



## **Black History Month Activities 2018**

### **Elementary Schools**

#### **Annette Winn Elementary**

- Daily morning announcements will feature a Moment in Black History.
- A Wax Museum will be presented February 1.
- Students will participate in a Love and Unity Dance February 9.
- Staff will enjoy a Taste of Soul staff luncheon February 16.
- ELA classes will study African American poetry.
- Music classes will study African American musicians.
- AWES will present a Black History Program on February 27, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Arbor Station Elementary**

- Staff members Tarjatta Waters and Macharla Dayal adapted a play honoring influential African Americans with influences from "The Wiz." The play will be performed by students on February 13, 6:30 p.m. at Douglas County High School.
- Classrooms will compete in a door decorating contest featuring historical African American figures.
- Famous African Americans will be spotlighted during daily morning announcements.
- Staff will enjoy a soul food luncheon on a day to be designated.

#### **Beulah Elementary**

- K-1 classes will create door banners of African American icons.
- Grades 2-3 will construct Black History Character People.
- Grades 4-5 will create Black History Lanterns.
- Each morning on Media Cast, students will deliver information about an African American historical figure.
- Various music composed by African American musicians will play each morning before school.
- Students will perform a play titled "Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future" on February 27, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Bill Arp Elementary**

- Counselor lessons will center on diversity and acceptance throughout the month.
- Afternoon Media Casts will include facts about famous black Americans.
- Program Challenge will analyze quotes from famous black Americans throughout the month, as well as other activities.
- Kindergarten will choose a famous black American to study each week and rotate students through all five kindergarten classes during the month.



- First grade will display informational writing pieces produced by students on George Washington Carver and Harriet Tubman.
- Second grade will do a comprehensive study of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- STEAM will study famous black scientists and technology leaders, integrating art and music studies as well.
- Third grade will study famous black American inventors and their impact on modern society.
- Fifth grade will have the Tuskegee Airmen traveling exhibit at the school in early February and make it available to all grade levels in the school.

### **Bright Star Elementary**

- Bright Star will celebrate with a Black History Talent Showcase on February 27, 6:00 p.m.

### **Burnett Elementary**

- The Burnett News will present Black History facts and trivia.
- Students and teachers will participate in the “Black History within Your Standards” door/bulletin board contest, with prizes for the most informative and creative door.
- Students will be inspired by guest speaker Walter Hendricks followed by a live drumming performance by Mr. Nomvete.
- To close out the month, students, parents, and staff will enjoy a Black History program “*Rise Up Burnett-Rooted in the Past...Growing Towards the Future...*”
- Music teacher Ms. Armstrong will perform selections with the Burnett Elementary Chorus.
- Third grade students will create poems based on the lives of African Americans that are in their grade-level standards.
- In grades K-5, students will research and present information about an African American they study in their grade level.
- Fifth grade will students will present a Living Wax Museum to showcase a number of historical African Americans who have left their mark.

### **Chapel Hill Elementary**

- Chapel Hill Elementary will celebrate Black History Month with a Motown themed assembly on February 28. The program will include performances by each grade level with songs written or performed by African American musicians.
- Fifth grade Language Arts classes will research African Americans, write about them, and then portray them in a living wax museum. Each grade level will visit the wax museum at some time during the month of February.
- All grade levels will participate in various activities, projects, etc. focused on famous African Americans.



### **Dorsett Shoals Elementary**

- DSES will pay homage to the African American culture in an assembly for the entire school on the morning of February 28. Students and staff will make the following presentations: Kindergarten, songs; 1<sup>st</sup> grade, inventors; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Who Am I?; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, poems; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, live museum, skits, and dance; and teachers and staff, poems.
- Students, staff, and visitors will enjoy a Black History art display in the main hall.

### **Eastside Elementary**

- Students in grades 4 and 5 will perform songs, dances, and skits in a Black History Month program on Wednesday, February 28, 8:30 a.m.
- Facts regarding various African Americans will scroll throughout the day on Media Cast.
- Students and staff may visit the Culture Corner in the media center throughout the month of February.

### **Factory Shoals Elementary**

- Daily announcements will highlight facts about famous African Americans.
- Teachers will integrate Black History Month activities into their lessons throughout the month.
- Black History Month will culminate with a program on February 28, 5:30 p.m. The program will feature the Step Team and presentations by all grade levels.

### **Holly Springs Elementary**

- HSES will celebrate with a Black History Program on February 27. Fifth graders will present a wax museum of famous Black Americans at 6:00. At 6:30, the celebration will continue in the gym with a presentation of songs, dances, and poems.
- All classes will decorate their doors in honor of a famous Black American.

### **Lithia Springs Elementary**

- LSES will celebrate with a program featuring guest speakers, music, and a wax museum of great African Americans on February 6, 6:00 p.m. in the LSES café and gymnasium.

### **Mason Creek Elementary**

- Dancers from Douglas County High School will present a Black History Month performance on February 9 and 23 at 9:00 a.m.
- School-wide presentations celebrating Black History Month will take place during morning assemblies.

### **Mirror Lake Elementary**

- Each class will study a famous African American.



- Special areas classrooms will focus on the contributions of African Americans in the areas of art, music, and sports.
- An African American athlete will be featured each week in physical education.

#### **Mt. Carmel Elementary**

- A Moment in Black History will be read every morning over announcements along with a trivia question.
- Each grade level will research prominent African Americans. Kindergarten students will study African Americans in Metro Atlanta; 1<sup>st</sup> grade: athletes; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: inventors, scientists, and educators; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: entertainers, singers, and musicians; 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Harlem Renaissance; and 5<sup>th</sup> grade: civil rights leaders and activists.

#### **New Manchester Elementary**

- Classroom doors and bulletin boards will feature historical African American figures.
- A school-wide assembly featuring music, drama, and speeches will take place February 16.
- Daily and weekly "Who am I?" mystery facts will be shared throughout the school.

#### **North Douglas Elementary**

- NDES will celebrate with a Black History Month Program on February 28. Times are 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 1:00-2:00 p.m.

#### **South Douglas Elementary**

- Students will research outstanding African Americans and create murals to display throughout the building.
- Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will create a timeline to display in a main hallway. Through these projects, students will work towards mastery of the informational writing and research standards.

#### **Sweetwater Elementary**

- SWES will kick off Black History Month with a program highlighting African American inventors. The program will take on Friday, February 2, 8:00 a.m. in the gymnasium.

#### **Winston Elementary**

- Students in all grade levels will read literature and produce written work based on the lives of prominent African Americans.
- Daily announcements will include information about influential African American leaders.



## **Middle Schools**

### **Chapel Hill Middle**

- Three school-wide assemblies for all CHMS students will take place on Wednesday, February 7. The assemblies will feature student readers, dancers, and a speaker, Mr. Stevie Baggs. Mr. Baggs is an actor, inspirational speaker, author of the book "Greater Than the Game," and football player.
- Students may submit artwork in a school-wide art contest celebrating Black History Month.
- Morning announcements will feature a prominent figure in Black History.

### **Chestnut Log Middle**

- CLMS will hold a Black History Program for students and staff only on February 27, 9:00 a.m.
- A Black History Expo will take place all day on February 8.

### **Factory Shoals Middle**

- Several classroom teachers will present historical facts about rich contributions made by African Americans and others.
- The media center will have Black History books and articles available for students to read and check-out
- At the Knights Mix-it Up Lunch, students may sit with students not at their usual table.
- In reading classes, students may read and discuss articles about diversity, equity, and justice.
- In social studies classes, students will research their culture and two other cultures.
- Students will learn songs across all cultures in music classes.
- Students will create poems about diversity in ELA classes.

### **Fairplay Middle**

- Teachers will incorporate information about African American historical figures into their content through assignments and activities.
- The counseling department will work with students to create posters to place throughout the building.
- A trivia contest will be held during morning announcements each day.

### **Mason Creek Middle**

- The media center will feature a collection of reading material with a Black History Month theme.
- Morning announcements will celebrate historical African Americans and their accomplishments.

### **Stewart Middle**

- Students, staff, and visitors will enjoy the Gallery Walk of Local Black History which will be displayed in the main hallway.



- Stewart will host a Black History Program featuring a variety of entertainment at Lovejoy Gym on February 8, 6:00 p.m.
- On February 15, students and families will enjoy International Night, a celebration of Georgia social studies standards and world cultures, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on all academic hallways.

### **Turner Middle**

- Turner's Black History Month program titled "Against Great Odds, We Are Still ONE!" will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium.
- Classrooms will compete in a Black History Month door decorating contest.

### **Yeager Middle**

- Yeager will host a Black History Month program on February 13, 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium.

### **High Schools**

#### **Alexander High**

- The media center will display information on notable African American literary figures and their works.
- A hallway display will feature people from the African Diaspora and others with notable achievements in music, business, politics, sports, dance, arts, and literature.
- Four assemblies for all students on February 13 will feature speaker Shaun Golden, former High School All American, UGA basketball player, college coach, and sports broadcaster.

#### **Chapel Hill High**

- Black History Month will be celebrated with a Poetry Night and Jazz Café February 26, 6:00 p.m. in the CHHS auditorium.
- The cafeteria will feature a Black History Wall of Fame.
- Select classrooms doors will highlight important figures in black history.
- Daily announcements regarding black history will be made by members of various student service organizations.

#### **CCI**

- Students will share black history facts each day during announcements.
- Douglasville business owner and West GA Tech graduate Mrs. Taurus Morris will speak to students on February 8, 11:30 a.m.



### **Douglas County High**

- DCCHS will feature guest speakers for Black History Month.
- Select students will view the Black History Exhibit at the Douglas County Museum.

### **Lithia Springs High**

- LSHS will present "Today, Tomorrow, and Forever" in the LSHS Theater on February 15 at 7:00 p.m. and February 16 at 2:30 p.m. The program will feature a jazz combo, the LSHS African Percussion Ensemble, the NMHS Dance Department, Kelly Goodson, and Ms. Tracy Rookard, DCSS Board of Education Chair and keynote speaker. Admission is \$5.00.

### **New Manchester High**

- FAME will present "And Still We Rise," the annual Black History month program honoring the achievements of African Americans in the arts on Thursday, February 8, 7 p.m. in the NMHS theater. The show will feature amazing dance, vocal, music, and dramatic performances. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$10 for adults and can be purchased on line at <https://www.freshtix.com/events/we-rise> or at the door.

### **PLC/Virtual Academy**

- Mrs. Dorothy Sparks will speak to students on February 27 about her experiences during the Civil Rights Movement.
- Black History Month facts will be featured daily through announcements.