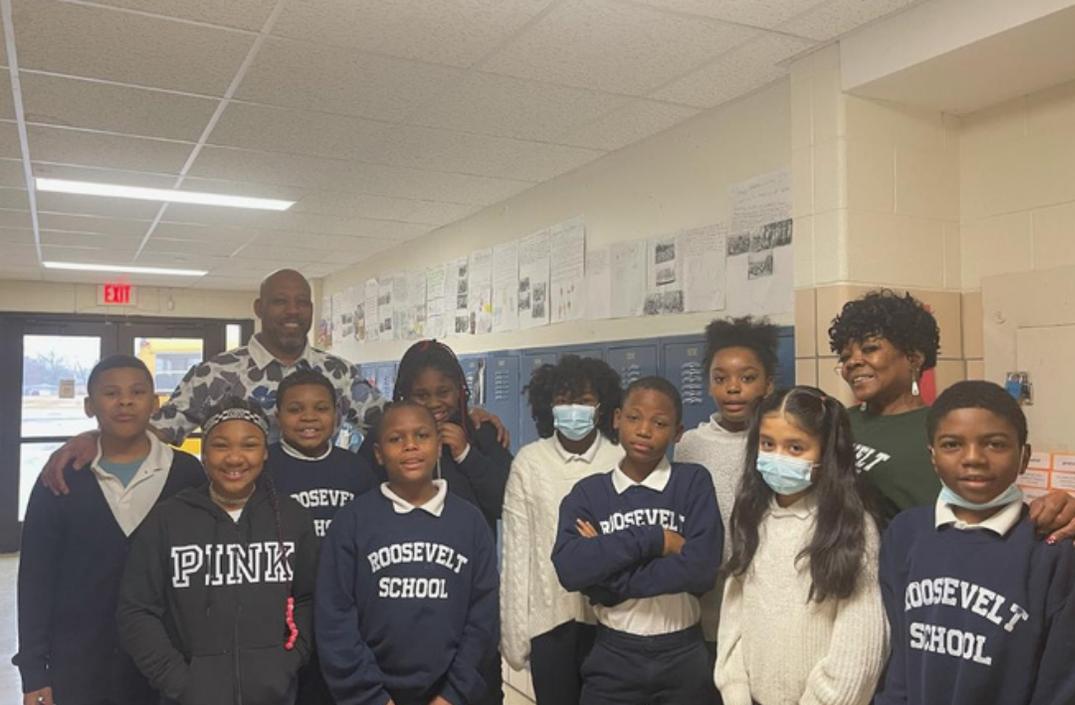


# Ram Times

THE ROOSEVELT SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

Dr. Brasfield-Carpenter (Dr. BC)



Celebrating Black History Month!

Since the 70s, when President Gerald Ford introduced the celebration of Black History, and our country has embraced the need to respect and celebrate the rich culture of our black brothers and sisters. Since the inception of this celebration every February, a theme is usually adopted to recognize special elements. As an organization that is all about family ("Somos Familia") we take special notice that this year, the Three Wise Women of Roosevelt School (Mrs. Wiggins, Ms. Wade and Mrs. Wilson) helped our students to learn daily about African American Life and History announced the theme for our Black History Assembly called of "Expressions of Black History" on March 1, 2023.

As individuals, we should take every opportunity to learn about our fellow man/woman. Education is the key that will move us forward in the right direction and hopefully right all the wrongs in the world. Malcolm X hit the mark when he said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Let us recognize, learn, and celebrate this month and beyond in what can bring us closer as a family. Let us chase the dream together.

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." —

Harriet Tubman





# SEL Corner

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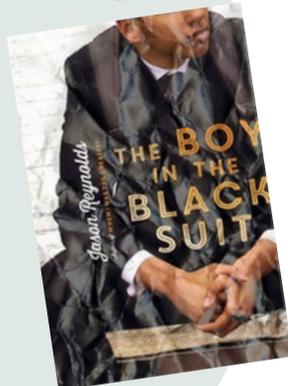
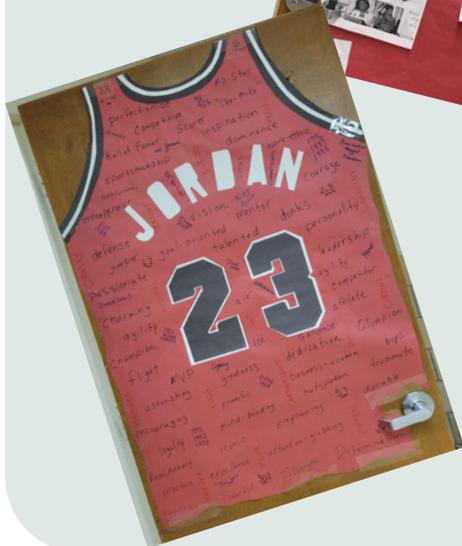
**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE VALUE:** Mindfulness



**Muntu Dance Troupe Performance  
February 17, 2023**

**Our Kindergarten - 5th grade students  
observed an African Dance Performance  
in our RJH gym.**

Door  
Decorations:



## Important Dates:

- March 1: IAR Testing Window Opens
- March 6: Pulaski Day, NO SCHOOL
- March 17: SIP Day, Noon Dismissal/ 3rd Quarter Ends
- March 20: 4th Quarter Begins
- March 28: Board of Education Mtg, 5:00pm

Greetings from the library,

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to Roosevelt School! The fair will run from **Monday March 27th-Friday March 31st**. More information will be handed out to the students once we get closer to the date.

Please remind your children that they need to **read 15-20 minutes each night** and **take Accelerated Readers tests** when they finish the books. In addition to books they check out from the library, I also have hundreds of books I'm giving away for free, they have access to My Capstone Library, and well stocked classroom libraries.

Our top readers are still Razi R. (7th) with 274.5 points and Trenton P. (8th) with 191.2 points. Genesis R. (6th) is in 3rd place with 54.0 points and rounding out the top readers is Steven B. (7th) with 50.1 points. I'm challenging the students to gain a certain number of points each week, and some of them are coming through week after week! Nothing like a little bit of healthy competition

Here's what I'm currently reading:

**The Boy in the Black Suit** by Jason Reynolds

A 2016 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book

Just when seventeen-year-old Matt thinks he can't handle one more piece of terrible news, he meets a girl who's dealt with a lot more—and who just might be able to clue him in on how to rise up when life keeps knocking him down—in this “vivid, satisfying, and ultimately upbeat tale of grief, redemption, and grace.” (Kirkus Reviews)

Yours in Reading,  
Sarah Donnelly





## Kindergarten

Mrs. Reichard & Ms. Roszkowski

In Kindergarten we are learning about famous Black Americans such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and Bessie Coleman. We also had fun celebrating our 100th day of school. We practiced counting to 100, making different groups to make 100 and we made our 100's day necklace!



## First Grade

Ms. Kaplan & Ms. Carthans

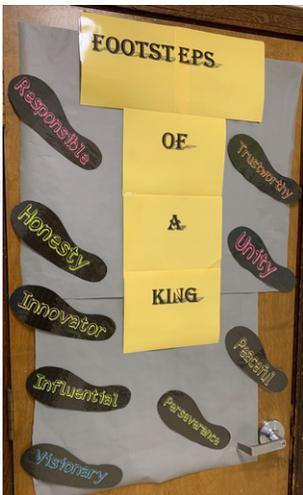
First Grade celebrated the 100th day of school on Friday February 3rd with various 100th day of school activities. We celebrated Valentines Day by making a craft for a loved one. We also went on a second field trip to see a Play called "Pete the Cat's Big Hollywood Adventure" at Governors State University Center of the Performing Arts.



## Second Grade

Ms. Daley & Ms. Green

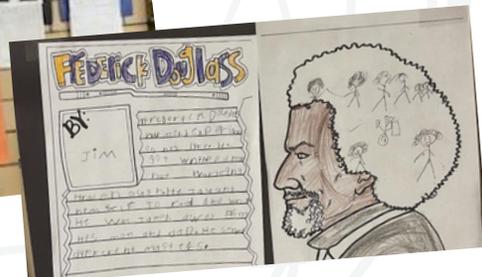
Second graders are feeling inspired and motivated during Black History month!!! Martin Luther King left his footprints and mark on our second graders. During Social Emotional Learning, students had class discussions on the many achievements and accomplishments Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has made in society and how he helped to end segregation with his speeches, marches, and non-violent protests. Also, students came up with adjectives and words to describe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and placed them on footprints to resemble the courageous steps that were taken from him to end segregation. Our second graders learned that in order for change to occur in our society or themselves, there are steps that must be taken.



## Third Grade

Mrs. Blazys & Ms. Misch

The 3rd graders have started reading biographies. We have read about Martin Luther King Jr, Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman. Students wrote important facts about MLK and practiced their paragraph skills.

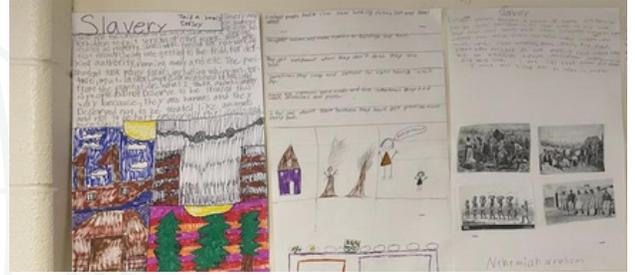


# Fourth/Fifth Grade

**\*\*5th Grade with the Front-Page Spotlight! \*\***

**Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Brown-White and Mr. Thurmon**

In Celebration of African American History Month, the students researched information on Slavery, Famous African-American Inventors and other History Makers.

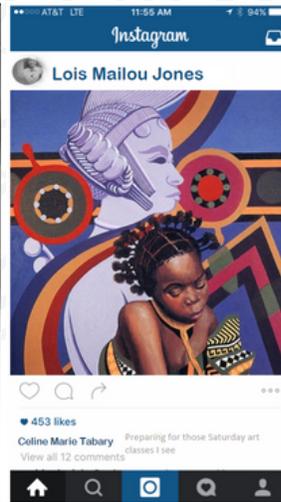


# Sixth Grade

**Mr. Moffett & Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith's 6th grade class researched various famous African American men and women in honor of Black History Month. Students created a biography and a fictitious Instagram Profile and Post page displaying the information they found.

<b>NAME</b> Lois Mailou Jones	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> November 3, 1905	
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> Boston, MA	
<b>FAMILY</b> Siblings: John Wesley Jones, Carolyn Adams Jones and Thomas Wiggins Jones	<b>EDUCATION</b> A BA in Art education from Howard University
<b>JOB(S)</b> Basketball coach, Educator for folk dancing, newspaper columnist and played piano for churches	<b>ACCOMPLISHMENT(S)</b> Lois Mailou Jones was a civil rights activist, painter, educator, and she championed the international artistic achievement of African-American art.
<b>HARDSHIP(S)</b> Social struggles and Racism	
CREATED BY: Genesis R Royster	



# Seventh Grade

**Ms. Branch, Ms. Nolan & Mrs. Tanis**

The 7th grade has been working hard to interpret and paraphrase the first 10 amendments to our Constitution, also referred to as the Bill of Rights.



**Amendment IV**

A person can't search another person's home or violate the homeowner's things without a warrant.



**Amendment III**

A soldier cannot seek refuge in a civilian's home without the homeowner's consent.

# Eighth Grade

**Ms. Clopton, Mrs. Evans & Ms. Young**

8th Grade Door Decor Team pose with their creation for Black History Month



Destiny Z., Zara B., Ms. Clopton, D'Vay R.

