarten performs for the Ashworth PTA Meeting

Feb. 25th @ 2:30 P.M. – Central Arlington Public Library
Ashworth students sing to salute Black History Month.
Sixth Grade Living History performances
Introduction to Fifth Grade art projects

