








Belmont Hills Elementary School

LMSD schools will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of educational and enrichment activities throughout February. African-American history is part of the year-long curriculum at all levels, but teachers and students will take extra time throughout the month for further exploration of significant historical figures and events. Displays throughout the schools will feature art, literature and general information reinforcing curricular learning while a variety of programs and classroom-specific activities will emphasize the significance of African-Americans throughout history.

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"Guess Who?" Bulletin Boards: Each staff member will be working with students to create posters with clues (and answers underneath) about an influential African-American who has overcome significant obstacles to achieve success. Throughout the month, each class will visit their fellow classmates' "Guess Who?" posters around the building to learn about the impact and contributions made by the selected figures.
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BHM Trivia Mini Posters: This project will focus on young African-American activists who are making an impact in the world. The Bulldogs will learn about a new young person each day to demonstrate that you don't need to wait until you "grow up" to create positive change.
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Famous African-Americans Assembly: First graders will collaborate to create and present a fun-filled and educational assembly highlighting famous African-Americans throughout history. This year, the first grade students will be researching and presenting about influential musicians and singers.
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Whole School Morning Meeting: Belmont Hills will welcome LMSD's Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Shawanna James-Coles, who will be a very special guest reader at February's Whole School Morning Meeting. Ms. James-Coles will read *Beautiful Blackbird* by Ashley Bran, which won the 2004 Coretta Scott King Award.
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School Families: Each of our Belmont Hills' school families will engage in a discussion about *Beautiful Blackbird* and its important message that we are all beautiful and unique. Students will then design their very own beautiful and unique birds which will then be used as decorations around the building.



Shawanna James-Coles, LMSD's Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion