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PGCPS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2009

WHO: Prince George's County public schools
WHAT: Black History Month 2009
WHEN: February 1-28, 2009
WHERE: Schools throughout Prince George's County

BACKGROUND:

Through a Board of Education proclamation, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will observe Black History Month each year by planning special activities and events. This year's national Black History Month theme is "Quest for Black Citizenship In The Americas."

Throughout the month of February, students in prekindergarten through Grade 12 will celebrate diversity and learn about the contributions of Americans of African descent who have played defining roles in shaping our nation, as well as those continuing to further the cause for freedom, equality, and social change.

A detailed list of PGCPS planned activities is attached. Please check the school system Web site for updates at www.pgcps.org.

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MEDIA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2009 IN OUR SCHOOLS

February 1-28, 2009

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL	EVENT
2/2	All Day	Tayac ES 8600 Allentown Rd., Fort Washington Mrs. Curtis at 301-446-4840	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in each class will make an "African American History Month" poster for the school's poster contest. Winners will be announced on February 27.
2/4	1 p.m.	Thomas Johnson MS 5401 Barker Pl., Lanham Erin Cooper at 301-918-8680 Chick-Fil-A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegate JoAnn Benson will speak to students at Chick-Fil-A in Vistas Marketplace Center in Lanham to commemorate African American Heritage Month.
2/11	9:30 a.m.	John Hanson Montessori 6360 Oxon Hill Rd., Oxon Hill Anna Tomassoni at 301-749-4052 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The John Hanson Montessori PTSA will host "Harriet Tubman: The Chosen One," a dynamic one-woman show that will take students through a journey on the Underground Railroad through music, props, costumes, and acting.
2/17	8 a.m. 9 a.m.	Hyattsville MS 6001 42nd St., Hyattsville Tracey Cutler at 301-209-5830 Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative and Performing Arts students will present their annual African-American History Timeline assembly for their classmates. It will include pieces from the orchestra, band, choir, theatre, creative writing, visual arts, media production and dance classes.
2/19	7-8 p.m.	Bond Mill ES 16001 Sherwood Ave., Laurel Lucy Ertter at 301-497-3600 Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and families will participate in Black History Family Night to learn about important events in 100 years of African American history. The event will feature video clips of the Niagara Movement, Tuskegee Airmen, and the Million Man March, and quizzes on African American history.
2/19	7-8:30 p.m.	Forestville Military Academy 7001 Beltz Dr., Beltsville Rosalind James at 301-817-0400 Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will showcase their poetic talent in a tribute to famous African-Americans.
2/24 & 26	8:15 a.m.	Calverton ES 3400 Beltsville Rd., Beltsville Sharon Donnella at 301-572-0640, x265	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and the community will participate in Black History Activities during a school program on Feb. 24 (Grades K-3) and Feb. 26 (Grades 4-6).
2/26	2:30 p.m.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Soul Food Heritage Day event for students, faculty, and community members will include spiritual/gospel songs, cultural dance, recitations, and jazz band performances.
2/24	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Gaywood ES 6701 97th Ave., Seabrook Ms. Carr at 301-918-8730 Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff will perform dances, play musical pieces, and present a historical timeline. Teachers and students will also bring dishes that reflect African-American culture.
2/24	6:30 p.m.	Carmody Hills ES 401 Jadeleaf Ave., Capitol Heights Ingrid Williams at 301-808-8180 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will participate in a program that will recognize famous African-Americans in literature, politics, and music. <p>More...</p>

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2/25	6-8 p.m.	Arrowhead ES 2300 Sansbury Rd., Upper Marlboro Alice Feaster at 301-499-7071 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance student appreciation for books and Black history, Arrowhead ES will host a Neighborhood Black History Celebration. Local authors of children's books will read segments of their work and enjoy a night of community performances.
2/25 & 26	7 p.m.	Oaklands ES 13710 Laurel-Bowie Rd., Laurel Rene Myers at 301-497-3110 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school will host Heritage Night for families and the community. Students will perform dances, play musical instruments, present characterizations of famous African Americans, and Oaklands' Steppers will perform.
All Month		Media Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school will host an exhibit of famous African Americans entitled "A Journey Down Memory Lane."
2/26	All Day	Green Valley Academy 2215 Chadwick St, Temple Hills Sandra Butler at 301-702-3840	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will take a field trip to the Reginald E. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History to examine the contributions of Maryland African-Americans in order to explain their role in the Civil Rights Movement
2/26	10 a.m.	Ardmore ES 9301 Ardwick-Ardmore Rd., Springdale Mary Jane Abejero at 301-925-1311 Federal Aviation Admin., Wash., DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80 students will visit the Federal Aviation Administration to perform an ensemble/oration highlighting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and will interpret James Weldon Johnson's God's Trombones through a chorus oration and dance ensemble. Students will then visit the Smithsonian's African Arts Museum.
2/27	6-7 p.m.	Charles H. Flowers HS 10001 Ardwick-Ardmore Rd., Springdale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will repeat the above performance for the community, which will be broadcast on Verizon and Comcast cable television.
2/26	1 p.m.	Thomas G. Pullen 700 Brightseat Rd., Landover Beverly Stone at 301-808-8160 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will perform in a play about the life about John Henry and perform original monologues they have written.
2/26	7-8 p.m.	Bladensburg ES 4915 Annapolis Rd., Bladensburg Ericka Jenkins Battle at 301-985-1450 Dorthea Chapel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will perform various acts and routines highlighting the accomplishments of African-Americans.
2/27	8:15-9:45 a.m.	Montpelier ES 9200 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel Debbie Conn at 301-497-3670, x229 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will participate in a Black History Month Program that will feature the Laurel HS Chorus, Bowie State University Chorus, and special guest speakers.
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2/27	1:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.	Flintstone ES 800 Comanche Dr., Oxon Hill Natasha Tillman at 301-749-4210 Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in kindergarten through Grade 6 will join staff in performing a program for students and families that celebrates Black History Month.
2/27	1:30 p.m.	John Carroll ES 1400 Nalley Terrace, Landover Josette Moise at 301-925-1955 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will prepare and deliver speeches on the topic: <i>Remaking America - My aspirations and responsibilities</i>. Students will also listen to the famous speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and President Obama.
2/27	2 p.m.	G. Gardner Shugart MS 2000 Callaway St., Temple Hills Dr. Michael Robinson at 301-702-3950 Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A "Saluting American History" program created by students will be presented during an assembly for the 6th-8th Grade. The program will honor and salute contributions made by African Americans.
2/27	7-9 p.m.	Robert Goddard French Immersion 9850 Good Luck Rd., Seabrook Mrs. Ferguson at 301-918-8660x x258	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and families will participate in a Black History Celebration that is an interactive journey into the past. The event will benefit the Robert Goddard Cultural Exchange Program.
2/27	All Day	James H. Harrison ES 13200 Larchdale Rd., Laurel Victor Butler at 301-497-3650	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will celebrate the many accomplishments of African Americans through song, dance, and public speaking.
All Month			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black History Month projects will be displayed in the school lobby all month for public viewing and prizes will be awarded.
All Month		Samuel Ogle MS 4111 Chelmont Ln., Bowie Tywana Wright-Key at 301-805-2641	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In celebration of African-American history, the Black Saga Club will give daily historical facts during morning announcements, share daily trivia questions, host a scavenger hunt historical information on African-Americans, and participate in an oratory/essay contest sponsored by the AKA's of Howard University.
All Month		Thomas Stone ES 4500 34th St., Mt. Rainier Lucy Summers at 301-985-1890	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will participate in Black History door decorating, interclass visitations, poetry and essay contests, African Attire Day, and an assembly.

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