

## February 2012: Celebrating African American History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**2012 Theme: Black Women in American Culture and History**

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### Bedford Hills Elementary

3- Local Unsung Heroes, 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria.  
■ 35 members of the community are being recognized/honored in the cafeteria. These folks were nominated as outstanding African Americans. Fifth grade students will introduce and present them with a certificate. "Hero" Tony Camm will perform his rap "Get Downtown Lynchburg." The Unsung Heroes will be partnered with a classroom and have their pictures and bio on the door for the month of February. The heroes will also read to their class sometime this month.

24- History of Jazz, 2:30 p.m. in the cafeteria  
■ A live Jazz Trio performing a variety of songs. There will be a narrator interweaving facts about jazz and other black history facts of that time period.

### Dearington Elementary School for Innovation

6- Kickoff speaker  
■ Mr. Arleen Ade, parent to first grader, Alfred, will speak to grades K-2 from 9:15-9:45 a.m. and Grades 3-5 from 10-10:30 a.m. in cafeteria.

14- K-5 SGA Chorus Performance  
■ SGA will visit nursing homes to sing, including Medical Care Center at 10 a.m. and Carrington at 10:30 a.m. and will perform at 2:40 p.m. in school cafeteria.

22- Multicultural Gala and Spanish Carnival 2 p.m., in cafeteria

Feb. 27 and March 5- Celebrate Diversity and Brotherhood Sisterhood Tetrahedron Days.  
■ On Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in the classrooms, grades K-2 will decorate envelopes for tetrahedrons and 3-5 students will work in cultural diversity work booklets. On March 5th- Grades 3-5 will fold tetrahedrons while Grades k-2 work in cultural diversity booklets.

Daily- Announcements will be put on the Dolphin news by SGA and Diplomatic Core leaders, highlighting famous African Americans and celebrating diversity.

### Heritage Elementary

13-17- Random Act of Kindness  
■ During this week, the entire HES community is encouraged to perform anonymous acts of kindness. Students will write an act of kindness they have received and these will be linked on a chain throughout the building as a visual reminder of the importance of giving and receiving kindness.

27- School-wide assembly, 2:15 p.m.  
■ Participants in the assembly will include ELL students "Greeting from Around the World," a violin performance, HES 2/3 grade chorus, dancers and a motivational speaker (TBA).

Daily- Mystery African American  
■ During the HES morning news program, selected fifth graders will challenge the school community to identify the "Mystery African American" through clues and short anecdotes. Students will place their responses in the school office and a winner will be drawn from the correct responses each afternoon.



Otis Boykin invented electronic control devices for guided missiles, IBM computers, and the control unit for a pacemaker.

### Linkhorne Elementary

3, 10, 17, 24- Videos at 2:30 p.m., LES media center  
6, 13, 20, 27- Trivia: There will be four trivia questions given each week to do during WLES

Daily- Decorate the halls with famous African American quotes, posters, facts, etc.; Partner up with grades and read; Decorate the bulletin boards with African American History; music and art during Resource Time.

Weekly- Each unit can pick out four books on African American History and read one each week. Each class can rotate books.

### Paul Munro Elementary

Throughout the month- Morning Announcements/ Trivia Question of the Day

TBA- Special Research Unit- Tuskegee Airmen

TBA- Harriet Tubman Movie/popcorn

### Perrymont Elementary

Throughout the month  
■ Pre-K will read stories about American Heroes such as Martin Luther King. Pre-K will study a unit on citizenship. 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m. in Pre-K classrooms.  
■ Kindergarten will learn songs and a unit about Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. 1:50 p.m.-2:50 p.m. in Kindergarten classrooms.  
■ First grade (2:30-3:30), second grade (2:30-3:30) and third grade (1:40-2:15) will study famous Americans in respective classrooms. Third grade will study diversity within their families and classrooms.  
■ Fourth grade will study the role of the first African Americans in Virginia. 2:20-2:55 in classrooms.  
■ Fifth grade will study the role of African Americans in Virginia prior to, during and just after the Civil War. Students will research a famous African American from the American Revolution through the Reconstruction period and read and reflect on poems by Langston Hughes and other African American poets. 1:10-1:45 in classrooms.  
■ English Language Learners will make "About Me" signs to display to allow students to share information with others about their unique and culturally diverse backgrounds. ELL classroom.  
■ WPES will spotlight an important African American on the morning news from 8:45 a.m.-9 a.m.



Lonnie G. Johnson, an engineer who performed spacecraft system design for NASA, invented the Super Soaker water gun—the number one selling toy in America in 1991.

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### Robert S. Payne Elementary

17- Brotherhood/Sisterhood Luncheon. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in lounge. (Reschedule date is Feb. 24 if necessary.)

Daily- "Who Am I" slides on morning news show

Every Friday- Showing of Dr. Martin Luther King animated life story. 2 p.m. in classrooms.

Throughout the month

- Special focus in art and music classes.
- African-American "Read-In" in classrooms.
- Door-decor contest, with judging taking place by Feb. 29.

### Sandusky Elementary

16- African American Reading Night. 6 p.m., upper unit.

28- Brotherhood theme movie. 6 p.m., in the gym.

Daily- Brotherhood morning announcements at 8:50 a.m.; Famous Black Americans in History display on posters in lobby; Black History biography readings at 8:50 a.m. broadcast throughout school; African American art activity during art resource; African American music lesson during music resource.

### Sheffield Elementary

29- Luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the teacher workroom.

Daily- Announcements, displays and lessons

- Students will spotlight outstanding Black Americans throughout the month of February. 8:55 a.m. in the TV studio.
- The librarian will set up a book display in the library about famous African Americans.
- The movement education teacher will hang posters of African Americans in the cafeteria.
- The music teachers will teach songs that are appropriate for African American History month.
- The art teachers will plan art lessons that will focus on African American History.
- Starting Feb. 10, all teachers and office staff will decorate doors to display inventions by African Americans.



African American Nathaniel Alexander was the first to patent the folding chair. His invention was designed to be used in schools, churches and at large social gatherings.

### Thomas C. Miller Elementary

9- Open Performance, 9:30 a.m.

■ Third grade speaker, TBA: Introduction of Civil War and Brotherhood

■ Speaker, TBA: Civil Rights and MLK

Third grade will perform Martin Luther King Chant and sing "I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table" (Reschedule date is 2/16)

### William Marvin Bass Elementary

1 through 17- Pre-K-5th grade students will read about a famous black person over the TV each morning, 9 a.m.; pictures of famous black Americans will be displayed in the halls and lobby.

15- "Did You Know" by the staff. 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

20- Soul Food Luncheon for staff. 12:30 p.m. at Golden Corral.

TBA- Liberty University Choir

### Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation

3- Heroes of the Underground Railroad, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Carl Anderson Performing Arts auditorium

Daily- Broadcast African-American Achievements - Facts on WDMS, 8:20 a.m.

Throughout the month

- School-wide Door Decoration Contest with the theme "Black Women in American Culture and History" on all homeroom doors. They will be judged at the end of the month.
- Media Center display

### Linkhorne Middle

13 through 17- Secret Pals and Door Decorating contest.

15- Anne Spencer Home field trip. 12:10 p.m. at 1313 Pierce St.

Tuesdays and Thursdays- My Brother's Keeper. E-Period.

Throughout the month- Random Acts of Kindness and The Twenty-Third National African American Read-In on morning announcements



African American C.B. Brooks invented the street sweeper in 1896. It was a truck equipped with brooms.

### Sandusky Middle

24- The Sandusky Middle School Brotherhood Committee will be presenting "We Are The Freedom Riders." The play features a cast of Sandusky Spartan students and staff portraying the 1961 group of brave Americans that put their lives on the line to try to stop racism. It is based on a true story. No definite time frame has been set for the presentation. All other details are being worked out.

### Heritage High

10- PowerPoint on 50th anniversary of integration of Lynchburg City Schools. 7:50 a.m. at HHS.

17- Vondre McCoy will read his award-winning essay on integration. 7:50 a.m. at HHS.

24- Negro National Anthem recited by HHS chorus. 7:50 a.m. at HHS.

Daily- Minute biographies on famous people. Pioneer announcements/cafeeteria; flags from every country that is represented at HHS will be displayed in the cafeteria; display created by HHS library staff.