



History of Black History Month

In 1915, in response to the lack of information on the accomplishments of Black people available to the public, historian Carter G. Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In 1926, the group declared the second week of February as “Negro History Week” to recognize the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history.

This week was chosen because it includes the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass, an abolitionist (someone who wanted to end the practice of enslaving people), and former



U.S. president Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln led the United States during the Civil War, which was primarily fought over the enslavement of Black people in the country. Many schools and leaders began recognizing the week after its creation. The week-long event officially became Black History Month in 1976 when U.S. president Gerald Ford extended the recognition to “honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

The Amazing Shake



The Amazing Shake is a competition that places an emphasis on teaching students manners, discipline, respect, and professional conduct. Students learn the nuances of professional human interaction as they are taught skills such as how to give a proper handshake, how to “work a room,” how to give a successful interview, and how to remain composed under pressure. The goal is to prepare our students so that they are able to present themselves exceptionally well for opportunities today as well as those that will come in the future.

In The Know

Upcoming Events

Community Events:

02/06: 100th day of school

02/14: Valentine's Day-Amistad ice cream float treat

02/16: No School-Staff PD

02/19: No School- Presidents Day



02/26-03/01-Black History Month Spirit Week

02/26: Wear the colors or apparel of a Historical Black College/University

02/27: "Black Out" -wear all black in support of Black History Month

02/28: "Afrocentric apparel" - wear your African prints

02/29: Iconic African American Dress (appropriat) favorite black idol, character from movie, TV show, cartoons or book.

03/01: "Decade Day" - Dress apparel from the 1960's-1990's

February Birthdays

Paige oliver 2/7
A'Milya Anderson 2/18
Kristopher Howell 2/28
Maxwell Fields 2/8
Aubrey Wilson 2/11
Dawayne Perry 2/4
Justyce Miles 2/1
Tomas Santiago 2/18



THE AMAZING SHAKE

March 5th & 7th

Essential 55

5. If you win, do not brag, if you lose, do not show anger.
 6. If you are asked a question in conversation, ask a question in return.
 49. Stand up for what you believe.
 50. Be positive and enjoy life.
- Know them, learn them, live by them, & Stay on your toes....
Because nobody is safe from the media team and their Essential 55 TikTok vidoes.

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In the Spot Light

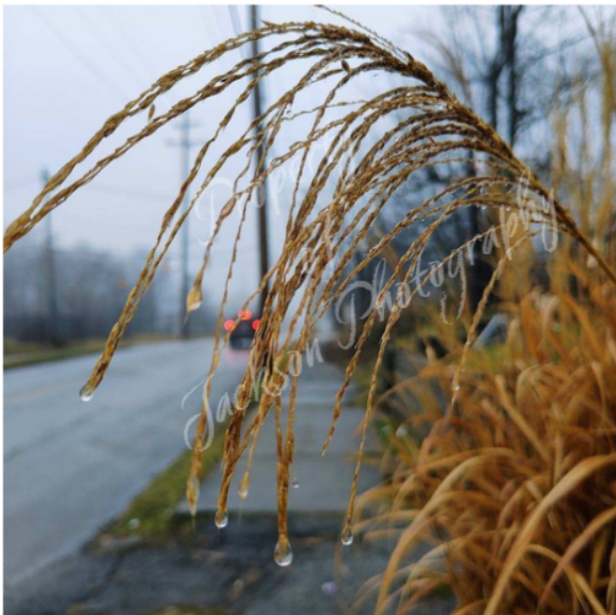


Gavin Jackson



Is a member of our 8th grade class, the work Gavin has been putting in to improve his classroom work ethic is paying off. People are noticing his efforts, specifically his teachers, describing Gavin as a “diligent student”. It’s not just his work ethic though but Gavin's attitude brightens everyone’s days too! Gavin is a member of the DJ Squad, member of the Schools Media team, & he runs the school store. Just recently it was brought to our attention that he has an eye for photography. He normally walks to/from school and finds exciting things to photograph with his phone.

Two days after a Facebook post was made highlighting young Mr. Jackson a community friend reached out to Mr. Brown. She wanted to donate a digital camera she no longer needed to Gavin. Gavin wanted to send a heart filled thank you to this community friend.



STINGER FUN PAGE

Would you rather... Valentine's Edition

WOULD YOU RATHER Get a lot of valentines from people you don't know very well
OR... Get just one from someone who is special to you

WOULD YOU RATHER Have bright red skin
OR... Have your heart beat loud enough for everyone in the room to hear it

WOULD YOU RATHER Host a Valentine's Day party
OR... Be a guest at a Valentine's Day party

WOULD YOU RATHER Receive valentines in email
OR... Receive hand-written valentines

WOULD YOU RATHER Get to write the script for the Valentine's episode of your favorite TV show
OR... Get to be in the Valentine's episode of your favorite TV show

WOULD YOU RATHER Spend Valentine's Day with your family
OR... Spend Valentine's Day with your friends

WOULD YOU RATHER Get Valentine's candy from your teacher
OR... Get a homework pass from your teacher

WOULD YOU RATHER Go to a Valentine's Day party with really good food but not much else to do
OR... Go to a Valentine's Day party with no food, but with really fun games and activities

WOULD YOU RATHER Attend a Valentine's Day party at school
OR... Attend a Valentine's Day party at someone's house

WOULD YOU RATHER Eat only red foods on Valentine's Day
OR... Eat only white foods on Valentine's Day

WOULD YOU RATHER Eat heart-shaped dog treats
OR... Eat rose petals

WOULD YOU RATHER Have a class Valentine's Day party
OR... Have no homework for a week

WOULD YOU RATHER Receive a mushy valentine
OR... Receive a funny valentine

WOULD YOU RATHER Write a Valentine's Day poem that you read to the whole school at a special assembly
OR... Design a Valentine's Day poster that is displayed in the school office

WOULD YOU RATHER Create hand-made valentines for your friends
OR... Buy valentines at the store for your friends

WOULD YOU RATHER Receive 100 roses
OR... Receive 100 pieces of chocolate

WOULD YOU RATHER Give valentines to all of the boys in your class
OR... Give valentines to all of the girls in your class

WOULD YOU RATHER Have to always write with a red pen or pencil for the rest of your life
OR... Have to dot all of your "i"s and "j"s with hearts for the rest of your life

WOULD YOU RATHER Get a Valentine's Day kiss from a big, sloppy dog
OR... Get a Valentine's Day kiss from a camel

WOULD YOU RATHER Receive a very special Valentine's Day gift
OR... Give a very special Valentine's Day gift