



PENN VALLEY 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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The Black History Month 2024 theme, "African Americans and the Arts," explores the influence of African Americans in the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary, and other forms of cultural expression. Everyone will participate in the following school-wide activities to celebrate Black History Month:

- ☀ **Daily Student-led Morning Announcements centering on topics connected to different aspects of Black History**
- ☀ **Daily Morning Meeting Lessons celebrating African Americans & the Arts**
- ☀ **Black History Month School Families: Quilt Making - Faith Ringgold**
- ☀ **School-Wide Assembly: Eda Ne Kakati - "From Past to Present"**
 - **This jubilant assembly introduces students to the artistry of East African cultures through dance, music and storytelling. Sharing music from his native Uganda and authentic East African instruments, Ssuuna inspires students to compare cultures and to learn the importance of respecting cultural differences. The program ends in celebration as students play alongside Ssuuna and learn a song in Luganda, the language of Uganda.**
- ☀ **Grade- Level Themed Black History Lessons**
 - **K-1 - Poets/Writers**
 - **Gr 2 - Visual Artists**
 - **Gr 3 - Harlem Renaissance**
 - **Gr 4 - Musicians/Singers**

