

# The Roosevelt School Ram Times

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (Dr. BC)

Dear Roosevelt Colleagues, Families and Community,

This Black History Month in 2024, let's celebrate the richness of African American culture and the spirit that continues to shape our shared history. Embrace diversity, empower change, and keep raising our voices in support of equality.

This is Black History Month our theme is "What they didn't teach us in school". There were so many Black History figures that many of our children or even you may not have even heard of who have embodied innovation and perseverance.

Did you know that the concept of "Home Security Systems" with cameras and doorbells was created by a black woman named Marie Van Brittan Brown?









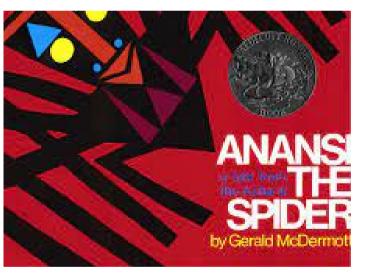
Marie Van Brittan Brown Was born in 1922 in Queens, New York. In 1966 she had the idea for a home surveillance device. Together with her husband Albert Brown (also deviced on the 1941) she produced a series of CCTV and home security systems. Theirdevice was a system of motorised canvar with images shown on a remote monitor (CCTV) a remote carbol. Operated door and an cudio video alarm system to see who was at the door before opening. Marie Van Brittan Brown was tired of the slow response times of police in her neigh bo whood, and wonted to find a way to keep people sofe. There had been an uprise in crime, and Marie wanted here safer when at home alene. Together they hugely revolutionised home security. Sadly, the couple did not recieve as public cial for the invention as they are due. There are to extensive historical records being made or keep on woonon/ people of colour in America despite their amazing achievement, esp. in 1966. She was unfortunately never featured in video

#### Did You Know the Deeper Meaning of Kente Cloth?



The heart of Kente weaving, exploring not only its mesmerizing artistry but also the profound meanings hidden within its intricate symbols. In the Ashanti origin story, Kente cloth is said to be traced back to two farmers from the Bonwire Village, named Krugu Amoaya and Watah Kraban. According to the legend, the men were hunting when they encountered a brilliantly patterned spider web spun by Ananse, a trickster spider from West African lore.

Originally, the use of kente was reserved for Asante royalty and limited to special social and sacred functions. Even as production has increased and kente has become more accessible to those outside the royal court, it continues to be associated with wealth, high social status, and cultural sophistication.

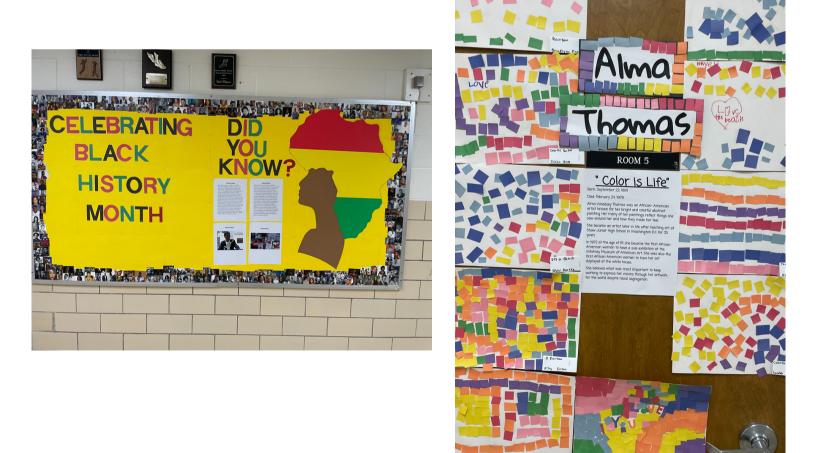




# 1st Grade - Ms. Kaplan's Door "Alma Thomas", (Artist)



Did you know that Alma Thomas's was an Black female artist who personalized mature style consisted of broad, mosaic-like patches of vibrant color applied in concentric circles or vertical stripes. This is great math and geometry integration for students.



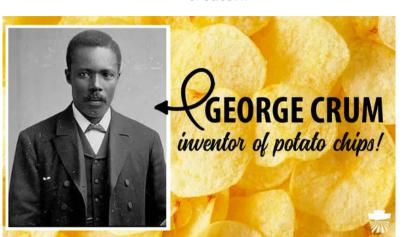
### 2nd Grade - Mrs. Blazys' Door "Guion Bluford", NASA Astronaut

Guion Stewart Bluford Jr. is an American aerospace engineer, retired United States Air Force officer and fighter pilot, and former NASA astronaut, in which capacity he became the first African American to go to space.

### 2nd Grade - Ms. Misch's Door "George Crum", Chef

George Speck was an American chef. He was known for his role in popularizing <u>potato chips</u> in Upstate New York and was later mythologized as their creator..









## K-5th PE - Ms. Shelton's Door **"Division 1 NCAA Women** Coaches"

Black women coaches held only 14% of head positions at the Division I level, which was the same as last year. Black coaches in general, there were minimal increases at the Division II level (6.2%, up 0.2%) and in Division III (5.9%, up 0.4%) sports





#### 2023 ABIS WOMEN'S BASKETBAI **BLACK HEAD COACHES WATCHLIST**







Anita Howard

Georgia Southern Univeristy

Alex Sim

Gardner Webb University



Stony Brook University

Zenarae Antoine Texas State University

**Tomekia Reed** 

**Billi Chambers** 

Iona college

Tonva Warren

Univ. Northern Iowa

Kim McNeill East Carolina University Jackson State University

Brittany Young Austin Peay State University thern Methodist University

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**Toyelle Wilson** 





### 8th Grade - Mrs. Taylor's Door "Herstory"



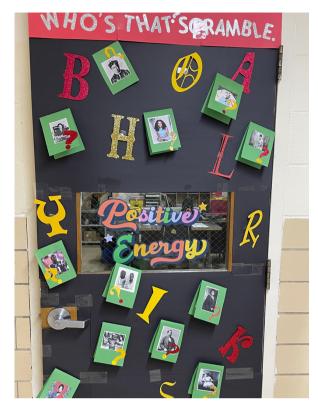
6th-8th MTSS - Mr. Gilbert's Door

A prolific inventor who called himself the "Black Edison," Garrett Morgan created early versions of the traffic light and gas mask.



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#### 8th Grade - Mrs. Tanis Door "Black History Scramble Door"







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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 School Improvement Day Noon Dismissal	2
3	<b>4</b> Casmir Pulaski Day No School	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	<b>14</b> Parent Advisory Meeting 5pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Board of Ed Mtg 6:00pm	27	28 Parent/Teacher Conferences	29 Good Friday No School	30
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